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## MEMORIAL

On September 22, 1994, Mr. Johnny Tashoots, Fisheries Technician for the Tahltan Tribal Council (Council), Iskut, B.C., and pilot Mr. Ron Janzen of Tel Air, Telegraph Creek, B.C. tragically died in a plane crash on the east side of the Speel River in Alaska, approximately 50 km southeast of Juneau. Messrs. Tashoots and Janzen were returning to Tahltan Lake in British Columbia near Telegraph Creek, after delivering sockeye eggs to the Port Snettisham Hatchery. This was one of numerous egg-take flights conducted as part of a joint Canada-U.S. transboundary sockeye enhancement program that was developed under the Pacific Salmon Treaty. In this program, eggs are taken in the fall from Stikine and Taku river sockeye spawning stocks in British Columbia and flown to the hatchery for incubation in Alaska during the winter. The resultant fry are transplanted back into Canadian waters the following spring/early summer. Adult sockeye produced from this program will enhance fisheries located in northern B.C. and Southeastern Alaska.

Johnny was an employee of the Tahltan Tribal Council's Fisheries Program, a program which provided technical and administrative services to Triton Environmental Consultants who were contracted to conduct the Tahltan egg take. Johnny had also previously worked for the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) as a contractor through the Council's Fisheries Program; more recently he had participated in fisheries projects through the Council-DFO Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy program. His work serves as inspiration for all to follow, in particular the youth of First Nations in northern Canada and Alaska.

Ron was an integral part of just about all of DFO's programs in the Stikine drainage and other projects in the Taku watershed. Despite working in an area that is prone to some of the most difficult flying conditions on the continent, he provided reliable logistical support willingly to fisheries management, research and enhancement programs, and to fishermen.

Because the joint enhancement program potentially will result in benefits to both countries, it has served as a model of the type of cooperation envisaged when the Pacific Salmon Treaty was conceived. Although Treaty negotiations have experienced times of great difficulty, it is efforts of individuals such as those of Johnny and Ron that have demonstrated the true spirit that the Treaty aspires to achieve.

Through their dedicated work, which was always conducted in a cheerful manner, Johnny and Ron made a significant and lasting contribution to the fisheries resource of the transboundary rivers, and to those that rely on that resource in both Canada and the United States. For that, we are truly very grateful.

To the family and friends of Mr. Johnny Tashoots and Mr. Ron Janzen, the members of the Transboundary Technical Committee and Enhancement Subcommittee extend our deepest sympathies.

## ACRONYMS

| ADF\&G | Alaska Department of Fish and Game |
| :--- | :--- |
| CPUE | Catch per unit effort |
| DFO | Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canadian) |
| DIPAC | Douglas Island Pink and Chum (Hatchery) <br> ESSR |
| Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirement (surplus fishery license) |  |
| SMM | Stikine Management Model |
| TAC | Total Allowable Catch |
| TTC | Transboundary Technical Committee |
| TRTFN | Tahltan River Tlingit First Nation |

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Estimates of catches and escapements of Pacific salmon returning to the transboundary Stikine, Taku, and Alsek rivers for 1994 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 1994 Stikine sockeye run is estimated at 208,000 fish, of which an estimated 133,900 fish were harvested in various fisheries, 3,400 were used for brood stock, and 70,800 escaped to spawn. The catch was the second highest recorded since 1982 when stock identification techniques were first used for marine catches. The total run was the fourth highest, with the escapement slightly less then the 1984-1993 average of 77,000 sockeye. The estimated U.S. marine commercial catch of Stikine sockeye salmon was 80,500 fish; the Canadian inriver commercial, aboriginal, terminal, and test fishery catches were $40,900,4,200$, 6,900 and 1,400 fish, respectively. Enhanced sockeye salmon from outplants in Tahltan Lake contributed an estimated 18,300 and 6,400 fish to the U.S. and Canada catch, respectively. The preseason forecast of the run ranged from 312,000 (Canada) to 346,000 (U.S.) sockeye, quite a bit greater than the postseason estimate of 208,000 sockeye. In 1994 the Stikine Management Model correctly predicted a larger than average run for both the Tahltan and the total Stikine sockeye stocks. Weekly inseason model forecasts ranged from 141,100 to 382,400 sockeye salmon; the final inseason prediction was 249,300 to 356,200 fish, Canadian and U.S. estimates, respectively. Canadian commercial and aboriginal fisheries harvested $29 \%$ of the total allowable catch, which was below their $50 \%$ allowance, and the U.S. harvested $52 \%$ of the total allowable catch, which was slightly above their $50 \%$ allowance. The sockeye escapement to Tahltan Lake was 46,400 fish, $47 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average and above the spawning escapement goal of 24,000 fish. A brood-stock take and terminal fishery removed 3,400 and 6,900 sockeye salmon, respectively, from the escapement to the lake, leaving a spawning escapement of 36,100 fish. The estimated spawning escapement of 34,600 non-Tahltan Stikine sockeye salmon was within the escapement goal range ( 20,000 40,000 fish) for this stock group.

The chinook catch in Canadian commercial and aboriginal fisheries in the Stikine River was 2,100 fish, $93 \%$ of the 1984-1993 average; in 1994 approximately $58 \%$ was harvested in commercial fisheries and $42 \%$ in the aboriginal fishery. An additional 370 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 2,800 fish, approximately $39 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average catch. The chinook spawning escapement of 6,400 large adults through the Little Tahltan River weir in 1994 was $15 \%$ above the 1985-1993 average and $20 \%$ above the joint U.S./Canada escapement goal of 5,300 fish. Surveys of two other Stikine tributaries showed below average escapements.

The U.S. marine harvest of Stikine River coho salmon is unknown since there is no stock identification program for this species; however, total mixed-stock coho catches of 267,800 and 44,900 fish in Districts 106 and 108, respectively, represented record catches and were more than $97 \%$ and $459 \%$, respectively, above the 1984-1993 averages. Alaskan hatchery fish comprised approximately $13 \%$ ( 41,900 fish) of the coho harvest from the two districts. The Canadian inriver coho catch of 3,400 fish was less than the expired treaty entitlement of 4,000 fish. The coho escapement above border was estimated at 46,000 fish, within the escapement goal range of 30,000 to 50,000 coho. Coho survey counts were above average.

The 1994 total Taku River sockeye run estimate is 227,300 fish and included an estimated catch of 127,200
fish and an above-border escapement of 100,100 fish. The catch was $23 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average. The total run size was $3 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 203,300 fish. The escapement was about equal to the 1984-1993 average of 99,800 sockeye; however, it exceeded the upper level of the escapement goal range of 71,000 to 80,000 fish. An estimated 97,000 Taku sockeye were taken in the District 111 commercial fishery and 1,100 sockeye in the U.S. inriver personal use fisheries. Canadian inriver commercial and aboriginal fishery catches were 28,800 , and 240 sockeye, respectively. The expired harvest agreement for wild Taku River sockeye salmon was $18 \%$ of the total allowable catch 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 1994, Canada took an estimated $19 \%$ to $20 \%$ and the U.S. took $63 \%$ to $67 \%$ of the total allowable catch.

The catch of large chinook in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River was 2,100 fish, 2.6 times the 1984-1993 average of 800 fish; in addition, 240 jack chinook were caught compared to an average of 160 fish. The chinook catch in the District 111 mixed stock gillnet fishery was 5,000 fish, almost twice the 1984-1993 average. The majority ( $68 \%$ ) of chinook caught in District 111 were mature spawners; $58 \%$ of the catch was of Alaska hatchery origin. Above average escapements were observed in all but one of the six Taku River chinook index tributaries. The combined aerial survey count of the index tributaries was 9,900 fish, which was $11 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 8,900 fish, but $25 \%$ below the index escapement goal.

The Taku coho run was strong in 1994. The U.S. harvest of 188,500 coho salmon in the District 111 mixed stock fishery was the highest on record and exceeded the previous 10 -year-average by $175 \%$. Alaskan hatcheries contributed an estimated $14 \%$ of the District 111 harvest, or approximately 27,100 fish. The Canadian inriver commercial and food fishery catch was 14,700 coho salmon, well over the expired annex limit of 3,000 fish. The inriver run size is estimated at 111,000 coho. After upriver Canadian catches are subtracted from the inriver run, the above-border escapement is estimated at 96,300 coho salmon, which far exceeds the interim escapement goal range of 27,500 to 35,000 fish.

The catch of pink salmon in District 111 was 401,500 fish, the largest catch in history and 2.5 times the 1984-1993 even-year-average catch. The Canadian commercial inriver harvest of pink salmon was 168 fish. The escapement of pink salmon to the Taku River was very good as evidenced by the fish wheel catch of 27,100 pink salmon, a record even-year count, and well above the 1984-1992 even-year-average of 10,900 fish.

The catch of chum salmon in the District 111 fishery was 214,200 fish, composed of 198,000 summer run fish (prior to mid-August) and 16,200 fall run fish. The catch of summer chum salmon, primarily Alaskan hatchery stocks, was $27 \%$ above the previous record catch of 1993 . The catch of fall chum salmon, composed of wild Taku River and Port Snettisham stocks, was $51 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average. The Canadian inriver catch of 18 chum salmon was below average. Escapement appeared to be poor; the fish wheel catch of 370 chum salmon was $50 \%$ below average.

For the Alsek River, the U.S. commercial catch of 19,600 Alsek sockeye was above the 1984-1993 average. Canadian catches of 1,745 sockeye in the aboriginal fishery and 261 in the sport fishery are $12 \%$ and $22 \%$ below average, respectively. The escapement to the Klukshu River weir of 15,000 fish was $17 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average. The early segment of the Alsek sockeye run was forecast to be strong and fishery performance also indicated this with good catches in the Dry Bay fishery; however, escapement counts at the weir were about average. The Klukshu weir counts of 3,200 early run (count through August 15) and 11,800 late run sockeye were $5 \%$ above and $21 \%$ below the respective 1984-1993 averages.

The chinook run to the Alsek River was above average.- The U.S. Dry Bay catch of 800 fish was over three times the 1984-1993 average. The combined Canadian sport and aboriginal fishery catch of 500 fish was similar to the 1984-1993 average. The 3,700 chinook count through the Klukshu River weir was the second
highest recorded count since the weir was installed in 1976, and was $70 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 2,200 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 believed to have been below average, but present stock assessment programs prevent an accurate comparison with historical runs. The U.S. Dry Bay catch of 4,200 coho was slightly above the 1984-1993 average, while the combined Canadian inriver aboriginal and sport fishery catch of 80 fish was $36 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average. Operation of the Klukshu weir does not provide a complete enumeration of coho into this system since it is removed before the run is over; the weir count of 1,200 coho salmon was $69 \%$ of the 1983-1994 average.

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents estimates of 1994 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, by a Canadian aboriginal fishery in the upper portion of the river, and in years of excess escapement to Tahltan Lake by a special fishery at that location (Figure 1). In 1994, a U.S. personal use fishery was established in the lower Stikine River. Additional catches of unknown quantity are taken in U.S. commercial 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 renegotiate harvest shares of Stikine salmon during the Pacific Salmon Commission and government-to-government negotiations in the spring and summer of 1994 were not successful. As a result, the Parties unilaterally developed the following management plans for the 1994 season:

1. Canada developed a fishing plan for the Stikine River which adopted the arrangements for chinook and sockeye (which had not expired) but excluded the catch ceiling for coho salmon which had expired in 1992 ( 4,000 pieces). The harvest sharing objective for the sockeye season was to share the total allowable catch (TAC) of Stikine River sockeye salmon $50 \%$ to Canada and $50 \%$ to the United States. In the event that there was a sockeye surplus to spawning requirements at Tahltan Lake, attempts would be made to harvest some of the surplus.
2. The United States-management plan was to continue with the harvest sharing provisions that were in effect in 1993; namely to harvest $50 \%$ of the TAC of Stikine sockeye, to incidentally harvest chinook salmon, and to provide for a Canadian harvest of 4,000 coho salmon.


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

In previous years, the Transboundary Technical Committee (TTC) met prior to the season to update joint management and enhancement plans and determine new parameters for input into the inseason run forecast model, referred to as the Stikine Management Model (SMM). However, due to uncertainty regarding Pacific Salmon Commission deliberations, a joint management plan was not published in 1994.

Preseason forecasts of Stikine sockeye abundance were made independently by the Parties and the SMM was updated with data inputs from both Parties. In other years, the forecast and SMM update were done jointly during the preseason management meeting.

In 1994, the preseason forecasts were used during statistical weeks 25 (June 12 to June 18) to 27 (June 26 to July 2). 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 test and commercial fisheries; the upper river catch in the aboriginal fishery and upper river commercial fishery; the catch, effort, and assumed stock composition in Subdistrict 106-41; and, the catch and assumed stock composition in District 108 and Subdistrict 106-30. As in 1993, inseason scale pattern analyses were not conducted for District 106 and 108 sockeye catches in 1994. Historically, inseason results had proven to be unreliable. Initially, 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. However, the Tahltan stock proportions were subsequently adjusted inseason based on the analysis of otolith samples taken in Districts 106 and 108. Inseason otolith sampling was conducted to estimate the contribution of enhanced Tahltan Lake sockeye to catches in these areas. The weekly results were expanded by the proportion of enhanced fish in the age- $1+$ smolt emigration for the primary brood years (brood years 1989 and 1990 or, 1991 and 1992 smolt counts) to give estimates of the combined wild and enhanced contribution of Tahltan Lake sockeye to the District 106 and 108 catches. Because different proportions of Tahltan fish were observed in the subdistricts of District 108, the overall contribution estimates for District 108 were weighted according to catches in the subdistricts.

The preseason forecasts of returning Stikine sockeye salmon ranged from 312,000 (Canada) to 346,000 (U.S.) fish; both predictions indicated a record run size substantially above the 1984-1993 average total run size of 128,626 (Appendix B.32). Inseason predictions of total run were well above average but were usually below the preseason estimate and ranged from 141,130 to 382,386 sockeye salmon; U.S. and Canadian weekly predictions varied depending upon which forecast each country chose to use. For example, Canada used forecasts based on inriver test fishery data through week 29, and thereafter used forecasts based on the inriver commercial CPUE. The United States, on the other hand, used the forecasts based on the CPUE in District 106. The differences in the forecasts used are summarized in the table below. Both countries chose to abandon the forecasts based on test fishery data because of the limited amount of fishing effort allowed in the test fishery after week 27. The forecasts based on inriver and District 106 CPUE differed widely throughout the season although both indicated an above average return of sockeye to the Stikine River. By the end of the fishing season, the SMM predicted a total run of 249,261 (based on inriver CPUE) to 356,217 sockeye (based on District 106 CPUE) with a TAC ranging from 195,261 to 302,217 fish, and a Canadian and U.S. allowable harvest of 97,631 to 151,109 sockeye salmon each.

The SMM also predicts the Tahltan portion of the run independently from the total run forecasts. Estimates of the Tahltan run ranged from 64,498 (week 29) to 215,103 (week 32) sockeye compared to the preseason forecasts of 211,000 (Canada) and 196,390 (U.S.). The final inseason model run estimate of Tahltan Lake escapement was 58,394 sockeye (inriver run forecast mmus inriver catch) to 81,367 sockeye (total run based on District 106 CPUE minus total Canadian and U.S. catch) compared to the actual Tahltan Lake weir count of 46,363 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, 1994. ${ }^{\text {ab }}$

| Week | Start <br> Date | Forecasts |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.S. } \\ & \text { TAC } \end{aligned}$ | Canada <br> TAC | Cumulative |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Run Size | TAC |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Catch } \\ & \text { U.S. } \end{aligned}$ | Canada |
| Model Runs Generated by the U.S. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 12-Jun | 345,540 | 291,540 | 145,770 | 145,770 | 41 | 0 |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 345,540 | 291,540 | 145,770 | 145,770 | 1,837 | 0 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 345,540 | 291,540 | 145,770 | 145,770 | 7,464 | 443 |
| 28 | 03-Jul | 174,388 | 120,388 | 60,194 | 60,194 | 25,603 | 5,878 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 180,259 | 126,259 | 63,130 | 63,130 | 55,864 | 11,515 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 197,832 | 143,832 | 71,916 | 71,916 | 93,080 | 16,660 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 382,386 | 328,386 | 164,193 | 164,193 | 129,097 | 34,486 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 362,959 | 308,959 | 154,480 | 154,480 | 136,297 | 41,536 |
| 33 | 07-Aug | 357,006 | 303,006 | 151,503 | 151,503 | 140,614 | 42,528 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 356,217 | 302,217 | 151,109 | 151,109 | 142,884 | 44,617 |
| Model Runs Generated by Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 312,000 | 258,000 | 129,000 | 129,000 | 2,239 | 0 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 312,000 | 258,000 | 129,000 | 129,000 | 18,330 | 1,148 |
| 28 | 03-Jul | 141,130 | 87,130 | 43,565 | 43,565 | 32,646 | 9,059 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 151,334 | 97,334 | 48,667 | 48,667 | 62,666 | 16,907 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 192,697 | 138,697 | 69,349 | 69,349 | 107,879 | 27,466 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 212,287 | 158,287 | 79,144 | 79,144 | 132,911 | 36,968 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 231,339 | 177,339 | 88,670 | 88,670 | 136,179 | 40,885 |
| 33 | 07-Aug | 240,678 | 186,678 | 93,339 | 93,339 | 136,179 | 41,579 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 242,551 | 188,551 | 94,276 | 94,276 | 143,240 | 44,627 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 249,261 | 195,261 | 97,631 | 97,631 | 144,017 | 44,837 |
|  | Final | 249,261 | 195,261 | 97,631 | 97,631 | 144,017 | 44,837 |

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## U.S. Fisheries

The 1994 harvest in the District 106 commercial gillnet fishery included 754 chinook, 211,048 sockeye, 267,831 coho, 179,994 pink, and 176,018 chum salmon (Appendix A.5). In the District 108 fishery, 1,996 chinook, 97,224 sockeye, 44,891 coho, 35,405 pink, and 27,658 chum salmon were harvested (Appendix A.7). District 106 catches of chinook and pink salmon were below the 1984-1993 averages while sockeye and coho catches were the second highest on record and the chum salmon catch was the highest on record (Figure 2). District 108 catches of all salmon species were above the 1984-1993 average and the sockeye, coho, and chum salmon catches were the highest on record (Figure 2). No test fishery was conducted in District 108; however, based on the large forecast, the season was opened on the second Monday in June, one week earlier than was allowed by regulation in prior years. Annual commercial and test fishery catches from 1964-1994 for these fisheries are provided in Appendices B. 1 through B.16. Catches of each species in Districts 106 and 108 consist of fish of mixed stock origin; the contribution of Stikine River stocks is estimated only for sockeye salmon. Scales were collected from the various subdistricts and used for making postseason estimates of catch.

The estimate of the contribution of Stikine sockeye to Districts 106 and 108 was 80,506 or $26.1 \%$ of the sockeye catch (Appendices B. 6 and B.8, Figure 3). The Sumner Strait fishery (Subdistricts 106-41 and -42) harvested 31,214 Stikine sockeye salmon (Appendix A.2), $20 \%$ of the total sockeye harvest in those subdistricts; the Clarence Strait fishery (Subdistrict 106-30) harvested 4,033 (Appendix A.4), 8\% of the catch in that subdistrict; and the District 108 fishery, near the mouth of the Stikine, harvested 45,259 (Appendix A.8), $47 \%$ of the District 108 catch.

The 1994 fishing season in District 108 began on June 12 (statistical week 25) and the District 106 fishing season began on June 19 (statistical week 26); both fisheries continued through October 4. The District 108 fishery was open for one day during the initial opening (statistical week 25, June 12 to June 18). Area restrictions were used for the first two weeks around the mouth of the Stikine River to protect adult chinook returning to the Stikine River. Area restrictions were also used each week during the sockeye and pink fisheries in portions of Frederick Sound this season. During July and the first week of August the closure line for the Stikine River was moved into the Point Rothsay to Indian Point line to avoid areas recognized as having high chinook abundance. Both districts were open for two days on the first general opening (statistical week 26). 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 145,770 Stikine River sockeye. For the general opening in week 26 and for statistical weeks 27 through 29, District 106 was restricted to a two-day per week fishery. District 108 was also open concurrently for two days each week with District 106 and, in addition, had a two-day mid-week opening in statistical weeks 26 and 27 (June 19 to July 2), a three-day mid-week opening in statistical week 28 (July 3 to July 9), and a 3.5-day mid-week opening in statistical weeks 29 (July 10 to July 16). For statistical weeks 30 through 32, District 106 had a three-day per week fishery; District 108 was open concurrently for the three-days per week, and had a 2.5 day mid-week opening in statistical week 30 (July 17 to July 23), and a one-day mid-week opening in statistical week 31 (July 24 to July 30). During this time period the SMM indicated a U.S. TAC of between 71,916 and 164,193 sockeye based on the sockeye CPUE in the District 106 fishery (Table 1). This management approach was used to limit the harvest of small local island sockeye stocks in District 106 while maximizing the harvest of Stikine sockeye in District 108. Effort was high and sockeye catches were not strong enough to warrant additional time in District 106 during the early weeks.


Figure 2. Average catches and fishing efforts compared with 1994 for the Alaskan Districts 106 and 108 and for the Canadian commercial fisheries in the Stikine River.


Figure 3. Sockeye catches for the Alaskan Districts 106 and 108 and the combined Canadian fisheries in the Stikine River and Stikine sockeye escapement, 1979-1994.

The management emphasis changed from sockeye to pink salmon during statistical week 33 (August 7 to 13). Totals of 179,994 and 35,405 pink salmon were harvested in Districts 106 and 108, respectively. The District 106 catch was below the 1984-1993 even-year-average of 226,930 pink salmon, while District 108 was above the corresponding average of 18,056 fish. Pink catches in both districts are not always a true reflection of pink salmon abundance in the area because the low pink salmon price, along with the high abundance of sockeye and coho salmon, affect fishing behavior. Two-day fishing periods were allowed during the two weeks (weeks 33 and 34; August 7 to August 20) of pink salmon management in both districts. Pink salmon escapements into both Districts 106 and 108 were above average this year.

Coho salmon management in both the District 106 and 108 gillnet fisheries usually commences during late August or early September. During statistical week 35 (August 21 to August 27) the management emphasis changed from pink to coho salmon. Early indicators were all above average and the inseason outside troll fishery likewise indicated a very large run. Prior to the change to coho management, the sockeye and pink salmon fisheries harvested approximately $45 \%$ of the total District 106 coho catch and about $32 \%$ of the total District 108 coho catch. During weeks 35 and 36 (August 21 to September 3) both districts were initially open for three days per week and were subsequently extended to allow a fourth day. During the following four weekly openings, week 37 through week 40 (September 4 to October 1), the fishery in both Districts 106 and 108 was open for three days each week. In week 41 (October 2 to 8 ), the final week of the season, both districts were open for two days. Weekly effort and coho catch were higher than average while the CPUE was generally about average each week. In prior years, the percentage of hatchery coho in the catch starts to increase in September and, by the end of season, hatchery fish make up a high percent of the weekly catch. This season, the hatchery contribution increased towards the end of the season but did not constitute as high a percent of the total catch as in previous years. The District 106 coho catch of 267,831 fish is the second highest on record and is about twice the recent 10 -year-average of 135,931 coho. The District 108 coho catch of 44,891 fish is the highest on record and is about 5.6 times above the recent 10 -year-average of 8,031 coho. Fishing effort in both districts was higher than normal. The contribution of Alaska hatchery coho salmon to the District 106 and 108 fisheries is estimated at 39,841 (15\%) and 2,040 (5\%), respectively.

During the 1994 season, the gillnet fishery in District 106 was open for a total of 43 days (Appendix A.5), and in District 108 for 58 days (Appendix A.7). The total days fished in 1994 was above the 1984-1993 average of 32.6 and 27.8 days in Districts 106 and 108, respectively. District 106 fishing effort in numbers of vessels was slightly below average the first four weeks of the season but was above average throughout the remainder of the season. During the last week of July and the first week of August, the fishing effort in District 106 was $40 \%$ and $60 \%$ above average, respectively. The District 106 weekly fishing pressure was about average during the regular openings but increased to three times the average during the mid-week extensions. After the mid-week extensions were suspended the effort remained near average. The greatest number of boat-days (552) occurred in week 35 (August 21 to 27), while the greatest number of boats fishing ( 178 permits) occurred during the peak of the sockeye fishery during week 32 (July 31 to August 6). Because of the extremely strong sockeye and coho runs, the effort of 4,468 boat-days in District 106 was $51 \%$ higher than the 1984-1993 average of 2,966 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 1,923 boat-days fished in District 108 was more than four times the 1984-1993 average of 457 boat-days (Appendix B.7). Most of the boats fishing during the 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. For this reason the total season boat-days given in Appendix B. 7 may be less than that obtained by multiplying the number of permits fishing by the number of days the fishery was open.

While there was some effort in the U.S. personal use fishery in the lower Stikine River, there was no reported catch.

## Canadian Fisheries

Catches from the combined Canadian commercial and aboriginal gillnet fisheries in the Stikine River in 1994 included: 1,790 large chinook, 350 jack chinook, 45,095 sockeye, 3,381 coho, 90 pink, 173 chum salmon, and 84 steelhead (Appendices A. 11 to A.14; Figure 4). The sockeye salmon catch was the second highest on record and was 2.2 times the 1984-1993 average of 20,743 fish; whereas, the catches of all other salmon species except coho salmon were below average. In addition to these catches, 6,852 sockeye salmon were taken in a terminal fishery at Tahltan Lake under an ESSR license (described below in section Lower Stikine Commercial Fishery).

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: 295 large chinook, 78 jack chinook, 1,433 sockeye, 71 coho, 6 pink, and 20 chum salmon, and 7 steelhead trout (Appendices A. 15 and A.16).

## Lower Stikine Commercial Fishery

Canadian commercial fishers in the lower Stikine harvested 1,016 large chinook, 158 jack chinook, 38,462 sockeye, 3,377 coho, 89 pink, 173 chum salmon, and 75 steelhead in 1994 (Appendix A.11). The sockeye catch was equal to the record catch of 38,464 sockeye in 1993, and was $120 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 17,464 sockeye (Appendix B.17). Catches of chinook and coho salmon were about average whereas pink, chum, and steelhead catches were below average. A very strong sockeye run combined with relatively low fishing effort resulted in the fishery being open continuously from July 17 through August 18.

The fishery commenced at noon on Monday, June 27 (statistical week 27), for a two-day opening. Increasing sockeye catches during the first 40 hours, combined with relatively low effort, i.e., six fishers, and a catch shortfall for the week, lead to a 48 -hour extension. Run forecasts developed this week were highly variable ranging from approximately 80,000 sockeye from test fishery CPUE data to over 194,000 based on CPUE data from District 106.

In week 28, the fishery opened for four days commencing Sunday, July 3; the opening day was advanced to Sunday because of very strong catches of sockeye in the inriver test fishery just prior to the opening. Also, catches in Districts 106 and 108 had been well above average in the previous week indicating the likelihood of strong sockeye abundance in the lower river in week 28. The sockeye CPUE after three days was a record high for this week ( 189 sockeye/boat-day versus an average of 88 sockeye/boat-day) and preliminary ${ }^{1}$ model forecasts increased to 183,000 sockeye (based on inriver CPUE), to 213,000 sockeye (based on District 106 CPUE data). As a result of the very strong showing of sockeye, both in the river and

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Figure 4. Catches of chinook, coho, pink, and chum salmon in the combined Canadian fisheries in the Stikine River, 1979-1994.
in the Alaskan fisheries adjacent to the river mouth, the fishery was extended by 48 hours. The peak sockeye CPUE of the season in the lower Stikine River was recorded in this week.

In each of the following two weeks, weeks 29 and 30 , the fishery was initially opened for four and five days, respectively, but extended by 48 hours as the CPUE remained $26 \%-41 \%$ above average and the cumulative catch continued to fall below weekly guidelines. By week 30 , sockeye run forecasts increased to the range of 193,000 fish (based on inriver CPUE) to 311,997 (based on District 106 CPUE).

The fishery remained open continuously from July 17 (week 30) through August 18. The weekly sockeye CPUE for weeks $31-34$ ranged from $19 \%$ to $77 \%$ above average; the CPUE in week 31 established a new record for that week.

After week 33 (week ending August 13), management emphasis began to switch to coho salmon as sockeye abundance dropped off. The fishery was reduced to four days per week in each of weeks 34 and 35 in light of below average coho salmon CPUE. In week 35, the CPUE was $65 \%$ below the 1979-1993 average, causing fishing effort to decrease. The fishery again opened for an initial four-day period in week 36 ; however, the fishery was left open through September 16 when coho abundance increased and effort remained low (three fishers). The peak coho catch of the season occurred in week 36. Commencing September 18, the fishery was left open seven days a week through the end of October. Only one or two fishers remained in the fishery and because of this, the amount of gear permitted to be fished by each fisher was increased to four nets. Since there was so little effort, Appendix A. 11 has been adjusted to reflect the actual permits and days fished.

The final inseason sockeye forecast indicated a Canadian TAC of 97,631 sockeye. Accounting for the combined aboriginal and commercial harvest in the upper river ( 6,633 sockeye), the final inseason estimate translated into a lower river target of 90,998 which was more than double the actual lower river commercial catch of 38,462 sockeye.

The sockeye run timing appeared to be about average with the peak CPUE occurring in week 28 , the second week of the fishery. Tahltan Lake sockeye dominated the catch through the third week in July; thereafter, the mainstem sockeye stock component made up the majority of the sockeye catch. Of the total lower river sockeye catch, 23,678 sockeye were of Tahltan Lake origin ( $62 \%$ of the catch) and 14,784 ( $38 \%$ of the catch) originated from the non-Tahltan Stikine sockeye conglomerate (Appendix A.12). It was evident by mid-July that the number of sockeye reaching the Tahltan Lake weir would exceed escapement requirements. This prompted the issuance of an "Excess Salmon To Spawning Requirements License" (ESSR) which permitted the terminal harvest of sockeye at Tahltan Lake once the escapement goal had been achieved. A total of 6,852 sockeye salmon were harvested under the ESSR.

Nineteen licensed fishers participated in the lower river commercial fishery throughout the season with an average of only six fishers present each week, about $55 \%$ the usual number of fishers. The total effort in terms of boat-days was $430,46 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 294 boat-days (Appendix B.17). The increased effort level in 1994 was due to the above average sockeye run strength which resulted in extended fishing periods throughout most of the season. For the first 48 hours of each week, each fisher was allowed the use of one gillnet withra maximum length of 135 meters. After this, two nets were permitted of which one could be a drift net. This was the first year that additional gear was permitted. A delayed opening to

June 27 and a maximum mesh size restriction of 146 mm through mid July was implemented to reduce the incidental catch of chinook salmon. As in past years, both drift and set netting 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 1994 included: 76 large and 1 jack chinook, (which was close to the 1984-1993 average of 97 chinook), 1 pink, and 2,466 sockeye salmon (which was the highest on record and three times above the previous ten-year-average of 776 sockeye) (Appendices A. 13 and B.19). The fishing effort was above average with one to three fishers fishing up to seven days per week. The fishery was open a total of 50 days and the total effort was 68 boats-days. For comparison, the previous ten-year-average fishing time was 9 days with an average effort of 21 boat-days. The additional time fished during the season was the result of the excellent run of Tahltan Lake sockeye.

## Aboriginal Fishery

The Stikine aboriginal fishery, centered around Telegraph Creek, harvested 698 large chinook, 191 jack chinook, 4,167 sockeye, 4 coho, and 9 steelhead. The catch of large chinook salmon was $24 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average of 913 large fish, and the sockeye harvest was $4 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average of 4,327 sockeye. As in past years, fishing times were not restricted in this fishery in 1994. Weekly catches in 1994 and annual catches since 1972 are listed in Appendices A. 14 and B.20, respectively.

## Escapement

## Sockeye

A total of 46,363 sockeye were counted through the Tahltan Lake weir in 1994 which was $46 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 31,652 sockeye, and well above the escapement goal of 24,000 (Appendix B.26). This was the seventh highest count since 1959 when the weir program began. An estimated $23 \%(2,125)$ of the age-4 and $16 \%(5,804)$ of the age-5 escapement originated from the 1989 and 1990 enhancement program, (based on analysis of otolith samples collected in the ESSR fishery and from brood stock at Tahltan Lake in 1994). Of the total number of fish enumerated through the weir, 1,689 females and 1,689 males were taken for hatchery brood stock. In addition to the brood stock take, 6,852 sockeye were harvested under the ESSR, license, leaving a spawning escapement of 36,133 fish. The final inseason SMM indication of Tahltan escapement was 58,394 sockeye salmon, $26 \%$ above the actual weir count.

The total spawning escapement for the non-Tahltan stock group is estimated indirectly by computing the ratio of Tahltan to non-Tahltan components in the total 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 postseason estimate of non-Tahltan escapement is 34,636 sockeye salmon based on the use of egg diameter data to estimate inriver stock composition of catches, and inriver test fishery CPUE data to give run timing. This estimate is $24 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average non-Tahltan escapement of 45,316 fish. The final estimate derived inseason from the SMM was 39,722 sockeye, $14 \%$ above the postseason estimate.

Aerial surveys of the non-Tahltan sockeye escapement index area indicated about average numbers of spawners in 1994 (Appendix B.27). The 1994 cumulative index count of 948 sockeye was $2 \%$ below the 1984-1992 average of 965 fish. The 1994 survey conditions were good. These surveys do not include all spawning populations; the index represents the combined counts from up to eight spawning areas.

## Chinook

This was the tenth consecutive year of the operation of an adult chinook enumeration weir on the Little Tahltan River. The 1994 count of 6,387 large chinook was $15 \%$ above the 1985-1993 average of 5,530 large fish. The 1994 escapement was above the Little Tahltan escapement goal of 5,300 chinook (Appendix B.29). The count of jack chinook was 121, $40 \%$ of the 1985-1993 average of 300 fish. Daily counts from the 1994 program are presented in Appendix A. 20.

Results from aerial surveys conducted on Stikine River tributaries indicated an average to below average chinook escapement in 1994. Counts for 1994 were: Little Tahltan River, 2,422 chinook versus the 19841993 average of 2,403 chinook; Beatty Creek, 184 chinook compared to the average of 331 chinook; and Andrew Creek, 572 chinook versus the average of 611 chinook (Appendix B. 30 and Figure 5). Tahltan River was not surveyed due to poor visibility.

## Coho

The lower Stikine River test fishery ended on statistical week 36 (week ending September 3) which precluded complete coverage of the coho run. From historical test fishery catch records, 1986-1990, assuming average run timing, approximately $75 \%$ of the coho run migrated through the lower river by the end of week 36. The cumulative coho test fishery CPUE was expanded accordingly (4.51/0.7521) and the calculated, cumulative coho CPUE was expressed as a percentage of the total cumulative sockeye CPUE of 16.37. The inriver coho run was estimated to be $36.6 . \%$ of the inriver sockeye run size of 127,527 fish, or 46,677 coho salmon. Subtracting the combined inriver catch of 3,381 coho in the Canadian commercial and aboriginal fisheries, and 71 coho taken in the inriver test fishery, gives an estimated total coho escapement of 42,223 fish, which is within the interim escapement goal range of 30,000 to 50,000 coho.


Figure 5. Chinook salmon weir counts and index escapement estimates for major spawning areas and for the entire Stikine River, 1979-1994.

The estimate of the total run ${ }^{2}$ of Stikine sockeye salmon was 208,036 fish of which 142,340 were of Tahltan Lake origin and 65,696 were non-Tahltan fish (Table 2). These estimates are based on: scale pattern analysis of samples collected in U.S. District 106, District 108, and test fishery catches to estimate stock composition; inriver stock ID data based on analysis of egg diameters; Canadian commercial, aboriginal, terminal area, and test fishery catches; and escapement data. The Stikine run size was the fourth highest on record and 1.6 times the 1984-1993 average run size of 128,626 sockeye salmon. The 1984-1993 average run sizes of Tahltan and non-Tahltan fish were 57,060 and 71,566 sockeye respectively.

The postseason estimate of the total run size was below the preseason expectations for a total run of 312,000 to 345,500 ; based on the 312,000 forecast, expectations were for a Tahltan run of 210,000 sockeye and a non-Tahltan run of 102,000 sockeye. For the Tahltan run, the smolt-based forecast ( 210,000 sockeye) was $48 \%$ above the actual run size of 142,340 ; the sibling-based Tahltan run forecast was 362,500 sockeye. For the non-Tahltan sockeye component, the preseason sibling forecast of 101,700 sockeye was $54 \%$ above the postseason non-Tahltan run size of 65,696 fish. Based on weekly random sampling of otoliths collected in the District 106 and 108 commercial fisheries, the contribution from Stikine sockeye enhancement production consisted of approximately 18,315 fish or $28 \%$ of the total marine catch of Tahltan Lake sockeye. Five-year-old sockeye originating from the 1989 egg take accounted for 17,566 sockeye, while four-year-old fish from the release in 1990 accounted for 749 sockeye. No otolith sampling was conducted in the Canadian fisheries; however, if the proportion of enhanced fish observed in the Tahltan Lake brood stock and ESSR fishery ( $23 \%$ and $16 \%$ for brood years 1990 and 1989, respectively) is applied to catches in the Canadian commercial gillnet fisheries located in the lower and upper Stikine River and the aboriginal fishery in the upper portion of the river, the total contribution of enhanced fish is 5,097 sockeye. An additional 1,304 enhanced sockeye are estimated to have been caught in the ESSR fishery from samples collected from that fishery. Overall, the estimated contribution to both Canadian and U.S. fisheries was 24,716 fish. Excluding fish caught in the ESSR fishery, but including brood stock, an estimated 6,625 enhanced fish were in the Tahltan Lake escapement.

The SMM appeared to be successful in accurately forecasting the total run size this season. The final inseason forecast of the total run size derived from the SMM ( 249,261 sockeye, Canadian model run) was $20 \%$ above the postseason estimate of the total run ( 208,036 sockeye). The SMM will be reviewed and updated to include 1994 data in making predictions during the 1995 season.

The Tahltan Lake smolt count in 1994 totaled 915,119 fish, which originated primarily from the 1993 fry plant of 1.947 million fish and the 1992 spawning escapement of 56,213 sockeye (equals the 1992 Tahltan adult weir count of 59,907 sockeye minus the 3,694 fish taken for brood stock). Analysis of otoliths extracted from a random portion of smolts from the 1994 emigration indicate the hatchery and non-hatchery contributions to the 1994 smolt production are 294,310 and 620,809, respectively.

[^2]Table 2. Run reconstruction for Stikine sockeye salmon, 1994.

|  | Tahltan | Non- <br> Tahltan | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Escapement | 46,363 | 34,636 | 80,999 |
| Brood Stock | 3,378 |  | 3,378 |
| ESSR | 6,852 |  | 6,852 |
| Spawning | 36,133 | 34,636 | 70,769 |
| Canadian Harvest |  |  |  |
| Indian Food | 3,750 | 417 | 4,167 |
| Upper Commercial | 2,219 | 247 | 2,466 |
| Lower Commercial | 23,678 | 14,784 | 38,462 |
| Total | 29,648 | 15,447 | 45,095 |
| \% Harvest | 31.3\% | 50.1\% | 35.9\% |
| Test Fishery Catch | 1,228 | 205 | 1,433 |
| Inriver Run | 77,239 | 50,288 | 127,527 |
| U.S. Harvest ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| 106-41 \& 42 | 26,164 | 5,050 | 31,214 |
| 106-30 | 3,712 | 321 | 4,033 |
| 108 | 35,222 | 10,037 | 45,259 |
| Total | 65,098 | 15,408 | 80,506 |
| \% Harvest | 68.7\% | 49.9\% | 64.1\% |
| Test Fishery Catch | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Total Run | 142,340 | 65,696 | 208,036 |
| Escapement Goal | 24,000 | 30,000 | 54,000 |
| Total Allowable Catch | 118,340 | 35,696 | 154,036 |
| Canada Catch | 29,648 | 15,447 | 45,095 |
| $\%$ of TAC | 25.1\% | 43.3\% | 29.3\% |
| U.S. Catch | 65,098 | 15,408 | 80,506 |
| $\%$ of TAC | 55.0\% | 43.2\% | 52.3\% |

[^3]
## TAKU RIVER

Taku River salmon are harvested in the U.S. gillnet fishery in the Alaskan District 111, in northern Southeast Alaska seine and troll fisheries, and in the Juneau area sport fishery and 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 renegotiate harvest shares of Taku River salmon during the Pacific Salmon Commission and government-to-government negotiations in the spring and summer of 1994 were not successful. As a result, the Parties unilaterally developed fishing plans for Taku River salmon stocks.

The Canadian management plan did not numerically constrain Canadian harvests of sockeye and coho salmon since treaty provisions to do so had expired in 1992. The basic objective of the management plan for each species was to manage according to the conservation requirements, i.e., escapement goals, for each species. In agreement with unexpired portions of Annex IV, the plan did not permit targeting on chinook salmon in the Taku River since both Parties had previously agreed to rebuild chinook by 1995.

The U.S. management plan reflected the provisions that were in effect for 1993, namely to provide for Canadian harvests of $18 \%$ of the TAC of Taku River sockeye and 3,000 coho. As with the Canadian management plan, targeting on chinook salmon was not permitted.

## U.S. Fisheries

The District 111 commercial drift gillnet fishery was opened June 19 and closed on October 11, for a total of 66 fishing days (Appendix C.1). Sixty days were allowed in Taku Inlet (Subdistrict 111-32), 62 days in Stephens Passage (Subdistrict 111-31), 15 days in lower Stephens Passage (Subdistrict 111-20), and 29 days in Port Snettisham (Subdistricts 111-33 and 111-34). Fishing time in District 111 was $54 \%$ above the 19841993 average of 42.9 days. Fishing effort in the district totaled 5,082 boat-days and was $66 \%$ above the previous 10 -year-average of 3,057 boat-days (Appendix D.1).

Excellent catches of all species were experienced in the District 111 drift gillnet fishery in 1994. The 1994 harvest included 5,047 chinook, 105,861 sockeye, 188,501 coho, 401,525 pink, and 214,171 chum salmon (Appendix C.1; Figure 7). Catches of coho, pink, and summer chum salmon were all-time records, and sockeye and chinook salmon catches were also above average. The harvest of fall chum salmon was below average. Enhanced stocks contributed significantly to all catches except fall chum salmon.


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


Figure 7. Average catches and fishing efforts compared with 1994 values for Alaskan District 111 Commercial fishery and the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River.

The chinook salmon harvest of 5,047 fish was $77 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average but less than the harvest of 6,748 taken in 1993. The harvest was comprised primarily of spawners ( $68 \%$ ). The majority of the catch ( $58 \% ; 2,906$ fish) was of Alaska hatchery origin (coded wire tag estimate). 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. Peak catches occurred during the first 3 weeks of the fishery. Three limited area openings were allowed in Speel Arm of Port Snettisham to harvest hatchery chinook returns; 2 days were allowed during each of the first 2 weeks of the fishery and one additional day during the last week of July. Several hundred chinook salmon were taken during these special openings.

The sockeye harvest of 105,861 fish was $9 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 97,025 (Figure 8). This represents the seventh largest catch on record but the lowest in the last 5 years. Sockeye salmon catches were distributed among Taku Inlet ( 88,625 fish), Stephens Passage ( 15,630 fish), lower Stephens Passage $(1,471)$, and Port Snettisham (135 fish). Taku River and Port Snettisham sockeye stocks are taken in the Taku Inlet and Stephens Passage areas, with Port Snettisham stocks being more prevalent in Stephens Passage. As a result, management decisions regarding Taku River sockeye salmon are generally made by controlling area and time in Taku Inlet.

The contribution of wild Taku River sockeye salmon to the weekly commercial harvests were estimated by applying results of scale pattern analysis and the incidence of the brain parasite Myxobolus arcticus from the weekly sockeye catches. Approximately 97,046 ( $92 \%$ ) of the total season's catch was estimated to have been of wild Taku River origin. Contribution of enhanced sockeye resulting from domestic and joint U.S./Canada transboundary river projects were estimated inseason and re-evaluated postseasonally by analysis of thermal otolith marks. U.S. enhancement projects produced an estimated 2,637 fish (2.5\%) in the catch, predominantly 4 - and 5 -year-old returns from fry releases into Sweetheart Lake. Contribution of the initial 4 -year-old returns from the joint Taku River projects were low as evidenced by the recovery of very small numbers of Tatsamenie origin and no Trapper Lake origin otolith-marked fish; an estimated 108 sockeye from the Tatsamenie plant in 1991 were harvested in the District 111 fishery.

The summer chum catch (i.e., the District 111 chum harvest through August 13, statistical week 33) of 198,002 fish was the largest on record, exceeding the 1984-1993 average of 80,380 by $146 \%$ and was higher than the previous record of 156,033 taken in 1993. Quantitative contribution estimates of enhanced chum salmon are not available, but chum salmon returning to the DIPAC Hatchery in Gastineau Channel and the Limestone Inlet remote release site (upper Stephens Passage) undoubtedly contributed a large portion of the catch. From July 10 through August 6 (statistical weeks 29 through 32), additional fishing time with a 6inch minimum mesh size restriction was allowed south of Circle Point (Subdistrict 111-31) to target on Limestone Inlet enhanced chum returns while limiting harvest of Snettisham sockeye salmon.

In contrast to the summer chum run, the fall chum run was again poor in 1994. The total fall chum harvest (chum salmon caught from August 14, statistical week 34, through the end of the season) was 16,169 fish. This is $49 \%$ of the 1984-1993 average of 33,265 , but the highest catch since 1990 . Chum salmon taken in the fall in District 111 are almost exclusively wild chum stocks from the Taku and Whiting Rivers.

The District 111 pink salmon harvest of 401,525 is the largest catch in the history of the fishery, and 2.3 times the 1984-1993 even-year-average of 157,570 fish (Appendix D.1). The catch was comprised of wild stocks returning to Taku Inlet, Stephens Passage streams, and runs to the DIPAC Hatchery. Slightly over half the harvest ( $51 \% ; 203,018$ fish) was taken outside Taku Inlet. A total of 119,213 pink salmon were taken in lower Stephens Passage (Subdistrict 111-20) during 5-day fishing periods in each of statistical weeks 32 through 34 . In addition to the District 111 commercial fishery harvest, approximately 2.5 million pink salmon were harvested in cost-recovery fisheries by the DIPAC Hatchery in a terminal Special


Figure 8. Sockeye catches for Alaskan District 111, the Icy and Chatham Straits, the combined Canadian commercial and food fisheries in the Taku River and Taku sockeye escapements, 1979-1994.

Harvest Area in Gastineau Channel.
The total coho salmon catch of 188,501 fish is the largest in the history of the fishery, and over 2.5 times the 1984-1993 average of 68,402 fish. This catch includes a combination of wild coho salmon runs to the Taku River and local Juneau area streams as well as Alaskan hatchery fish. The estimate of contribution of U.S. hatchery coho salmon to the District 111 gillnet fishery was 27,094 fish, or $14 \%$ of the total coho catch. Approximately $99 \%$ of the hatchery fish were from DIPAC Hatchery releases. The majority of the District 111 catch ( $83 \%$; 156,314 fish) occurred in Taku Inlet, but substantial catches were also made in Stephens Passage ( 25,605 fish) and Port Snettisham (6,582 fish).

Weekly fishing time in Taku Inlet during the sockeye salmon season varied from 3 to 4 days. During the first two weeks of the season 3 days of fishing occurred in Taku Inlet. Fishing time was extended to 4 days during statistical weeks 28 and 29 (July 3 through July 16) because of good fishing in District 111 and improved estimates of inriver abundance provided by the joint U.S./Canada Taku River mark-recapture project. A fifth day of fishing in Stephens Passage (south of Circle Point) with a 6 -inch minimum mesh restriction was allowed in week 29 to target on Limestone Inlet chum salmon returns while limiting the harvest of Port Snettisham sockeye salmon. Fishing success for sockeye salmon during statistical week 30 was below average and as a result no extension of fishing time was allowed in Taku Inlet above the initial 3 days. A one-day extension of fishing time with a 6 -inch minimum mesh restriction was allowed only south of Circle Point. During statistical weeks 31 and 32 sockeye salmon catches and CPUE were above average and the estimated above-border escapement had exceeded the escapement goal range, so one-day fishing extensions were allowed north of Circle Point. During each of these weeks, a fourth day of fishing with a 6 inch minimum mesh restriction was also allowed south of Circle Point in Subdistrict 111-31. The sockeye catch and CPUE dropped dramatically during the 3-day statistical week 33 opening and fishing time was not extended in Taku Inlet.

Fall management was initiated on August 14 (statistical week 34) when the District 111 gillnet fishery was initially opened for three days. The fishery was extended for a fourth day during each of statistical weeks 34 and 35 because of high mark-recapture estimates of the inriver coho salmon run strength, and above average coho salmon catches and CPUE. The statistical week 35 opening date was delayed from Sunday to Monday, August 22, to prevent gear conflicts between the commercial fleet and sport anglers fishing the Juneau salmon derby. Fishing time was limited to three days during statistical weeks 36 and 37 (August 28 to September 10), when fall chum salmon CPUE values historically have peaked, to conserve Taku chum salmon despite evidence of an all-time record coho salmon run to northern Southeast Alaska and projections of Taku River coho salmon escapement far in excess of the above-border escapement goal range. The peak weekly coho catch in the fishery occurred during the week 37 opening when 33,214 coho salmon were taken. Port Snettisham was reopened to fishing in statistical week 36 after the Snettisham sockeye salmon run was over.

Four days of fishing were allowed during each of statistical weeks 38 through 41 (September 11 through October 6) and coho salmon catches continued far above average. Intense fall storms limited fishing activity late in the season, particularly during statistical weeks 39 through 41; CPUE values for these weeks are unrealistically low since few boats fished for the entire openings. The last week of the fishery was during the second week of October when 2 days of fishing were allowed.

Several other fisheries in the Juneau area harvested transboundary river stocks in 1994. Estimates of harvest in the U.S. personal use fishery in the lower Taku River are 20 chinook, 1,111 sockeye, 93 coho, 76 pink, and 3 chum salmon. The spring Juneau-area sport fishery harvested an estimated 3,643 chinook salmon, above the previous 10 -year average of 2,853 fish but less than the previous 5 -year average of 4,381 fish. An estimated $97 \%$ of the harvest was composed of mature spawners, and $27 \%$ of the harvest was of hatchery
origin (coded-wire-tag estimate). Unlike recent years, sport fishing CPUE in 1994 from the Taku Inlet area was less than that for areas north of Juneau. 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 Hawk Inlet purse seine fishery in northern Chatham Strait was open north of Hanus Reef for 15 hours on July 15 and 8 hours on July 18, harvesting 60 chinook, 10,323 sockeye, 2,984 coho, 408,913 pink, and 42,912 chum salmon. The fishery is limited to a harvest of 15,000 sockeye salmon during the month of July.

## Canadian Fisheries

Taku River commercial fishers harvested 28,762 sockeye, 14,531 coho, 2,065 large chinook, 235 jack chinook (fish less than 2.27 kg ), 168 pink, 18 chum, and 232 steelhead salmon in 1994 (Appendix C.4). The sockeye catch was the third highest on record and was $37 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of approximately 20,919 sockeye. The record coho catch was more than four times the previous ten-year-average of 3,424 coho salmon. The catch of large chinook was also a record, roughly 2.6 times the previous ten-year-average of 797 fish; the catch of jack chinook was $44 \%$ above the previous ten-year average of 163 jack chinook. With the exception of steelhead, catches of other species (pink and chum) were below average (Figure 7, Appendix D.5). The fishery was open for a total of 74 days, more than three times the previous ten-yearaverage of 24 days, and the seasonal fishing effort was 497 boat-days, $92 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 258 boat-days.

In addition to the commercial catches, the aboriginal fishery harvested 239 sockeye, 162 coho, 119 chinook, 4 pink, and 1 steelhead in 1994 (Appendix D.7). There was no Canadian test fishery in 1994.

The Taku River Tlingit First Nation, in cooperation with the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), conducted a creel census of the Nakina River in 1994. A total of 41 non-guided fishers returned completed questionnaires; an estimated 430 chinook salmon were landed of which 357 were released and 73 retained.

The Canadian preseason forecast was for an above average return of approximately 242,000 sockeye, $14 \%$ above the previous ten-year-average run size of approximately 212,000 sockeye (Canadian estimate).

The commercial fishery commenced at noon on Monday, June 20 (statistical week 26) for a scheduled opening of two days. However, flooding conditions in the fishery were encountered early in the opening and the fishery was extended for 24 hours to somewhat compensate for the poor fishing conditions.

The three-day opening in week 27 was also extended by 24 hours due to increasing sockeye catches in the Canyon Island fishwheels and in the commercial fishery. However, fishwheel catches and fishery performance were below average through week 29, therefore the openings in weeks 28 and 29 were limited to three days. Fishery performance in District 111 during this period was about average despite low effort levels.

Above average CPUE in the first 48 hours of fishing in week 30 prompted a 24 -hour extension over the scheduled three-day opening. Catches dropped off in the fourth day, and the overall sockeye CPUE for the week decreased to about average.

The peak sockeye fishing week of the season occurred in week 31. The sockeye CPUE after the first 68 hours of a three day fishery was $56 \%$ above average and Canyon Island fishwheel catches were peaking. The fishery was extended an initial 24 hours, and then a second 24 hours after catches in both the fishery and the fishwheels continued to build. However, most of the fishing effort phased out on the fifth day due to a Tulsequah flood. The sockeye catch of 7,662 fish in week 31 was the second highest weekly catch on record and the CPUE was almost twice the average for this week.

Over the following two weeks, the sockeye CPUE dropped to below average levels and fishery openings were scheduled for three days. A 24 -hour extension occurred in week 33 to compensate for poor fishing conditions caused by high water. After week 34, the sockeye CPUE remained above average, however fishing time was kept to three days through week 36 as sockeye abundance declined.

Fishing time increased to four days in week 37, and five days in weeks 38 and 39 as effort levels decreased and coho CPUE remained above average, as it had been throughout the season. Commencing September 25 (week 40), with only one fisher present, the fishery remained open seven days a week through the end of October. During this period, the individual gear allowance was increased from two to four nets.

Throughout the season, the inseason forecasts of the total sockeye run ranged from approximately 135,400 sockeye in week 29 , to 269,900 sockeye in week 32 (Table 3). Forecasts of total spawning escapement were also made and ranged from approximately 82,300 in week 29 to 158,700 in week 32 . The final inseason forecast indicated a total run of approximately 222,600 sockeye and a spawning escapement of approximately 95,900 fish. The postseason total run size was estimated to be 227,286 sockeye. The total Canadian catch of 29,001 represented approximately $18.6 \%$ to $19.7 \%$ of the TAC. (The TAC is calculated by subtracting the escapement goal of from 71,000 to 80,000 sockeye from the postseason run size estimate.)

As in recent years, both set and drift gill netting techniques were utilized with the majority of the catch taken in drift gill nets. Mesh sizes were restricted to less than 146 mm through mid-July to minimize the incidental catch of chinook salmon.

Table 3. Canadian inseason forecasts of total run size, TAC, and spawning escapement of Taku sockeye salmon, 1994.

| Statistical Week | Total Run <br> Forecast | TAC | Spawning Escapement <br> Forecast |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| preseason | 242,000 | 167,000 | 75,000 |
| 26 | 242,000 | 167,000 | 75,000 |
| 27 | 242,000 | 16,00 | 75,00 |
| 28 | 242,000 | 167,000 | 85,000 |
| 29 | 135,400 | 60,400 | 86,100 |
| 30 | 149,200 | 74,200 | 92,300 |
| 31 | 190,800 | 115,800 | 158,700 |
| 32 | 269,900 | 194,900 | 97,500 |
| 33 | 211,100 | 136,100 | 89,900 |
| 34 | 212,100 | 137,100 | 95,900 |

## Escapement

## Sockeye

Total spawning escapement of sockeye salmon in the Canadian portion of the Taku drainage is estimated from the joint Canada/U.S. mark-recapture program. Counting weirs operated by DFO at Little Trapper and Little Tatsamenie lakes provide information on the distribution, abundance, and timing of discrete spawning stocks within the watershed. In 1994, additional sockeye enumeration programs were conducted at Kuthai Lake and the Nahlin River by the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN).

The total Taku River sockeye spawning escapement of 100,128 (border escapement is 129,129; Appendix C.7) is slightly above the average of 99,769 sockeye recorded for the mark-recapture program, which has been operated continuously from 1984-1993, and was $25 \%$ above the upper end of the interim escapement goal range of 71,000 to 80,0000 sockeye salmon (Figure 8 and Appendix D.9).

The escapement through the Little Trapper Lake weir was 13,438 (Appendix C.9), slightly higher than the 1983-1993 average of 13,239 fish. There were 747 fish collected for brood stock from the spawning stream at Little Trapper Lake. The escapement through the Little Tatsamenie Lake weir was $4,371^{3}$. (Appendix C.8) compared to the 1985-1993 average of 6,462 fish. The 1994 return to this system was however, an improvement over the principal cycle year, 1989, when only 3,039 fish were counted. The 1994 count was incomplete due to high water conditions on September 22 which destroyed part of the weir; however, approximately $95-99 \%$ of the run has usually migrated through the weir by that date. At Tatsamenie Lake, 793 fish were collected at the weir for brood stock purposes. The sockeye count through the Kuthai Lake weir was 5,427 (Appendix C.12), the second highest recorded. Previous counts at Kuthai Lake were 1,658, 2,299, and 1,457 sockeye in 1980, 1981, and 1992, respectively, and 6,312 in 1993 (Appendix D.9).

## Chinook

The number of chinook sampled at the Nakina River carcass weir in 1994 was 2,244 fish. A total of 315 large chinook were counted at the Little Tatsamenie Lake weir, $47 \%$ of the 1988-1993 average of 664 fish.

Aerial surveys of the six escapement index areas were: Nakina, 4,792; Kowatua, 410; Tatsamenie, 1,106; Dudidontu, 573; Tseta, 614; Nahlin, 2,418. The total of 9,913 large chinook observed was below the record count of 13,204 in 1993 but above the ten-year average of 8,915 large chinook (Figure 9 and Appendix D.10).

[^4]Taku Drainage Index Counts


Figure 9. Taku River chinook index escapement counts, 1975-1994.

## Coho

Developing a total estimate of the above border run size for the year was hampered because protracted flood conditions damaged the fish wheels and prevented a timely resumption of tag application. A mark-recapture estimate of border escapement through statistical week 39 (week ending September 24) was 98,643 coho. Based on CPUE information from the District 111 fishery, approximately $11.2 \%$ of the run migrated past the tagging site after the program was terminated. Using this proportion, the estimated above border run is 111,036, with an above border escapement of 96,343 coho salmon (Appendix C.7).

A total of 2,112 coho were counted at the Nahlin River weir which was operated by the TRTFN. This count is 2.4 times higher than the previous average ( $1988,1992 \& 1993$ ) of 873 coho (Appendix D.12). The Lower Tatsamenie Lake weir was not operated long enough to achieve a meaningful coho estimate.

## Pink

There was no program in place to estimate the escapement of pink salmon to the Taku River in 1994. Historically, even year cycle years have not been the peak cycle year for this species, however, there was an inexplicable and almost complete failure of the dominant odd year run of pink salmon in 1993.

A total of 27,100 pink salmon were counted at the Canyon Island fish wheels. This is the highest total recorded for even-year returns. The 1984-1992 average even-year fish wheel catch of pink salmon was 10,920 fish. A total of 9,433 pink salmon carcasses were counted at the Nakina River carcass weir. This total is substantially higher than the 1984-1990 even year average of 1,095 fish.

Escapements of pink salmon to many U.S. streams in District 111 (excluding the Taku River) were the highest ever recorded. Escapements in the vicinity of the District 111 fishery were outstanding with record peak survey counts of 151,000 in Limestone Creek, 102,000 in Admiralty Creek, 85,000 in Prospect Creek, 75,000 in Turner Creek (upper Taku Inltt), 66,000 in Slocum Creek, 44,000 in Sweetheart Creek, 33,000 in Gilbert Creek, and record counts in numerous other small Stephens Passage streams. Stream survey counts represent an unknown proportion of the escapement and are assumed to generally be less than $50 \%$ of the actual escapement.

## Chum

There was no program in place to estimate the system wide escapement of chum salmon. Low catch and CPUE information from the Canyon Island fish wheels and inriver commercial fishery indicate that there was a below average chum salmon run in 1994. A total of 367 chum salmon were captured in the fish wheels, well below the 1984-1993 average catch of 738 chum salmon.

The Taku River fall chum salmon run has continually declined since 1989. It is unlikely that the spawning escapement goal of 50,000 to 80,000 chum salmon was achieved.

## Sockeye Run Reconstruction

An estimated 97,046 Taku River sockeye were harvested in the District 111 fishery; an additional 1,111 sockeye salmon were taken in the U.S. inriver personal use fishery. Therefore, the estimated U.S. harvest of Taku River sockeye is 98,157 fish (Table 4).

The estimate of the magnitude of the above-border sockeye run in 1994, based on the joint Canada/U.S. mark-recapture program, was 129,129 fish. Subtracting the total Canadian inriver catch of 29,001 sockeye salmon in the commercial and aboriginal fisheries from the above border run estimate results in an aboveborder escapement estimate of 100,128 fish.

The total run ${ }^{4}$, determined by summing the estimated U.S. harvest ( 97,046 commercial and 1,111 personal use fish) and the above border run ( 129,129 ), was an estimated 227,286 sockeye salmon, which was $12 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average run size of 203,298 fish (Appendix D.13). Based on the escapement goal range of 71,000 to 80,000 fish, the TAC was 147,286 to 156,286 sockeye salmon of which the U.S. harvested $62.8 \%$ to $66.6 \%$ and Canada harvested $18.6 \%$ to $19.7 \%$ (Table 4). The overall exploitation rate was estimated to be $56 \%$ in 1994.

## 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).

## 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, expressed in terms of the Klukshu stock only, has been established at 4,700 chinook salmon. $\times$ This revision, made in the fall of 1991 , eliminated the uncertainty contained in expansion factors which had no scientific backing.

[^5]Table 4. Taku sockeye salmon run reconstruction, 1994. Estimates do not include spawning escapements below the U.S./Canada border or Taku sockeye harvested in marine areas outside District 111.

|  | Taku Stocks | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Snettisham } \\ \text { Stocks } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Escapement | 100,128 | Unknown |
| Canadian Harvest <br> Commercial <br> Food Fishery <br> Total <br> \% Harvest <br> Test Fishery Catch | $\begin{array}{r} 28,762 \\ 239 \\ 29,001 \\ 22.8 \% \\ 0 \end{array}$ |  |
| Above Border Run | 129,129 |  |
| U.S. Harvest ${ }^{\text {a }}$ District 111 | 97,046 | $\begin{gathered} 6,178 \\ 2,637^{\mathrm{a}} \end{gathered}$ |
| Personal Use <br> Total <br> \% Harvest <br> Test Fishery Catch | $\begin{array}{r} 1,111 \\ 98,157 \\ 77.2 \% \end{array}$ | 0 |
| Total Run | 227,286 |  |
| Taku Harvest Plan Escapement Goal | Minimum 71,000 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Maximum } \\ 80,000 \end{array}$ |
| TAC | 156,286 | 147,286 |
| Canadian portion U.S. Portion | $\begin{aligned} & 18.6 \% \\ & 62.8 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19.7 \% \\ & 66.6 \% \end{aligned}$ |

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

## U.S. Fisheries

The Dry Bay commercial set gillnet fishery harvested 805 chinook, 19,639 sockeye, 4,182 coho, and 32 chum salmon (Appendix E.1). The fishery was open for 61 days, $59 \%$ longer than the previous 10 -yearaverage of 38 days (Appendix E.4). The majority of fishing time ( 43 days) occurred late in the season (August through early October) after the sockeye salmon run had largely passed by; effort was low during these weeks. As a result, the total effort expended in the fishery was 416 boat-days, which exceeded the previous 10 -year-average of 400 boat-days by only $4 \%$ (Figure 11).

Preseason expectations were for an above average return of early run sockeye salmon, an average to below average return of late run sockeye, and an average run of chinook salmon. These expectations were based on parent-year escapements to the Klukshu River.

Based on the expected above average return of early run sockeye, the Alsek River was opened to commercial fishing on the first Monday in June. This marked the first time since 1987 that the Alsek was opened on the date allowed by regulation. The initial opening was limited to 12 hours in order to evaluate the effectiveness of chinook conservation measures. Fishery performance indicated that the early segment of the sockeye run was strong and that the chinook harvest was at expected levels. Fishing time was extended to 24 hours during the initial opening. CPUE was slightly below average during the second and third weeks of the season, and fishing time was maintained at one day during this time. As fishery performance improved, fishing time was increased to two days during statistical week 27 (June 26 to July 2), and to three days for the next three weeks of the season. Both the management model and the CPUE figures continued to indicate a strong run, but effort levels decreased as fishers left to fish on the East River sockeye return. In spite of this information, the decision not to extend fishing time beyond three days per week during this period was made because of the expectation that the large late run escapement in 1989 would not produce good returns. As a result of continued good fishery performance and model projections, coupled with reduced numbers of fishers, the Alsek fishery was extended to four days for the remainder of the sockeye season (statistical weeks 31 through 33; July 24 through August 13).

As a reflection of the area-wide strong coho run, fishing times were maintained at four days per week for the next three weeks. Fishery performance remained good and fishing time was increased to 5.5 days for the first and second full weeks of September (statistical weeks 37 and 38). Fishing performance was below average from that time on, and fishing time was curtailed to four days for the last three weeks of the season. A survey on September 30 revealed below average escapement in local creeks, and the Alsek fishery was closed for the season on October 7. Although open, the river was not fished during the last week of the season (statistical week 41).

Catch and CPUE figures through the first full week of July were again affected by additional effort directed toward the Alsek stocks during closed periods on the East River. The Alsek River openings of two and three days coincided with one-day openings for the East River. During this time, many setnetters fished the first 24 hours on the East River before switching over to the Alsek fishery to take advantage of the extra fishing time. Indicationsr of good catches and CPUE during the first 24 hours in the Alsek became attenuated as East River fishers moved into marginal or less productive sets on the Alsek River. Effort


Figure 11. Average catches and fishing efforts compared with 1994 values for the Alaskan Dry Bay commercial fishery, and the Canadian combined aboriginal and sport fisheries in the Alsek River.
levels for the Alsek remained high through the early part of the season, with a peak effort of 27 setnetters recorded during the weeks of 25 and 27 (June 12 to '17, and June 26 to July 2). East River fishing time was increased during the second week of July, and effort levels for the Alsek remained low for the remainder of the season.

Historically, a set gillnet fishery targeting on chinook salmon was conducted during May and early June. Due to depressed runs, the directed fishery has been closed since 1962 and chinook salmon are now harvested only incidentally during the sockeye fishery in early June. In 1994, the early June periods were limited in time in order to reduce the impact on chinook salmon. Commercial fishers were encouraged to reduce the harvest of chinook by staying on their gear and releasing live fish. This voluntary program has been used with some success in the past on the Situk River under similar circumstances. As in recent years, gillnet mesh size was restricted to a maximum of six inches through July 1.

The chinook salmon harvest of 805 fish was over three times the 1984-1993 average of 232, but equal to the 1964-1993 average. Of all the chinook salmon harvested, 510 fish, or $63 \%$, were caught during the first two weeks of the season. The entire catch from these two weeks was examined by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF\&G) staff; of the 510 chinook salmon sold, 90 were large spawners $(>711 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and 420 were primarily two-ocean jacks ( $<711 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), with a few one-ocean fish. Interviews with fishers, conducted while the fishery was in progress, indicated that large spawners could be released without harm to the fish, while the jacks, being comparable to sockeye in size, were generally gilled and subsequently died in the nets.

The Alsek River sockeye harvest of 19,639 fish was $32 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 14,843 , and was the third highest catch in the past ten years (Figure 12). The majority of the harvest ( $92 \%$; 17,998 sockeye salmon) was taken in the river, with the remainder of the catch coming from the surf area. Adjustments to the weekly fishing periods during the sockeye salmon season relied heavily on fishery performance data, and the decision of whether or not to extend any given period was generally based on catch and CPUE figures gathered inseason during that particular period. Parent-year escapement information and the Alsek management model projections were also factors in determining the weekly fishing periods. The management model uses multiple regression analysis of fishery catch and effort data to generate weekly projections of the U.S. Alsek River catch, the Klukshu River escapement, and total index run size (U.S. catch + Klukshu weir count). Model results tend to get more accurate as the season progresses; early season projections are of limited use for management purposes. In 1994, model projections of the total catch were quite accurate but projections of the Klukshu River escapement and total index run size were consistently overestimated (Table 5). Various factors affect the accuracy of the model, including the relative strengths of early and late runs to Klukshu, the abundance of stocks not represented in the model (e.g., Village Creek stock), and the accuracy of manager's projections of effort levels.

The coho salmon harvest of 4,182 was close to the previous 10 -year average of 4,009 fish.


Figure 12. Alsek sockeye catches and weir counts, 1979-1994.

Table 5. Inseason U.S. forecasts of the total 1994 Alsek River sockeye salmon catch, Klukshu River weir count, and total index run size (catch + Klukshu weir count).

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Statistical <br> Week | Start <br> Date | Total <br> Catch | Klukshu <br> Weir Count | Index <br> Run Size |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | June 20 | 13,547 | 17,621 | 31,168 |
| 27 | June 27 | 16,335 | 36,733 | 53,068 |
| 28 | July 04 | 20,003 | 27,460 | 46,463 |
| 29 | July 11 | 18,351 | 23,148 | 41,499 |
| 30 | July 18 | 18,240 | 24,027 | 42,266 |
| 31 | July 25 | 17,523 | 22,646 | 40,169 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Actual |  | 19,639 | 15,038 | 34,667 |

## Canadian Fisheries

The center of aboriginal 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 fishing plan for the aboriginal fishery 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 allowed 3.25 days per week.

The gaff fishery was open seven 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. Gaffing for chinook salmon was prohibited in the waters of Village Creek, Goat Creek, Stanley Creek, and the Parton River; commencing September 5, the gaff fishery was not restricted.

The aboriginal food fishery harvested an estimated 289 chinook, 1,745 sockeye, and 8 coho salmon. The catch of chinook was approximately $62 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 179 fish. The sockeye catch was $12 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average of 1,987 fish (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. Retention of sockeye salmon in the recreational fishery was prohibited prior to August 15 to protect the early run of sockeye. The chinook daily catch and possession limits were one and two, respectively; the
overall daily catch and possession limits for salmon were two and four, respectively (only two of which can be chinook). 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 and sockeye salmon.

The recreational fishery harvested an estimated 197 chinook, 261 sockeye, and 69 coho salmon. Compared to 1984-1993 average sport catches, the chinook catch was $34 \%$ below average, the sockeye catch was $22 \%$ below average, and the coho catch was $40 \%$ below average. The catch data were derived from a creel census program conducted in the Dalton Post area by the Klukshu weir personnel. Additional catch data were 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.

## Sockeye

A total of 15,038 sockeye salmon were counted through the Klukshu weir in 1994 and consisted of a below average (1984-1993) early run count of 3,247 (count through August 15), and a below average late run of 11,791 fish. The early run count was $5 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 3,093 fish. The late run count, was $21 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average of 15,013 . The estimated Village Creek sockeye escapement was 4,007, 22\% below the 1985-1993 average of 5,145 fish (Appendix E.8).

Comparative counts for other Alsek index tributaries appear in Appendix E.8. A count of 250 sockeye salmon for Basin Creek was well below the 1985-1993 average count of 1,243 fish; the Basin Creek survey was flown after an extended period of flooding and is likely not representative of escapement levels. The peak count for the Tanis River was 600 sockeye salmon, $60 \%$ below the 1985-1993 average of 1,498 fish.

## Chinook

The most reliable comparative escapement index for Alsek drainage is the Klukshu weir count. The chinook weir count in 1994 of 3,735 fish was $70 \%$ above the 1984-1993 average of 2,202 fish (Appendix E.7; Figure 13). Although the 1994 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 1994 for several other index streams. The count of 342 fish in the Takhanne River exceeded the 1984-1993 average of 216 by $58 \%$. Aerial counts of 349 chinook at the Blanchard River and 67 chinook at Goat Creek was close to the 1984-1993 averages of 336 and 56 fish, respectively (Appendix E.9). The aerial survey count of 1,558 Klukshu chinook salmon was approximately $42 \%$ of the weir count of 3,735 fish.

## 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 1994 count of 1,232 fish was $31 \%$ below the 1984-1993 average of 1,781 fish (Figure 14). Escapement counts for coho salmon on the U.S. side of the border were below average. Peak coho salmon survey counts on the Tanis River and Cabin Creek were 615 and 360 fish, respectively.

## Run Reconstruction

Expectations for the sockeye run in 1994 were for an above average overall run composed of both an above average early and late run component. The sockeye run did not develop as predicted with a slightly above average early run and a below average late run. The combined U.S. and Canadian total sockeye harvest was slightly below average (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 23,000 to 40,000 fish and the estimated total Alsek sockeye run was on the order of 43,000 to 58,000 sockeye salmon. The interim escapement goal for the Alsek River is from 33,000 (U.S.) to 58,000 (Canada) fish.


Figure 13. Alsek chinook catches and weir counts, 1979-1994.


Klukshu Weir Coho Count


Figure 14. Alsek coho catches and weir counts, 1979-1994. The weir counts are incomplete because the weir was dismantled before the entire run had passed.

Table 6. Catch and Klukshu index escapement data for Alsek sockeye, chinook, and coho salmon for 1994.

|  | Sockeye | Chinook | Coho |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Escapement Index $^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| Klukshu Weir Count | 15,038 | 3,735 | 1,232 |
| Klukshu Escapement | 13,892 | 3,628 |  |
| Harvest $^{\mathrm{b}}$ |  |  |  |
| U.S. Commercial $\quad 19,639$ | 805 | 4,182 |  |
| U.S. Subsistence | 47 | 60 | 20 |
| Canadian Sport $^{\text {Canadian Aboriginal }}{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 1,745 | 197 | 69 |
| Total | 21,692 | 1,351 | 4,279 |

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## APPENDICES

Appendix A.1. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and -42 (Sumner Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Permit |
|  |  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Permits | Days | Days |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 111 | 3,794 | 556 | 71 | 3,539 | 31 | 2 | 62 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 82 | 12,192 | 2,510 | 893 | 17,100 | 63 | 2 | 126 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 83 | 19,150 | 4,249 | 1,082 | 9,515 | 73 | 2 | 146 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 34 | 26,745 | 4,675 | 1,044 | 11,772 | 81 | 2 | 162 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 34 | 30,800 | 13,353 | 1,428 | 22,123 | 98 | 3 | 294 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 34 | 29,747 | 13,115 | 4,502 | 13,895 | 104 | 3 | 312 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 16 | 13,755 | 17,871 | 9,839 | 9,800 | 97 | 3 | 291 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 5 | 11,230 | 14,537 | 12,955 | 4,541 | 86 | 2 | 172 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 4 | 5,129 | 16,182 | 17,263 | 5,577 | 70 | 2 | 140 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 22 | 3,514 | 30,581 | 12,781 | 9,138 | 90 | 4 | 360 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 16 | 1,082 | 37,207 | 4,103 | 7,608 | 95 | 4 | 380 |
| 37 | 4 Sep | 2 | 265 | 18,102 | 230 | 3,186 | 86 | 3 | 258 |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 1 | 85 | 8,062 | 30 | 4,036 | 30 | 3 | 90 |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 6 | 30 | 7,487 | 4 | 2,848 | 43 | 3 | 129 |
| 40 | 25-Sep | 6 | 6 | 2,901 | 0 | 1,068 | 20 | 3 | 60 |
| 41 | 2-Oct | 0 | 2 | 276 | 0 | 72 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Total |  | 456 | 157,526 | 191,664 | 66,225 | 125,818 | 1,070 | 43 | 2,988 |

Appendix A.2. Weekly stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and -42 (Sumner Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994. Data based on scale pattern analysis.

| Week | Alaska | Canada | Stikine |  |  | Thermal <br> Marked <br> Tahlian | CPUE of Stikine Fish |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All }^{2} \\ \text { Tahltan } \end{gathered}$ | Tahlan <br> Tahltan | Total |  | Tahltan | $\begin{gathered} \text { Non- } \\ \text { Tahlian } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { Sikine } \end{array}$ |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 0.301 | 0.215 | 0.466 | 0.018 | 0.484 | 0.060 | 0.158 | 0.047 | 0.145 |
| 27 | 0.400 | 0.084 | 0.501 | 0.015 | 0.516 | 0.085 | 0.269 | 0.063 | 0.245 |
| 28 | 0.405 | 0.199 | 0.380 | 0.017 | 0.397 | 0.081 | 0.276 | 0.096 | 0.256 |
| 29 | 0.544 | 0.229 | 0.179 | 0.048 | 0.227 | 0.067 | 0.164 | 0.342 | 0.184 |
| 30 | 0.653 | 0.177 | 0.113 | 0.056 | 0.169 | 0.030 | 0.066 | 0.251 | 0.087 |
| 31 | 0.498 | 0.436 | 0.019 | 0.047 | 0.066 | 0.015 | 0.010 | 0.190 | 0.031 |
| 32 | 0.732 | 0.208 | 0.060 | 0.000 | 0.060 | 0.010 | 0.016 | 0.000 | 0.014 |
| 33 | 0.533 | 0.418 | 0.049 | 0.000 | 0.049 | 0.005 | 0.018 | 0.000 | 0.016 |
| 34 | 0.427 | 0.485 | 0.083 | 0.005 | 0.088 | 0.005 | 0.017 | 0.008 | 0.016 |
| 35 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.004 |
| 36 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| 37 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 38 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 39 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 40 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 41 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Total | 0.531 | 0.271 | 0.166 | 0.032 | 0.198 | 0.040 |  |  |  |
| Catches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 1,143 | 816 | 1,767 | 68 | 1,835 | 228 | 28.5 | 1.1 | . 29.6 |
| 27 | 4,871 | 1,029 | 6,106 | 186 | 6,292 | 1,036 | 48.5 | 1.5 | 49.9 |
| 28 | 7,749 | 3,802 | 7,272 | 327 | 7,599 | 1,547 | 49.8 | 2.2 | 52.0 |
| 29 | 14,548 | 6,120 | 4,781 | 1,296 | 6,077 | 1,789 | 29.5 | 8.0 | 37.5 |
| 30 | 20,120 | 5,463 | 3,487 | 1,730 | 5,217 | 933 | 11.9 | 5.9 | 17.7 |
| 31 | 14,824 | 12,963 | 568 | 1,392 | 1,960 | 453 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 6.3 |
| 32 | 10,071 | 2,859 | 825 | 0 | 825 | 138 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 2.8 |
| 33 | 5,984 | 4,695 | 551 | 0 | 551 | 56 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| 34 | 2,188 | 2,490 | 424 | 27 | 451 | 26 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 3.2 |
| 35 | 1,547 | 1,680 | 270 | 17 | 287 | 18 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| 36 | 476 | 517 | 83 | 5 | 88 | 5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 37 | 117 | 127 | 20 | 1 | 22 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 38 | 37 | 41 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 39 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 40 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 41 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Tota] | 83,692 | 42,620 | 25,164 | 5,050 | 31,214 | 6,230 | 180.2 | 23.4 | 203.6 |

[^8]Appendix A.3. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994.


Appendix A.4. Weekly stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994. Data based on scale pattern analysis.

| Week | Alaska | Canada | Stikine |  |  |  | CPUE of Stikine Fish |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All }^{2} \\ \text { Tahlan } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { non- } \\ \text { Tahltan } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Total |  | Tahltan | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Non- } \\ & \text { Tahltan } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { Stikine } \end{array}$ |  |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 0.640 | 0.165 | 0.195 | 0.000 | 0.195 | 0.065 | 0.157 | 0.000 | 0.146 |  |
| 27 | 0.626 | 0.147 | 0.196 | 0.031 | 0.227 | 0.045 | 0.163 | 0.356 | 0.176 |  |
| 28 | 0.684 | 0.065 | 0.234 | 0.017 | 0.250 | 0.020 | 0.344 | 0.340 | 0.343 |  |
| 29 | 0.828 | 0.090 | 0.079 | 0.003 | 0.082 | 0.000 | 0.126 | 0.073 | 0.122 |  |
| 30 | 0.817 | 0.124 | 0.059 | 0.000 | 0.059 | 0.040 | 0.096 | 0.000 | 0.089 |  |
| 31 | 0.668 | 0.260 | 0.063 | 0.008 | 0.071 | 0.015 | 0.068 | 0.118 | 0.072 |  |
| 32 | 0.782 | 0.218 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
| 33 | 0.637 | 0.345 | 0.003 | 0.015 | 0.018 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.112 | 0.009 |  |
| 34 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.031 | 0.000 | 0.029 |  |
| 35 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.009 | 0.000 | 0.008 |  |
| 36 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.000 | 0.002 |  |
| 37 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.001 |  |
| 38 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.001 |  |
| 39 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.001 |  |
| 40 | 0.616 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 0.052 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
| Total | 0.718 | 0.207 | 0.069 | 0.006 | 0.075 | 0.015 |  |  |  |  |
| Catches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 852 | 220 | 259 | 0 | 259 | 87 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 9.3 |  |
| 27 | 1,350 | 318 | 422 | 67 | 489 | 97 | 9.6 | 1.5 | 11.1 |  |
| 28 | 2,731 | 260 | 932 | 67 | 999 | 80 | 20.3 | 1.5 | 21.7 |  |
| 29 | 4,993 | 543 | 475 | 20 | 495 | 0 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 7.7 |  |
| 30 | 5,668 | 859 | 407 | 0 | 407 | 279 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 5.7 |  |
| 31 | 9,829 | 3,826 | 932 | 117 | 1,049 | 221 | 4.0 | 0.5 | 4.5 |  |
| 32 | 7,605 | 2,119 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| 33 | 2,153 | 1,168 | 10 | 50 | 60 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 |  |
| 34 | 1,371 | 740 | 116 | 0 | 116 | 11 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.8 |  |
| 35 | 1,433 | 773 | 121 | 0 | 121 | 12 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |  |
| 36 | 258 | 139 | 22 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |  |
| 37 | 89 | 48 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |  |
| 38 | 25 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |  |
| 39 | 68 | 37 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |  |
| 40 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| Total | 38,426 | 11,063 | 3,712 | 321 | 4,033 | 789 | 59.0 | 4.3 | 63.2 |  |

[^9]Appendix A.5. Weekly salmon catch in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1994. Catches do not include blind Slough terminal area harvests. Effort may be less than the sum of effort from 106-41 and -42 and 106-30 because some boats fished in more than one subdistrict


Appendix A.6. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1994. Data based on SPA.

|  | Week | Alaska | Canada | Stikine |  |  | Thermal <br> Marked <br> Tahltan | CPUE of Stikine Fish |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | All Tahltan | non- Tahltan | Total |  | Tahltan | Non- Tahltan | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { Stikine } \end{array}$ |
|  | Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 26 | 0.389 | 0.202 | 0.395 | 0.013 | 0.409 | 0.061 | 0.154 | 0.042 | 0.142 |
|  | 27 | 0.434 | 0.094 | 0.455 | 0.018 | 0.473 | 0.079 | 0.260 | 0.083 | 0.240 |
|  | 28 | 0.453 | 0.176 | 0.355 | 0.017 | 0.372 | 0.070 | 0.292 | 0.115 | 0.272 |
|  | 29 | 0.596 | 0.203 | 0.160 | 0.040 | 0.201 | 0.055 | 0.155 | 0.320 | 0.173 |
|  | 30 | 0.683 | 0.168 | 0.103 | 0.046 | 0.149 | 0.032 | 0.072 | 0.262 | 0.092 |
|  | 31 | 0.555 | 0.378 | 0.034 | 0.034 | 0.068 | 0.015 | 0.019 | 0.157 | 0.034 |
|  | 32 | 0.753 | 0.212 | 0.035 | 0.000 | 0.035 | 0.006 | 0.010 | 0.000 | 0.009 |
|  | 33 | 0.557 | 0.401 | 0.038 | 0.003 | 0.042 | 0.004 | 0.014 | 0.010 | 0.013 |
|  | 34 | 0.484 | 0.439 | 0.073 | 0.004 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.018 | 0.007 | 0.017 |
|  | 35 | 0.510 | 0.420 | 0.067 | 0.003 | 0.070 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.004 |
|  | 36 | 0.489 | 0.437 | 0.070 | 0.003 | 0.073 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
|  | 37 | 0.502 | 0.427 | 0.068 | 0.003 | 0.071 | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | 38 | 0.497 | 0.431 | 0.069 | 0.003 | 0.072 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | 39 | 0.578 | 0.363 | 0.057 | 0.001 | 0.058 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | 40 | 0.484 | 0.442 | 0.071 | 0.004 | 0.074 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | 41 | 0.440 | 0.478 | 0.077 | 0.005 | 0.082 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | Total | 0.579 | 0.254 | 0.142 | 0.025 | 0.167 | 0.033 |  |  |  |
|  | Catches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 26 | 1,995 | 1,036 | 2,026 | 68 | 2,094 | 314 | 23.0 | 0.8 | 23.8 |
| $\cdots$ | 27 | 6,221 | 1,347 | 6,528 | 253 | 6,781 | 1,133 | 38.9 | 1.5 | 40.4 |
|  | 28 | 10,480 | 4,062 | 8,204 | 394 | 8,598 | 1,627 | 43.6 | 2.1 | 45.7 |
|  | 29 | 19,541 | 6,663 | 5,256 | 1,316 | 6,572 | 1,789 | 23.3 | 5.8 | 29.1 |
|  | 30 | 25,788 | 6,322 | 3,894 | 1,730 | 5,624 | 1,212 | 10.7 | 4.8 | 15.5 |
|  | 31 | 24,653 | 16,789 | 1,500 | 1,509 | 3,009 | 674 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 5.7 |
|  | 32 | 17,676 | 4,978 | 825 | 0 | 825 | 138 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
|  | 33 | 8,137 | 5,863 | 561 | 50 | 611 | 56. | 2.1 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
|  | 34 | 3,559 | 3,230 | 540 | 27 | 567 | 37 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 2.8 |
|  | 35 | 2,980 | 2,453 | 391 | 17 | 408 | 29 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
|  | 36 | 734 | 656 | 105 | 5 | 110 | 8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
|  | 37 | 205 | 175 | 28 | 1 | 29 | 2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
|  | 38 | 63 | 54 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
|  | 39 | 81 | 51 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | 40 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | 41 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | Total | 122,118 | 53,683 | 29,876 | 5,371 | 35,247 | 7,019 | 149.7 | 18.2 | 167.9 |

Numbers may not sum due to rounding error.
${ }^{2}$ All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

Appendix A.7. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994. Catches do not include Ohmer Creek terminal area harvests. The total permit days are adjusted for boats which did not fish the entire opening and are less than the sum of the permits times the days open, weekly permit days are overestimates.

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

Appendix A.8. Weekly stock proportions and stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994. Catches do not include Ohmer Creek terminal area harvests. Data based on SPA. The CPUE is underestimated due to boats not fishing the entire weekly opening.

| Week | Alaska | Canada | Stikine |  |  | Thermal <br> Marked <br> Tahltan | CPUE of Súkine Fish |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { All' } \\ \text { Tahltan } \end{gathered}$ | non- <br> Tahltan | Total |  | Tahltan | $\begin{gathered} \text { Non- } \\ \text { Tahltan } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { Stikine } \end{array}$ |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 0.461 | 0.225 | 0.247 | 0.067 | 0.315 | 0.058 | 0.009 | 0.005 | 0.007 |
| 26 | 0.230 | 0.150 | 0.487 | 0.133 | 0.620 | 0.089 | 0.103 | 0.053 | 0.086 |
| 27 | 0.228 | 0.227 | 0.477 | 0.068 | 0.545 | 0.123 | 0.239 | 0.065 | 0.179 |
| 28 | 0.249 | 0.135 | 0.590 | 0.026 | 0.616 | 0.161 | 0.336 | 0.028 | 0.230 |
| 29 | 0.281 | 0.341 | 0.307 | 0.071 | 0.378 | 0.159 | 0.146 | 0.064 | 0.117 |
| 30 | 0.441 | 0.174 | 0.235 | 0.150 | 0.385 | 0.062 | 0.088 | 0.106 | 0.094 |
| 31 | 0.509 | 0.081 | 0.072 | 0.338 | 0.410 | 0.013 | 0.024 | 0.216 | 0.090 |
| 32 | 0.527 | 0.144 | 0.055 | 0.274 | 0.329 | 0.009 | 0.025 | 0.234 | 0.097 |
| 33 | 0.558 | 0.245 | 0.016 | 0.180 | 0.197 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.155 | 0.059 |
| 34 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.004 | 0.039 | 0.016 |
| 35 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.001 | 0.013 | 0.005 |
| 36 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.002 |
| 37 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| 38 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| 39 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.000 |
| 40 | 0.544 | 0.254 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.202 | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Total | 0.326 | 0.208 | 0.362 | 0.103 | 0.466 | 0.116 |  |  |  |
| Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 41 | 20 | 22 | 6 | 28 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| 26 | 466 | 303 | 985 | 268 | 1,253 | 180 | 9.5 | 2.6 | 12.0 |
| 27 | 2,779 | 2,771 | 5,811 | 832 | 6,643 | 1,495 | 22.0 | 3.2 | 25.2 |
| 28 | 6,551 | 3,545 | 15,503 | 677 | 16,180 | 4,243 | 31.0 | 1.4 | 32.4 |
| 29 | 7,265 | 8,812 | 7,932 | 1,845 | 9,777 | 4,122. | 13.1 | 3.0 | 16.2 |
| 30 | 7,927 | 3,122 | 4,228 | 2,694 | 6,922 | 1,113 | 7.9 | 5.0 | 13.0 |
| 31 | 3,727 | 596 | 524 | 2,480 | 3,004 | 94 | 2.2 | 10.5 | 12.7 |
| 32 | 1,446 | 396 | 152 | 752 | 904 | 24 | 2.3 | 11.4 | 13.7 |
| 33 | 750 | 329 | 22 | 242 | 264 | 10 | 0.7 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| 34 | 287 | 134 | 16 | 91 | 107 | 4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| 35 | 307 | 143 | 17 | 97 | 114 | 4 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| 36 | 126 | 59 | 7 | 40 | 47 | 2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 37 | 23 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 38 | 14 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 39 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 40 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 31,715 | 20,250 | 35,222 | 10,037 | 45,259 | 11,296 | 90.1 | 47.8 | 137.9 |

'All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

Appendix A.9. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 106-41 test fishery, 1994.

| Week | Start | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Boat |
|  | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Boats | Hours | Days |
| 25 | 12-Jun | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 11.25 | 0.47 |
| Total |  | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 11.25 | 0.47 |

Appendix A. 10. Stock compositions and stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District106-41 test fishery, 1994. Stock compositions from weekly commercial fishery catches were applied to weekly test fishery catches. Data based on SPA.

'All Tahlian includes thermally marked fish.

Appendix A.11. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1994.

| Week | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Start } \\ & \therefore \quad \text { Date } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steel- <br> head | Permits | Days | Permit <br> Days |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 73 | 417 | 1,122 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6.21 | 4.0 | 24.8 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 51 | 352 | 7,902 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8.00 | 6.0 | 48.0 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 7 | 146 | 7,860 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8.88 | 6.0 | 53.3 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 22 | 69 | 9,314 | 2 | 20 | 44 | 4 | 9.14 | 7.0 | 64.0 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 5 | 26 | 5,441 | 6 | 14 | 22 | 6 | 7.00 | 7.0 | 49.0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 0 | 4 | 3,683 | 25 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 6.43 | 7.0 | 45.0 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 0 | 2 | 1,908 | 136 | 6 | 24 | 10 | 6.43 | 7.0 | 45.0 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 0 | 0 | 779 | 194 | 4 | 23 | 4 | 6.00 | 4.0 | 24.0 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 0 | 206 | 208 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 5.00 | 4.0 | 20.0 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 0 | 211 | 1,503 | 27 | 31 | 19 | 3.71 | 7.0 | 26.0 |
| 37 | 4-Sep | 0 | 0 | 31 | 779 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 2.14 | 7.0 | 15.0 |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2 | 370 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2.20 | 5.0 | 11.0 |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 138 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2.00 | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| 40 | 25-Sep |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 41 | 2-Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 42 | 9.Oct |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 43 | 16-Oct | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.00 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Total |  | 158 | 1,016 | 38,462 | 3,377 | 89 | 173 | 75 |  | 74.0 | 430.1 |

Appendix A.12. Weekly sockeye salmon stock' proportions and catch by stock in the Canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1994. Sex specific age compositions were calculated and the stock composition of the females sampled for egg diameters was expanded to the catch by age. Weekly thermal mark information not available.


Note: The proportions used for the final estimate include interpolations for week 25.

Appendix A.13. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the upper Stikine River, 1994. It is assumed that $90 \%$ of the sockeye catch is of Tahltan Lake origin. Weekly thermal mark information not available.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Permits | Days | Permit Days |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 0 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 0 | 41 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 1 | 5 | 215 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 18.0 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 0 | 0 | 1,313 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 0 | 0 | 765 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 14.0 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 0 | 0 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 |
| Total |  | 1 | 76 | 2,466 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12.0 | 50.0 | 68.0 |

Appendix A.14. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian aboriginal fishery located at Telegraph Creek, on the Stikine River, 1994. $90 \%$ of the sockeye catch is assumed to be of Tahltan Lake origin. Weekly thermal mark information not available.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Chinook |  | Catch |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Permits | Days | Permit Days |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | 22-May | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | 4 | 5.2 |
| 23 | 29-May | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 3 | 3.0 |
| 24 | 5-Jun | 6 | 82 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.3 | 7 | 16.1 |
| 25 | 12-Jun | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 | 5 | 10.0 |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 1 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 | 5 | 8.0 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 53 | 147 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.9 | 7 | 34.3 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 58 | 145 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.9 | 7 | 41.3 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 34 | 129 | 766 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.0 | 7 | 56.0 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 35 | 95 | 1,953 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13.0 | 7 | 91.0 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 3 | 11 | 846 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.7 | 7 | 39.9 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 0 | 8 | 234 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.6 | 7 | 18.2 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 1 | 6 | 172 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.6 | 7 | 18.2 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | , | 0.0 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 37 | 4-Sep | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1.0 | 3 | 3.0 |
| Total |  | 191 | 698 | 4,167 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 52.9 | 78 | 345.2 |

Appendix A.15. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian test fishery in the Stikine River, 1994.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | \# Drifts/ <br> Set Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead |  |
|  |  | Jacks | Adults |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drift gillnet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 2 | 35 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 2 | 8 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 31 | 24-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 33 | 7-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 34 | 14-Avg | 0 | 0 | 41 | 21 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 25 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 0 | 39 | 38 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 30 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Total |  | 4 | 43 | 179 | 71 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 175 |
| Set gillnet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 25 | 42 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 264 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 7 | 30 | 171 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 1 | 2 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 1 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 31 | 24-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 33 | 7-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 34 | 14-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 35 | 21-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 36 | 28-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Total |  | 34 | 74 | 414 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 456 |
| Additional Drifts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 20-Jun | 23 | 120 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 |
| 27 | 27-Jun | 14 | 52 | 502 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| 28 | 4-Jul | 3 | 6 | 194 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 29 | 11-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 30 | 18-Jul | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 31 | 25-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 32 | 1-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 33 | 8-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 34 | 15-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 35 | 22-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 36 | 29-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Total |  | 40 | 178 | 840 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 |
| Total Test Fishery Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 50 | 197 | 215 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 23 | 90 | 717 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 4 | 8 | 265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 1 | 0 | 108 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 31 | 24-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | 31-Jul |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | 7-Aug |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 0 | 0 | 41 | 21 | 2 | 11 | 1 |  |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 0 | 39 | 38 | 4 | 8 | 5 |  |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
| Total Test Catch |  | 78 | 295 | 1,433 | 71 | 6 | 20 | 7 |  |

Appendix A.16. Weekly catch, CPUE, and migratory timing of Tahltan and non-Tahltan sockeye stocks in the Stikine River test fishery, 1994. Sex specific age composition were calculated and the smoothed stock compositions of the females sampled for egg diameters was expanded to the catch by age. Weekly thermal mark data not yet available.

|  | Proportions |  | Catch |  | CPUE |  |  | Migratory Timing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Week | Tahluan | Tahltan | Tahltan | $\begin{array}{r} \text { non- } \\ \text { Tahltan } \end{array}$ | Tahltan | nonTahltan | Total | Tahitan | $\begin{gathered} \text { non- } \\ \text { Tahltan } \end{gathered}$ |
| Drift gilinet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 0.916 | 0.084 | 10 | 1 | 0.168 | 0.015 | 0.183 | 0.019 | 0.002 |
| 27 | 0.912 | 0.088 | 40 | 4 | 1.338 | 0.129 | 1.467 | 0.152 | 0.015 |
| 28 | 0.928 | 0.072 | 22 | 2 | - 2.228 | 0.172 | 2.400 | 0.253 | 0.020 |
| 29 | 0.870 | 0.130 | 16 | 2 | 1.565 | 0.235 | 1.800 | 0.178 | 0.027 |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | 0.000 | 1.000 | 0 | 41 | 0.000 | 1.640 | 1.640 | 0.000 | 0.187 |
| 35 | 0.051 | 0.949 | 2 | 37 | 0.067 | 1.233 | 1.300 | 0.008 | 0.140 |
| 36 | 0.000 | 1.000 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 0.400 | 0.400 | 0.000 | 0.044 |
| Total |  |  | 90 | 89 | 5.366 | 3.824 | 9.190 |  |  |
| Proportion |  |  | 0.504 | 0.496 |  | Proportio | on of run | 0.584 | 0.416 |
| Set gillnet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| . 26 | 0.916 | 0.084 | 134 | 12 | 0.507 | 0.046 | 0.553 | 0.084 | 0.008 |
| 27 | 0.912 | 0.088 | 156 | 15 | 1.300 | 0.125 | 1.425 | 0.216 | 0.021 |
| 28 | 0.928 | 0.072 | 44 | 3 | 1.818 | 0.140 | 1.958 | 0.302 | 0.023 |
| 29 | 0.870 | 0.130 | 24 | 4 | 1.014 | 0.152 | 1.167 | 0.169 | 0.025 |
| 30 | 0.824 | 0.176 | 18 | 4 | 0.755 | 0.161 | 0.917 | 0.125 | 0.027 |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 376 | 38 | 5.394 | 0.625 | 6.020 | 0.896 | 0.104 |
| Proportion |  |  | 0.908 | 0.092 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional Drifts ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 0.916 | 0.084 | 53 | 5 | 0.656 | 0.060 | 0.716 | 0.005 | 0.000 |
| 27 | 0.912 | 0.088 | 458 | 44 | 11.741 | 1.131 | 12.872 | 0.098 | 0.009 |
| 28 | 0.928 | 0.072 | 180 | 14 | 90.045 | 6.955 | 97.000 | 0.749 | 0.058 |
| 29 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | 0.824 | 0.176 | 71 | 15 | 7.874 | 1.681 | 9.556 | 0.066 | 0.014 |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 762 | 78 | 110.317 | 9.8271 | 120.143 | 0.918 | 0.082 |
| Proportion |  |  | 0.907 | 0.093 |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix A.17. Daily counts of adult sockeye salmon passing through Tahltan Lake weir, 1994.


A total of 1,689 females and 1,689 males were taken for broodstock.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Fish were harvested with an Excess to Salmon Spawning Requirements (ESSR) license.

Appendix A.18. Daily counts of sockeye salmon smolt migrating through Tahltan Lake smolt weir, 1994.

|  |  | Cumulative |  | Date | Count | Cumulative |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Count | Count | Percent |  |  | Count | Percent |
| 8-May | 41 | 41 | 0.0 | 19-Jun | 15,772 | 875,203 | 95.6 |
| 9-May | 84 | 125 | 0.0 | 20-Jun | 4,029 | 879,232 | 96.1 |
| 10-May | 1,154 | 1,279 | 0.1 | 21-Jun | 545 | 879,777 | 96.1 |
| 11-May | 4,287 | 5,566 | 0.6 | 22-Jun | 286 | 880,063 | 96.2 |
| 12-May | 39,944 | 45,510 | 5.0 | 23-Jun | 6,222 | 886,285 | 96.8 |
| 13-May | 19,639 | 65,149 | 7.1 | 24-Jun | 1,378 | 887,663 | 97.0 |
| 14-May | 160,855 | 226,004 | 24.7 | 25-Jun | -. 427 | 888,090 | 97.0 |
| 15-May | 166,792 | 392,796 | 42.9 | 26-Jun | - 181 | 888,271 | 97.1 |
| 16-May | 104,583 | 497,379 | 54.4 | 27-Jun | - 186 | 888,457 | 97.1 |
| 17-May | 57,249 | 554,628 | 60.6 | 28-Jun | 124 | 888,581 | 97.1 |
| 18-May | 27,286 | 581,914 | 63.6 | 29-Jun | 35 | 888,616 | 97.1 |
| 19-May | 6,356 | 588,270 | 64.3 | 30-Jun | 47 | 888,663 | 97.1 |
| 20-May | 32,248 | 620,518 | 67.8 | 1-Jul | 13 | 888,676 | 97.1 |
| 21-May | 10,292 | 630,810 | 68.9 | 2-Jul | 11 | 888,687 | 97.1 |
| 22-May | 69,563 | 700,373 | 76.5 | 3-Jul | 3,860 | 892,547 | 97.5 |
| 23-May | 11,071 | 711,444 | 77.7 | 4-Jul | 5,327 | 897,874 | 98.1 |
| 24-May | 5,319 | 716,763 | 78.3 | 5-Jul | 2,991 | 900,865 | 98.4 |
| 25-May | 3,286 | 720,049 | 78.7 | 6-Jul | 9,821 | 910,686 | 99.5 |
| 26-May | 4,647 | 724,696 | 79.2 | 7-Jul | 1,964 | 912,650 | 99.7 |
| 27-May | 4,459 | 729,155 | 79.7 | 8 -Jul | 475 | 913,125 | 99.8 |
| 28-May | 2,846 | 732,001 | 80.0 | 9-Jul | 557 | 913,682 | 99.8 |
| 29-May | 1,942 | 733,943 | 80.2 | 10-Jul | 752 | 914,434 | 99.9 |
| 30-May | 1,710 | 735,653 | 80.4 | 11-Jul | 232 | 914,666 | 100.0 |
| 31-May | 2,349 | 738,002 | 80.6 | 12-Jul | 319 | 914,985 | 100.0 |
| 1-Jun | 767 | 738,769 | 80.7 | 13-Jul | 122 | 915,107 | 100.0 |
| 2-Jun | 3,047 | 741,816 | 81.1 | 14-Jul | 3 | 915,110 | 100.0 |
| 3-Jun | 13,154 | 754,970 | 82.5 | 15-Jul | 1 | 915,111 | 100.0 |
| 4-Jun | 1,190 | 756,160 | 82.6 | 16-Jul | 1 | 915,112 | 100.0 |
| 5-Jun | 18,546 | 774,706 | 84.7 | 17-Jul | 3 | 915,115 | 100.0 |
| 6-Jun | 1,683 | 776,389 | 84.8 | 18-Jul | 2 | 915,117 | 100.0 |
| 7-Jun | 1,142 | 777,531 | 85.0 | 19-Jul | 0 | 915,117 | 100.0 |
| 8-Jun | 14,690 | 792,221 | 86.6 | 20-Jul | 0 | 915,117 | 100.0 |
| 9-Jun | 3,322 | 795,543 | 86.9 | 21-Jul | 0 | 915,117 | 100.0 |
| 10-Jun | 1,839 | 797,382 | 87.1 | 22-Jul | 0 | 915,117 | 100.0 |
| 11-Jun | 605 | 797,987 | 87.2 | 23-Jul | 0 | 915,117 | 100.0 |
| 12-Jun | 38,766 | 836,753 | 91.4 | 24-Jul | 1 | 915,118 | 100.0 |
| 13-Jun | 1,712 | 838,465 | 91.6 | 25-Jul | 1 | 915,119 | 100.0 |
| 14-Jun | 1,306 | 839,771 | 91.8 |  |  |  |  |
| 15-Jun | 527 | 840,298 | 91.8 |  |  |  |  |
| 16-Jun | 358 | 840,656 | 91.9 |  |  |  |  |
| 17-Jun | 5,070 | 845,726 | 92.4 |  | Wild | 620,809 |  |
| 18-Jun | 13,705 | 859,431 | 93.9 |  | Hatchery | 294,310 |  |

Appendix A.19. Daily counts of adult chinook salmon passing through Little Tahltan weir, 1994.


Appendix B.1. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and -42 (Sumner Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1994.


Appendix B.2. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and -42(Sumner Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1985-1994. Data based on SPA.


Appendix B.3. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1994.


Appendix B.4. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1985-1994. Data based on SPA.

|  |  |  | Stikive |  |  | Thermal Marked Tahltan | Wild |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Alaska | Canada | $\begin{gathered} \text { All }^{18} \\ \text { Tahltan } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { non- } \\ \text { Tahltan } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Total |  |  |  |
| Proportions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 0.477 | 0.453 | 0.056 | 0.013 | 0.070 |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 0.726 | 0.272 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 0.844 | 0.140 | 0.004 | 0.012 | 0.016 |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 0.883 | 0.095 | 0.021 | 0.000 | 0.021 |  |  |  |
| 1989 | 0.662 | 0.322 | 0.002 | 0.015 | 0.016 |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 0.645 | 0.340 | 0.001 | 0.013 | 0.015 |  |  |  |
| 1991 | 0.683 | 0.257 | 0.052 | 0.008 | 0.060 |  |  |  |
| 1992 | 0.630 | 0.211 | 0.022 | 0.138 | 0.159 |  |  |  |
| 1993 | 0.451 | 0.357 | 0.036 | 0.156 | 0.192 |  |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85-93 | 0.667 | 0.272 | 0.022 | 0.040 | 0.061 |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 0.718 | 0.207 | 0.069 | 0.006 | 0.075 | 0.015 | 0.055 |  |
| Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 44,351 | 42,053 | 5,244 | 1,251 | 6,495 |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 43,875 | 16,471 | 11 | 105 | 116 |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 48,311 | 8,020 | 221 | 710 | 931 |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 31,092 | 3,358 | 742 | 0 | 742 |  |  |  |
| 1989 | 56,167 | 27,296 | 154 | 1,231 | 1,385 |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 52,188 | 27,506 | 114 | 1,075 | 1,189 |  |  |  |
| 1991 | 37,164 | 13,971 | 2,804 | 450 | 3,255 |  |  |  |
| 1992 | 35,612 | 11,930 | 1,226 | 7,778 | 9,004 |  |  |  |
| 1993 | 34,330 | 27,167 | 2,758 | 11,841 | 14,599 |  |  |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85-93 | 42,566 | 19,752 | 1,475 | 2,716 | 4,191 |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 38,426 | 11,063 | 3,712 | 321 | 4,033 | 789 | 2,923 |  |

[^10]Appendix B.5. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 106 commercial drift gillnet fisheries, 1964-1994. Catches do not include Blind Slough terminal area harvests. Effort may be less than the sum of effort from106-41/42 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, 1982-1994. Catches do not include Blind Slough terminal area harvest. Data based on SPA.


[^11]Appendix B.7. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1994. 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.8. Stock proportions and catches' of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 108 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1985-1994. Catches do not include Ohmer Creek terminal area harvests. Data based on SPA.

${ }^{8}$ There was no data available to determine the ratio of Tahltan to non-Tahltan Suikine stocks; a 1:1 ratio was assumed.

Appendix B.9. Salmon catch in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 (Sumner Strait) test fishery, 19841994.


Appendix B.10. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-41 and -42(Sumner Strait) test fishery, 1984-1994. Data based on SPA.

${ }^{\prime}$ All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

Appendix B.11. Salmon catch in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) test fishery, 19861994.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  | Boat <br> Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum |  |
| 1986 | 24 | 363 | 95 | 80 | 58 | 23.25 |
| 1987 | 1 | 899 | 589 | 1,705 | 467 | 384.00 |
| 1988 | 10 | 16 | 412 | 112 | 598 | 119.70 |
| 1989 | 4 | 37 | 464 | 431 | 329 |  |
| 1990 | There w | s no test fis | y in 1 |  |  |  |
| 1991 | There w | no test fis | y in 19 |  |  |  |
| 1992 | There w | no test fis | y in 19 |  |  |  |
| 1993 | There w | s no test fi | $y$ in 19 |  |  |  |
| 1994 | There w | no test fi | y in 19 |  |  |  |

Appendix B.12. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan Subdistrict 106-30 (Clarence Strait) test fishery, 1986-1994. Data based on SPA.


Appendix B.13. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 106 test fisheries 1984-1994.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  | Boat <br> Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 | 140 | 306 | 122.70 |
| 1987 | 25 | 3,558 | 1,388 | 5,822 | 1,208 | 892.10 |
| 1988 | 21 | 1,036 | 501 | 249 | 1,370 | 240.70 |
| 1989 | 15 | 2,080 | 739 | 6,500 | 1,185 | 60.20 |
| 1990 | 13 | 2,256 | 432 | 372 | 552 | 7.00 |
| 1991 | There we | re no test | eries in 1 |  |  |  |
| 1992 | There we | re no test | eries in |  |  |  |
| 1993 | There we | re no test | eries in |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 11.00 |

Appendix B.14. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 106 test fisheries, 1984-1994. Data based on SPA.

${ }^{2}$ All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

Appendix B.15. Salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 108 test fishery, 1984-1994.

|  | Catch |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Boat } \\ & \text { Hours } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum |  |  |
| 1984 | 37 | 641 | 11 | 822 | 813 |  |  |
| 1985 | 33 | 1,258 | 11 | 465 | 381 | 71.67 |  |
| 1986 | 79 | 564 | 3 | 36 | 315 | 72.15 |  |
| 1987 | 30 | 290 | 13 | 1,957 | 488 | 76.87 |  |
| 1988 | 65 | 451 | 9 | 1,091 | 1,009 | 126.83 |  |
| 1989 | 15 | 1,038 | 45 | 2,459 | 283 | 63.47 |  |
| 1990 | 19 | 866 | 45 | 942 | 643 | 7.00 |  |
| 1991 | 21 | 893 | 18 | 390 | 455 | 154.99 |  |
| 1992 | 26 | 1,299 | 23 | 855 | 252 | 79.00 |  |
| 1993 | 30 | 303 | 0 | 18 | 31 | 45.00 |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84-93 | 36 | 760 | 18 | 904 | 467 | 77.44 |  |
| 1994 | There was | no test fis | in 199 |  |  |  | . |

Appendix B.16. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaskan District 108 test fishery, 1985-1994. Data based on SPA.


Appendix B.17. Salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1979-1994.

| Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Permit <br> Days | Days |
|  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979 ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | 63 | 712 | 10,534 | 10,720 | 1,994 | 424 | 264 | 756.0 | 42.0 |
| 1980 |  | 1,488 | 18,119 | 6,629 | 736 | 771 | 362 | 668.0 | 41.0 |
| 1981 |  | 664 | 21,551 | 2,667 | 3,713 | 1,128 | 280 | 522.0 | 32.0 |
| 1982 |  | 1,693 | 15,397 | 15,904 | 1,782 | 722 | 828 | -1,063.0 | 71.0 |
| 1983 | 430 | 492 | 15,857 | 6,170 | 1,043 | 274 | 667 | 434.0 | 54.0 |
| $1984{ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 91 | 256 | 17,093 | 2,172 | 2,321 | 532 | 231 | 145.5 | 22.5 |
| 1986 | 365 | 806 | 12,411 | 2,278 | 107 | 295 | 192 | 239.0 | 13.5 |
| 1987 | 242 | 909 | 6,138 | 5,728 | 646 | 432 | 217 | 287.0 | 20.0 |
| 1988 | 201 | 1,007 | 12,766 | 2,112 | 418 | 730 | 258 | 320.0 | 26.5 |
| 1989 | 157 | 1,537 | 17,179 | 6,092 | 825 | 674 | 127 | 325.0 | 23.0 |
| 1990 | 680 | 1,569 | 14,530 | 4,020 | 496 | 499 | 188 | 328.0 | 29.0 |
| 1991 | 318 | 641 | 17,563 | 2,638 | 394 | 208 | 71 | 282.4 | 39.0 |
| 1992 | 89 | 873 | 21,031 | 1,850 | 122 | 231 | 129 | 235.5 | 55.0 |
| 1993 | 164 | 830 | 38,464 | 2,616 | 29 | 395 | 63 | 483.8 | 58.0 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 79.93 |  | 1,163 | 17,045 | 5,114 | 1,045 | 523 | 277 | 434.9 | 37.6 |
| 84-93 |  | 1,193 | 17,464 | 3,278 | 595 | 444 | 164 | 294.0 | 31.8 |
| 1994 | 158 | 1,016 | 38,462 | 3,377 | 89 | 173 | 75 | 430.1 | 74.0 |

${ }^{7}$ The lower river commercial catch in 1979 includes the upper river commercial catch.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ There was no commercial fishery in 1984.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ 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, 1979-1994. Stock compositions based on: scale circuli counts 1970-1983; SPA in 1985; average of SPA and GPA 1986; SPA in 1987 and 1988; and egg diameter in 1989-1994. Thermal mark data estimated from samples collected at Tahltan Lake.

| Year | Proportions |  | Catch |  | Thermal Marked <br> Tahltan |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tahltan | Tahltan | Tahltan | Tahltan | Prop. | Catch |
| 1979 | 0.433 | 0.567 | 4,561 | 5,973 |  |  |
| 1980 | 0.309 | 0.691 | 5,599 | 12,520 |  |  |
| 1981 | 0.476 | 0.524 | 10,258 | 11,293 |  |  |
| 1982 | 0.624 | 0.376 | 9,608 | 5,789 |  |  |
| 1983 | 0.422 | 0.578 | 6,692 | 9,165 |  |  |
| 1984' |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 | 0.623 | 0.377 | 10,649 | 6,444 |  |  |
| 1986 | 0.489 | 0.511 | 6,069 | 6,342 |  |  |
| 1987 | 0.225 | 0.775 | 1,380 | 4,758 |  |  |
| 1988 | 0.161 | 0.839 | 2,062 | 10,704 |  | . |
| 1989 | 0.164 | 0.836 | 2,813 | 14,366 |  |  |
| 1990 | 0.346 | 0.654 | 5,029 | 9,501 |  |  |
| 1991 | 0.634 | 0.366 | 11,136 | 6,427 |  |  |
| 1992 | 0.482 | 0.518 | 10,134 | 10,897 |  |  |
| 1993 | 0.537 | 0.463 | 20,662 | 17,802 |  |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 79.93 | 0.423 | 0.577 | 7,618 | 9,427 |  |  |
| 84-93 | 0.407 | 0.593 | 7,770 | 9,693 |  |  |
| 1994 | 0.616 | 0.384 | 23,678 | 14,784 | 0.101 | 3,887 |

Appendix B.19. Salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the upper Stikine River, 1975-1994.' Thermal mark data estimated from samples collected at Tahltan Lake.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  | Thermal <br> Marked <br> Tahltan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | PermitDays | 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* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . |  |
| 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 |  |
| 1983 |  | 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 |  |
| 1993 | 2 | 44 | 1,692 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 48.0 | 22.0 |  |
| Averages ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75-93 |  | 111 | 808 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |
| $84-93$ |  | 97 | 776 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 21.4 | 9.1 |  |
| 1994 | 1 | 76 | 2,466 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 68.0 | 50.0 | 379 |

${ }^{2}$ Catches in 1979 were included in the lower river commercial catches.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ There was no commercial fishery in 1984.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ 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, 1972-1994. Thermal mark data from samples collected at Tahltan Lake.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thermal <br> Marked <br> Tahlan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead |  |
|  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1972 |  |  | 4,373 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1973 |  | 200 | 3,670 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1974 |  | 100 | 3,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1975 |  | 1,024 | 1,982 | 5. | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1976 |  | 924 | 2,911 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1977 |  | 100 | 4,335 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1978 |  | 400 | 3,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1979 |  | 850 | 3,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1980 |  | 587 | 2,100 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1981 |  | 586 | 4,697 | 200 | 144 | 0 | 4 |  |
| 1982 |  | 618 | 4,948 | 40 | 60 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1983 | 215 | 851 | 4,649 | 3 | 77 | 26 | 46 |  |
| 1984 | 59 | 643 | 5,327 | 1 | 62 | 0 | 2 |  |
| 1985 | 94 | 793 | 7,287 | 3 | 35 | 4 | 9 |  |
| 1986 | 569 | 1,026 | 4,208 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 2 |  |
| 1987 | 183 | 1,183 | 2,979 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 2 |  |
| 1988 | 197 | 1,178 | 2,177 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |
| 1989 | 115 | 1,078 | 2,360 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1990 | 259 | 633 | 3,022 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 11 |  |
| 1991 | 310 | 753 | 4,439 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1992 | 131 | 911 | 4,431 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 |  |
| 1993 | 142 | 929 | 7,041 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |  |
| Averages ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 72-93 |  | 802 | 3,952 | 18 | 17 | 2 | 4 |  |
| 84-93 | 206 | 913 | 4,327 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 3 |  |
| 1994 | 191 | 698 | 4,167 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 641 |

${ }^{2}$ Chinook averages are for jacks and large fish combined.

Appendix B.21. Salmon and steelhead trout catch in the combined Canadian net fisheries in the Stikine River, 1972-1994. ESSR catches not included.

|  | Year | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thermal <br> Marked <br> Tahltan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead |  |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - | 1972 | 0 | 0 | 4,373 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1973 | 0 | 200 | 3,670 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1974 | 0 | 100 | 3,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1975 | 0 | 1,202 | 2,252 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1976 | 0 | 1,160 | 3,644 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1977 | 0 | 162 | 6,310 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1978 | 0 | 500 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 1979 | 63 | 1,562 | 13,534 | 10,720 | 1,994 | 424 | 264 |  |
|  | 1980 | 0 | 2,231 | 20,919 | 6,769 | 756 | 771 | 362 |  |
|  | 1981 | 0 | 1,404 | 27,017 | 2,867 | 3,857 | 1,128 | 284 |  |
| *-9.0. | 1982 | 0 | 2,387 | 20,540 | 15,944 | 1,842 | 722 | 828 | . |
|  | 1983 | 645 | 1,418 | 21,120 | 6,173 | 1,120 | 304 | 714 |  |
|  | 1984 ${ }^{\text {²}}$ | 59 | 643 | 5,327 | 1 | 62 | 0 | 2 |  |
|  | 1985 | 185 | 1,111 | 25,464 | 2,175 | 2,356 | 536 | 240 |  |
|  | 1986 | 975 | 1,936 | 17,434 | 2,280 | 107 | 307 | 194 |  |
|  | 1987 | 444 | 2,201 | 9,615 | 5,731 | 646 | 459 | 219 |  |
|  | 1988 | 444 | 2,360 | 15,291 | 2,117 | 418 | 733 | 261 |  |
|  | 1989 | 289 | 2,669 | 20,032 | 6,098 | 825 | 674 | 127 |  |
|  | 1990 | 959 | 2,250 | 18,024 | 4,037 | 496 | 499 | 199 |  |
|  | 1991 | 660 | 1,511 | 22,763 | 2,648 | 394 | 208 | 71 |  |
|  | 1992 | 239 | 1,840 | 26,284 | 1,855 | 122 | 231 | 132 |  |
|  | 1993 | 308 | 1,803 | 47,197 | 2,616 | 29 | 395 | 67 |  |
| \%... | Averages ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 72-93 |  | 1,633 | 15,423 | 3,277 | 683 | 336 | 180 |  |
|  | 84-93 | 456 | 1,832 | 20,743 | 2,956 | 546 | 404 | 151 |  |
|  | 1994 | 350 | 1,790 | 45,095 | 3,381 | 90 | 173 | 84 | 4,907 |

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

Appendix B.22. Salmon catches in the Stikine River harvested under Canadian ESSR licenses, 19921994.

| Year | Sockeye Thermal Marked |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1992 |  |  |
| 1993 | 1,752 |  |
| 1994 | 6,852 | 1,304 |

Appendix B.23. Salmon and steelhead trout catches and effort in Canadian test fisheries in the Stikine River, 1985-1994.


[^12]Appendix B.24. Sockeye salmon stock proportions and catch by stock in the test fishery in the lower Stikine River, 1985-1994. Stock composition based on: SPA 1985; average of SPA and GPA 1986-1988; egg diameter1989-1994. Thermal mark data from samples collected at Tahltan Lake.

| Year | Catch Tahltan |  | Proportion Tahltan |  | Average Proportion |  | Thermal Marked <br> Tahltan |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | non- |  |  |
|  | U.S. | Canada |  |  | U.S. | Canada | Tahltan | Tahltan | Catch | Prop. |
| 1985 | 560 | 439 | 0.418 | 0.328 | 0.372 | 0.628 |  |  |
| 1986 | 164 | 127 | 0.398 | 0.308 | 0.352 | 0.648 |  | - |
| 1987 | 513 | 397 | 0.308 | 0.238 | 0.273 | 0.727 |  |  |
| 1988 | 408 | 295 | 0.327 | 0.237 | 0.282 | 0.718 |  |  |
| 1989 |  | 414 |  | 0.258 | 0.258 | 0.742 |  |  |
| 1990 |  | 822 |  | 0.454 | 0.454 | 0.546 |  |  |
| 1991 |  | 1,443 |  | 0.608 | 0.608 | 0.392 |  |  |
| 1992 |  | 1,912 |  | 0.646 | 0.646 | 0.354 |  |  |
| 1993 |  | 2,184 |  | 0.583 | 0.583 | 0.417 |  |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85-93 |  |  |  |  | 0.425 | 0.575 |  | . |
| 1994 |  | 1,228 |  | 0.857 | 0.857 | 0.143 | 190 | 0.133 |

Appendix B.25. Estimated proportion of inriver run comprised of Tahltan Lake and non-Tahltan sockeye stocks, 1979-1994. Stock compositions based on: scale circuli counts 19791983; SPA in 1985; average of SPA and GPA 1986-1988; and egg diameter analysis in 1989-1994. 1994 data from commercial catch and CPUE.

| Year | Tahltan |  | Average ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | non- |
|  | U.S. | Canada | Tahltan | Tahltan |
| 1979 | 0.433 |  | 0.433 | 0.567 |
| 1980 | 0.305 |  | 0.305 | 0.695 |
| 1981 | 0.475 |  | 0.475 | 0.525 |
| 1982 | 0.618 |  | 0.618 | 0.382 |
| 1983 | 0.489 | 0.423 | 0.456 | 0.544 |
| 1984 | 0.635 | 0.394 | 0.493 | 0.507 |
| 1985 | 0.621 | 0.363 | 0.466 | 0.534 |
| 1986 | 0.398 | 0.500 | 0.449 | 0.551 |
| 1987 | 0.338 | 0.257 | 0.304 | 0.696 |
| 1988 | 0.209 | 0.122 | 0.172 | 0.828 |
| 1989 |  | 0.188 | 0.188 | 0.812 |
| 1990 |  | 0.417 | 0.417 | 0.583 |
| 1991 |  | 0.561 | 0.561 | 0.439 |
| 1992 |  | 0.496 | 0.496 | 0.504 |
| 1993 |  | 0.477 | 0.477 | 0.523 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |
| 79-93 |  |  | 0.421 | 0.579 |
| $84-93$ |  |  | 0.402 | 0.598 |
| 1994 |  | 0.606 | 0.606 | 0.394 |

Appendix B.26. Counts of adult sockeye salmon migrating through Tahltan Lake weir, 1959-1994.

| Year | Date of Arrival |  |  |  | Total Count | Broodstock | ESSR | Total Spawners | Natural Spawners | Hatchery <br> Spawners |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weir Installed | First | 50\% | 90\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1959 | 30-Jun | 02-Aug | 12-Aug | 16-Aug | 4,311 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1960 | 15-Jul | 02-Aug | 24-Aug | 27-Aug | 6,387 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1961 | 20-Jul | 09-Aug | 11-Aug | 15-Aug | 16,619 |  |  | . |  |  |
| 1962 ${ }^{\text {' }}$ | 01-Aug | 02-Aug | 05-Aug | 08-Aug | 14,508 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1963{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 03-Aug |  |  |  | 1,780 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1964 | 23-Jul | 26-Jul | 14-Aug | 25-Aug | 18,353 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1965 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 19-Jul | 18-Jul | 02-Sep | 07-Sep | 1,471 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1966 | 12-Jul | 03-Aug | 13-Aug | 21-Aug | 21,580 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1967 | 11-Jul | 14-Jul | 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-Jul | 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-Jul | 26-Jul | 03-Aug | 50,790 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1982 | 02-Jul | 10-Jul | 19-Jul | 29-Jul | 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-Jul | 04-Aug | 11-Aug | 20,280 | . |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 14-Jul | 21-Jul | 04-Aug | 13-Aug | 6,958 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 16-Jul | 16-Jul | 06-Aug | 14-Aug | 2,536 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1989 | 07-Jul | 09-Jul | 01-Aug | 14-Aug | 8,316 | 2,210 |  | 6,106 |  |  |
| 1990 | 06-Jul | 15-Jul | 26-Jul | 03-Aug | 14,927 | 3,302 |  | 11,625. |  |  |
| 1991 | 15-Jul | 17-Jul | 25-Jul | 07-Aug | 50,135 | 3,552 |  | 46,583 |  |  |
| 1992 | 10-Jul | 18-Jul | $25-\mathrm{Jul}$ | 03-Aug | 59,907 | 3,694 |  | 56,213 |  |  |
| 1993 | 10-Jul | 10-Jul | 28-Jul | 10-Aug | 53,362 | 4,506 | 1,752 | 47,104 | 46,074 | 1,030 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 59-93 | 10-Jul | 20-Jul | 31-Jul | 11-Aug | 22,339 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $84-93$ | 07-Jul | 16-Jul | 29-Jul | 08-Aug | 31,652 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 10-Jul | 14-Jul | 30-Jul | 09-Aug | 46,363 | 3,378 | 6,852 | 36,133 | 29,961 | 6,172 |

${ }^{8}$ Question as to date weir installed.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Daily counts unavailable.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ A slide occurred blocking the entrance for a while.

Appendix B.27. Aerial survey counts of non-Tahltan sockeye stocks in the Stikine River drainage, 1984-1994. The index represents the combined counts from eight spawning areas.

| Year | Chutine River | Scud <br> River | Porcupine Slough | Christina Creek | Craig River | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Bronson } \\ \text { Slough } \end{array}$ | Verrett Creek | Verrett Slough | Escapement Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1984 | 526 | 769 | 69 | 130 | 102 |  | 640 |  | 2,236 |
| 1985 | 253 | 282 | 69 | 67 | 27 |  | 383 |  | 1,081 |
| 1986 | 139 | 151 | 8 | 0 | 0 |  | 270 |  | 568 |
| 1987 | 0 | 490 | 62 | 6 | 30 |  | 103 |  | 691 |
| 1988 | 14 | 219 | 22 | 7 | 0 |  | 114 |  | 376 |
| 1989 | 29 | 269 | 133 | 10 | 60 | 60 | 180 | 68 | 809 |
| 1990 | 24 | 301 | 31 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 301 | 82 | 743 |
| 1991 | 0 | 100 | 61 |  | 7 | 32. | 179 | 8 | 387 |
| 1992. | 164 | 1,242 | 90 | 50 | 17 | 138 | 163 | 22 | 1,886 |
| 1993 | 57 | 321 | 141 | 28 | 2 | 79 | 107 | 142 | 877 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84-93 | 121 | 414 | 69 | 34 | 25 | 62 | 244 | 64 | 965 |
| 1994 | 267 | 292 | 66 |  |  | 62 | 147 | 114 | 948 |

Appendix B.28. Estimates of sockeye salmon smolt migrating through Tahltan Lake smolt weir, 19841994.

| $\cdots$ | Year | Weir Installed | Date of Arrival |  |  | Total Estimate | Natural Smolt | Hatchery Smolt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | First | 50\% | 90\% |  |  |  |
|  | 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 |  |  |
|  | $1987^{\circ}$ | 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 |  |  |
|  | $1991{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 05-May | 14-May | 21-May | 30-May | 1,487,265 | 1,220,397 | 266,868 |
|  | $1992{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 07-May | 13-May | 21-May | 27-May | 1,555,026 | 750,702 | 804,324 |
|  | 1993 | 07-May | 11-May | 17-May | 22-May | 3,255,045 | 2,855,562 | 399,483 |
|  | Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 84-93 | 05-May | 12-May | 23-May | 31-May | 1,054,545 | 1,608,887 | 490,225 |
|  | 1994 | 08-May | 08-May | 16-May | 12-Jun | 915,119 | 620,809 | 294,310 |

[^13]Appendix B.29. Weir counts of chinook salmon at Little Tahltan River, 1985-1994.

| Year | Weir Installed | First Arrival | $\begin{array}{r} 50 \% \\ \text { Arrival } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 90 \% \\ \text { Arrival } \end{array}$ | Total Count | Brood- stock and Other | Natural Spawners | Total Natural 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-Jul | 21-Jul | 30-Jul | 6,627 | -12 | 6,615 |  |
| 1993 | 20-Jun | 21-Jun | 16-Jul | 28-Jul | 11,449 | -24 | 11,425 |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $85-93$ | 25-Jun | 28-Jun | 21-Jul | 02-Aug | 5,530 |  | 5,526 |  |
| 1994 | 18-Jun | 28-Jun | 22-Jul | 02-Aug | 6,387 | -25 | 6,362 |  |
| Jack Chinook (fis | ¢ $<600 \mathrm{~mm}$ | h 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-Ju1 | 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-Jul | 24-Jul | 07-Aug | 313 |  |  | 4,819 |
| 1992 | 24-Jun | 12-Jul | 22-Jul | 30-Jul | 131 |  |  | 6,746 |
| 1993 | 20-Jun | 30-Jun | 14-Jul | 01-Aug | 60 |  |  | 11,485 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85-93 | 25-Jun | 02-Jul | 22-Jul | 03-Aug | 300 |  |  | 5,826 |
| 1994 | 18-Jun | 02-Jul | 22-Jul | 05-Aug | 121 |  |  | 6,483 |

Appendix B.30. Index counts of Stikine chinook escapements, 1979-1994. Counts do not include jacks (fish less than 600 mm mef length).

|  | Year | Little Tahltan Weir | Little <br> Tahltan <br> Aerial | Tahltan <br> Aerial | Beatty <br> Aerial | Andrew Foot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1979 |  | 1,166 | 2,118 |  | $382{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
|  | 1980 |  | 2,137 | 960 | 122 | $363{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | 1981 |  | 3,334 | 1,852 | 558 | $644{ }^{\text {ab }}$ |
|  | 1982 |  | 2,830 | 1,690 | 567 | $947{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | 1983 |  | 594 | 453 | 83 | $444{ }^{\text {ab }}$ |
|  | 1984 |  | 1,294 | . | 126 | 389 ab |
|  | 1985 | 3,114 | 1,598 | 1,490 | 147 | 319 |
|  | 1986 | 2,891 | 1,201 | 1,400 | 183 | 707 |
|  | 1987 | 4,783 | 2,706 | 1,390 | 312 | $788{ }^{\text {c }}$ |
|  | 1988 | 7,292 | 3,796 | 4,384 | 593 | 470 |
|  | 1989 | 4,715 | 2,527 | d | 362 | 530 |
|  | 1990 | 4,392 | 1,765 | 2,134 | 271 | 664 |
| -4- | 1991 | 4,506 | 1,768 | 2,445 | 193 | $400{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  | 1992 | 6,627 | 3,607 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 1,891 | 362 | $778{ }^{\text {c }}$ |
|  | 1993 | 11,425 | 3,770 | 2,249 | 757 | 1,060 |
|  | Averages |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 79-93 |  | 2,273 | 1,881 | 331 | 592 |
|  | 84-93 | 5,527 | 2,403 | 2,173 | 331 | 611 |
|  | 1994 | 6,360 | 2,422 | I | 184 | 572 |

${ }^{7}$ Numbers are weir counts.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ Count includes fish later removed for broodstock. LT 92.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Helicopter survey.
${ }^{\mathrm{d}}$ Not surveyed due to poor visibility. Tahltan 89.
${ }^{e}$ Fixed wing survey.
${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ Too murky to survey.

Appendix B.31. Index counts of Stikine coho salmon escapements, 1984-1994.

| Year and Date | Katete South | Katete <br> North | Craig | Jekill | Verret | Bronson Slough | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Scud } \\ \text { Slough } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 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 | - | - | 175 |  | 97 | 53 | 0 | 584 |
| 1989 10/29 | 336 | 896 | 992 | : | 848 | 120 | 707 | 90 | 55 | 4,044 |
| 19901030 | 94 | 548 | 810 |  | 494 |  | 664 | 430 |  | 3,040 |
| 1991 | 302 | 878 | 985 |  | 218 |  | 221 | 352 |  | 2,956 |
| 1992 | 295 | 1,346 | 949 |  | 320 |  | 462 | 316 |  | 3,688 |
| 1993 | * | . | : | - | - | - | 206 | 324 | - | - |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84-93 | 257 | 775 | 745 | 0 | 301 | 54 | 469 | 276 | 28 | 2,671 |
| 1994 | 28 | 652 | 1,026 |  | 466 | 448 | 1,105 |  |  | 3,030 |

[^14]Appendix B.32. Stikine River sockeye salmon run size, 1979-1994. Catches include test fishery catches.


[^15]Appendix C.1. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the Alaskan District 111 and Subdistrict 111-32 (Taku Inlet) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Chinook | Catch |  |  | Chum | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Days | Boat |
|  |  |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink |  | Boats | Open | Days |
| District 111 Catches |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 1,119 | 3,828 | 30 | 147 |  | 1,190 | 59 | 3.0 | 177.0 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 893 | 6,691 | 71 | 1,582 | 5,174 | 55 | 3.0 | 165.0 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 943 | 8,253 | 1,197 | 4,027 | 22,559 | 63 | 4.0 | 252.0 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 707 | 26,552 | 3,180 | 8,594 | 60,281 | 87 | 5.0 | 435.0 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 548 | 10,978 | 3,896 | 18,019 | 50,068 | . 96 | $4.0{ }^{\circ}$ | 384.0 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 444 | 17,848 | 6,264 | 40,061 | 32,202 | 83 | 4.0 | 332.0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 164 | 16,737 | 7,885 | 121,687 | 18,482 | 94 | 5.0 | 470.0 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 69 | 7,191 | 11,841 | 130,126 | 8,046 | 100 | 5.0 | 500.0 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 64 | 3,255 | 18,016 | 66,892 | 3,022 | 98 | 5.0 | 490.0 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 22 | 2,292 | 23,803 | 8,803 | 2,272 | 82 | 4.0 | 328.0 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 20 | 1,214 | 22,791 | 1,452 | 2,318 | 83 | 3.0 | 249.0 |
| 37 | 4-Sep | 15 | 650 | 33,214 | 124 | 2,265 | 88 | 3.0 | 264.0 |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 7 | 235 | 23,134 | 11 | 2,787 | 71 | 4.0 | 284.0 |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 10 | 92 | 11,392 | 0 | 1,868 | 83 | 4.0 | 332.0 |
| 40 | 25-Sep | 19 | 37 | 15,337 | 0 | 1,464 | 56 | 4.0 | 224.0 |
| 41 | 2-Oct | 2 | 8 | 6,383 | 0 | 169 | 47 | 4.0 | 188.0 |
| 42 | $9-\mathrm{Oct}$ | 1 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2.0 | 8.0 |
| Total |  | 5,047 | 105,861 | 188,501 | 401,525 | 214,171 |  | 66 | 5,082 |
| Alaskan hatchery contribution for chinook, sockeye, and coho: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 389 | 0 | - 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 478 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 604 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 566 | 58 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 237 | 287 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 382 | 1,013 | 67 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | 31-Ju1 | 185 | 391 | 76 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 0 | 576 | 195 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 8 | 130 | 1,095 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 38 | 92 | 2,437 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 49 | 3,663 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | 4-Sep | 19 | 26 | 2,962 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 0 | 9 | 6,536 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 0 | 4 | 819 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | 25-Sep | 0 | 1 | 7,134 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | 2-Oct | 0 | 0 | 2,110 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | $9-\mathrm{Oct}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  | 2,906 | 2,637 | 27,094 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catches not including Alaskan hatchery contribution: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 730 | 3,828 | 30 |  |  | 59 | 3 | 177 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 415 | 6,691 | 71 |  |  | 55 | 3 | 165 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 339 | 8,253 | 1,197 |  |  | 63 | 4 | 252 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 141 | 26,494 | 3,180 |  |  | 87 | 5 | 435 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 311 | 10,691 | 3,896 |  |  | 96 | 4 | 384 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 62 | 16,835 | 6,197 |  |  | 83 | 4 | 332 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | -21 | 16,346 | 7,809 |  |  | 94 | 5 | 470 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 69 | 6,615 | 11,646 |  |  | 100 | 5 | 500 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 56 | 3,125 | 16,921 |  |  | 98 | 5 | 490 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | -16 | 2,200 | 21,366 |  |  | 82 | 4 | 328 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 20 | 1,165 | 19,128 |  |  | 83 | 3 | 249 |
| 37 | 4-Sep | -4 | 624 | 30,252 |  |  | 88 | 3 | 264 |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 7 | 226 | 16,598 |  |  | 71 | 4 | 284 |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 10 | 88 | 10,573 |  |  | 83 | 4 | 332 |
| 40 | 25-Sep | 19 | 36 | 8,203 |  |  | 56 | 4 | 224 |
| 41 | $2-\mathrm{Oct}$ | 2 | 8 | 4,273 |  |  | 47 | 4 | 188 |
| 42 | 9-Oct | 1 | 0 | 67 |  |  | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Total |  | 2,141 | 103,224 | 161,407 |  |  |  | 66 | 5,082 |

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Appendix C.2. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan District 111 commercial Drift gillnet fishery, ${ }^{1} 1994$.


Appendix C.3. Weekly stock-specific catch of Taku sockeye salmon harvested in the Alaskan District 111 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1994.

| Week | Kuthai | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Little } \\ \text { Trapper } \end{array}$ | Mainstem | Little <br> Tatsamenie | Total Taku | Sweetheart | Crescent | Speel | Wild <br> Snetuisham |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 1,975 | 966 | 676 | 211 | 3,828 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 2,998 | 1,930 | 1,414 | 219 | 6,561 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 130 |
| 28 | 1,446 | 3,912 | 2,370 | 301 | 8,029 | 0 | 224 | 0 | 224 |
| 29 | 2,025 | 11,931 | 9,468 | 2,257 | 25,681 | 58 | 479 | 334 | 813 |
| 30 | 450 | 4,637 | 3,997 | 462 | 9,546 | 287 | 817 | 328 | 1,145 |
| 31 | 1,000 | 6,917 | 5,173 | 1,810 | 14,900 | 1,013 | 1,414 | 521 | 1,935 |
| 32 | 1,229 | 5,888 | 6,855 | 1,731 | 15,703 | 391 | 577 | 66 | 643 |
| 33 | 166 | 792 | 3,689 | 1,136 | 5,783 | 576 | 142 | 690 | 832 |
| 34 | 146 | 281 | 1,897 | 610 | 2,934 | 130 | 86 | 105 | 191 |
| 35 | 103 | 198 | 1,336 | 429 | 2,066 | 92 | 61 | 74 | 134 |
| 36 | 54 | 105 | 708 | 227 | 1,094 | 49 | 32 | 39 | 71 |
| 37 | 29 | 56 | 379 | 122 | 586 | 26 | 17 | 21 | 38 |
| 38 | 11 | 20 | 137 | 44 | 212 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| 39 | 4 | 8 | 54 | 17 | 83 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 40 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 7 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 41 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 11,638 | 37,644 | 38,179 | 9,585 | 97,046 | 2,637 | 3,859 | 2,319 | 6,178 |

Appendix C.4. Weekly salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1994.

| Week | Start <br> Date | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook |  | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Average <br> Permits | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Days } \\ & \text { Open } \end{aligned}$ | Permit Days |
|  |  | Jacks | Large |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 171 | 42 | 431 | 828 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 29 |
| 27 | 178 | 118 | 1,005 | 2,189 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 41 |
| 28 | 185 | 43 | 325 | 3,178 | 64 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 36 |
| 29 | 192 | 22 | 154 | 2,831 | 70 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 39 |
| 30 | 199 | 7 | 97 | 4,331 | 486 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 49 |
| 31 | 206 | 2 | 38 | 7,662 | 1,396 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 54 |
| 32 | 213 | 1 | 11 | 2,108 | 1,275 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 31 |
| 33 | 220 | 0 | 2 | 2,090 | 1,574 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 52 |
| 34 | 227 | 0 | 0 | 1,561 | 1,741 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 34 |
| 35 | 234 | 0 | 2 | 770 | 2,523 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 26 |
| 36 | 241 | 0 | 0 | 513 | 1,790 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 3 | 23 |
| 37 | 248 | 0 | 0 | 486 | 1,461 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 6 | 4 | 24 |
| 38 | 255 | 0 | 0 | 192 | 1,225 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 5 | 5 | 27 |
| 39 | 262 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 261 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| 40 | 269 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 196 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 41 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 176 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 42 | 283 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 217 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 43 | 290 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| 44 | 297 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Total |  | 235 | 2,065 | 28,762 | 14,531 | 168 | 18 | 232 |  | 74 | 497 |

Appendix C.5. Weekly stock proportions of sockeye salmon harvested in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1994.


Appendix C.6. Weekly stock-specific catch of sockeye salmon in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1994.


Appendix C.7. Mark-recapture estimate of above border run of sockeye and coho salmon in the Taku River, 1994.

| Tagging Week | Start Above |  | Canadian Harvests |  |  | Above <br> Border <br> Escapement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Date | Run | Commercial | Test | Aboriginal |  |
| Sockeye |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24-25 | 34,490 | 2,780 | 828 | 0 |  | 1,952 |
| 26 | 34,504 | 7,889 | 2,189 | 0 |  | 5,700 |
| 27 | 34,511 | 36,142 | 3,178 | 0 |  | 32,964 |
| 28-29 | 34,518 | 17,661 | 7,162 | 0 |  | 10,499 |
| 30-31 | 34,532 | 38,567 | 9,770 | 0 |  | 28,797 |
| 32-33 | 34,546 | 14,864 | 3,651 | 0 |  | 11,213 |
| 34-38 | 34,560 | 11,226 | 1,972 | 0 |  | 9,254 |
| Additional Weeks ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  | 12 |  |  | -12 |
| Total Number |  | 129,129 | 28,762 | 0 | 239 | 100,128 |
| 95\% C.I. | 120,815 | 137,443 |  |  |  |  |
| Coho |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27-29 | 34,511 | 3,348 | 621 |  |  | 2,727 |
| 30 | 34,518 | 5,026 | 1,396 |  |  | 3,630 |
| 31 | 34,525 | 3,988 | 1,275 |  |  | 2,713 |
| 32 | 34,532 | 4,308 | 1,574 |  |  | 2,734 |
| 33 | 34,539 | 9,827 | 1,741 |  |  | 8,086 |
| 34 | 34,546 | 15,029 | 2,523 |  |  | 12,506 |
| 35 | 34,553 | 7,904 | 1,790 |  |  | 6,114 |
| 36-39 | 34,560 | 49,213 | 3,143 |  |  | 46,070 |
| Additional Weeks |  |  | 468 |  |  |  |
| Through Week 39 |  | 98,643 | 14,531 | 0 | 162 | 83,950 |
| 95\% C.I. | 87,276 | 110,010 |  |  |  |  |
| Total Numberf |  | 111,036 |  |  |  | 96,343 |

[^16]Appendix C.8. Daily counts of salmon passing through Little Tatsamenie weir, 1994.


[^17]Appendix C.9. Daily counts of salmon passing through Little Trapper Lake weir, 1994.


[^18]Appendix C.10. Daily counts of salmon passing through Nakina River weir, 1994. These counts represent only a portion of the run above the Nakina River weir because the weir is installed after an unknown portion of the escapement has already passed. Additionally, in 1994 bears continually made holes in the weir allowing additional fish to pass uncounted.

| Date | Jack | Chinook ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | Sockeye |  |  | Pink |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chinook |  | Cumulative |  | Count | Cumulative |  | Count | Cumulative |  |
|  | Count | Count | Count | Percent |  | Count | Percent |  | Count | Percent |
| 30-Jul |  | Weir Installed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31-Jul |  | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 1-Aug |  | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2-Aug |  | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 3-Aug |  | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 4-Aug |  | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 5-Aug |  | 114 | 114 | 68.7 | 41 | 41 | 33.9 | 150 | 150 | 18.2 |
| 6-Aug |  | 8 | 122 | 73.5 | 6 | 47 | 38.8 | 185 | 335 | 40.7 |
| 7-Aug |  | 0 | 122 | 73.5 | 0 | 47 | 38.8 | 0 | 335 | 40.7 |
| 8-Aug |  | 29 | 151 | 91.0 | 7 | 54 | 44.6 | 210 | 545 | 66.2 |
| 9-Aug |  | 10 | 161 | 97.0 | 4 | 58 | 47.9 | 265 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 10-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 11-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 12-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 13-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 14-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 15-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 16-Aug |  | 0 | 161 | 97.0 | 0 | 58 | 47.9 | 0 | 810 | 98.4 |
| 17-Aug |  | 3 | 164 | 98.8 | 20 | 78 | 64.5 | 5 | 815 | 99.0 |
| 18-Aug |  | 0 | 164 | 98.8 | 0 | 78 | 64.5 | 0 | 815 | 99.0 |
| 19-Aug |  | 2 | 166 | 100.0 | 39 | 117 | 96.7 | 7 | 822 | 99.9 |
| 20-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 4 | 121 | 100.0 | 1 | 823 | 100.0 |
| 21-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 0 | 121 | 100.0 | 0 | 823 | 100.0 |
| 22-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 0 | 121 | 100.0 | 0 | 823 | 100.0 |
| 23-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 0 | 121 | 100.0 | 0 | 823 | 100.0 |
| 24-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 0 | 121 | 100.0 | 0 | 823 | 100.0 |
| 25-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 0 | 121 | 100.0 | 0 | 823 | 100.0 |
| 26-Aug |  | 0 | 166 | 100.0 | 0 | 121 | 100.0 | 0 | 823 | 100.0 |
| Totals |  | 166 |  |  | 121 |  |  | 823 |  |  |

[^19]Appendix C.11. Daily counts of salmon passing through the Nahlin River weir, 1994. These counts represent an unknown portion of the run above the weir because the weir was not operated throughout the run.

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| Date | JackChinook | Chinook |  |  | Sockeye |  |  | Coho |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Cumulative |  | Count | Cumulative |  | Count | Cumulative |  |
|  | Count |  | Count | Percent |  | Count | Percent |  | Count | Percent |
| 14-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 15 | 817 | 85.1 | 10 | 25 | 1.2 |
| 15-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 55 | 872 | 90.8 | 4 | 29 | 1.4 |
| 16-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 37 | 909 | 94.7 | 10 | 39 | 1.8 |
| 17-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 14 | 923 | 96.1 | 11 | 50 | 2.4 |
| 18-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 3 | 926 | 96.5 | 9 | 59 | 2.8 |
| 19-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 926 | 96.5 | 10 | 69 | 3.3 |
| 20-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 1 | 927 | 96.6 | 8 | 77 | 3.6 |
| 21-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 1 | 928 | 96.7 | 5 | 82 | 3.9 |
| 22-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 2 | 930 | 96.9 | 9 | 91 | 4.3 |
| 23-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 2 | 932 | 97.1 | 1 | 92 | 4.4 |
| 24-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 2 | 934 | 97.3 | 9 | 101 | 4.8 |
| 25-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 3 | 937 | 97.6 | 6 | 107 | 5.1 |
| 26-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 1 | 938 | 97.7 | 2 | 109 | 5.2 |
| 27-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 2 | 940 | 97.9 | 14 | 123 | 5.8 |
| 28-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 2 | 942 | 98.1 | 30 | 153 | 7.2 |
| 29-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 942 | 98.1 | 3 | 156 | 7.4 |
| 30-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 5 | 947 | 98.6 | 37 | 193 | 9.1 |
| 31-Aug | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 5 | 952 | 99.2 | 59 | 252 | 11.9 |
| 1-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 2 | 954 | 99.4 | 49 | 301 | 14.3 |
| 2-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 5 | 959 | 99.9 | 104 | 405 | 19.2 |
| 3-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 959 | 99.9 | 42 | 447 | 21.2 |
| 4-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 1 | 960 | 100.0 | 49 | 496 | 23.5 |
| 5-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 53 | 549 | 26.0 |
| 6-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 36 | 585 | 27.7 |
| 7-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 79 | 654 | 31.4 |
| 8-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 148 | 812 | 38.4 |
| 9-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 75 | 887 | 42.0 |
| 10-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 103 | 990 | 46.9 |
| 11-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 8 | 998 | 47.3 |
| 12-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 4 | 1,002 | 47.4 |
| 13-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 173 | 1,175 | 55.6 |
| 14-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 221 | 1,396 | 66.1 |
| 15-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 132 | 1,528 | 72.3 |
| 16-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 147 | 1,675 | 79.3 |
| 17-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 121 | 1,796 | 85.0 |
| 18-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 105 | 1,901 | 90.0 |
| 19-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 69 | 1,970 | 93.3 |
| 20-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 12 | 1,982 | 93.8 |
| 21-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 18 | 2,000 | 94.7 |
| 22-Sep | 0 | 0 | 2,447 | 100.0 | 0 | 960 | 100.0 | 112 | 2,112 | 100.0 |
| 23-Sep | --Weir | mantled |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Counts | 100 | 2,447 |  |  | 960 |  |  | 2,112 |  |  |

Appendix C.12. Daily counts of sockeye salmon passing through the Kuthai Lake weir, 1994.

|  | Cumulative |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Date | Count | Count | Percent |  |
|  | 17-Jul | Weir installed |  |  |  |
| - | 18-Jul | 6 | 6 | 0.1 |  |
| -- | 19-Jul | 631 | 637 | 11.7 |  |
|  | 20-Jul | 43 | 680 | 12.5 |  |
|  | 21-Jul | 159 | 839 | 15.5 |  |
|  | 22-Jul | 164 | 1,003 | 18.5 |  |
|  | 23-Jul | 182 | 1,185 | 21.8 | . |
|  | 24-Jul | 211 | 1,396 | 25.7 |  |
|  | 25-Jul | 250 | 1,646 | 30.3 | . |
|  | 26-Jul | 551 | 2,197 | 40.5 |  |
|  | 27-Jul | 300 | 2,497 | 46.0 |  |
|  | 28-Jul | 87 | 2,584 | 47.6 |  |
|  | 29-Jul | 498 | 3,082 | 56.8 |  |
|  | 30-Jul | 256 | 3,338 | 61.5 |  |
|  | 31-Jul | 174 | 3,512 | 64.7 |  |
|  | 1-Aug | 173 | 3,685 | 67.9 |  |
|  | 2-Aug | 115 | 3,800 | 70.0 |  |
|  | 3-Aug | 86 | 3,886 | 71.6 |  |
|  | 4-Aug | 252 | 4,138 | 76.2 |  |
|  | 5-Aug | 148 | 4,286 | 79.0 |  |
| - | 6-Aug | 74 | 4,360 | 80.3 |  |
|  | 7-Aug | 21 | 4,381 | 80.7 |  |
|  | 8-Aug | 75 | 4,456 | 82.1 |  |
|  | 9-Aug | 44 | 4,500 | 82.9 |  |
|  | 10-Aug | 44 | 4,544 | 83.7 |  |
|  | 11-Aug | 200 | 4,744 | 87.4 |  |
|  | 12-Aug | 39 | 4,783 | 88.1 |  |
|  | 13-Aug | 34 | 4,817 | 88.8 |  |
|  | 14-Aug | 37 | 4,854 | 89.4 |  |
| $\cdots$ | 15-Aug | 15 | 4,869 | 89.7 |  |
|  | 16-Aug | 44 | 4,913 | 90.5 |  |
|  | 17-Aug | 8 | 4,921 | 90.7 |  |
|  | 18-Aug | 5 | 4,926 | 90.8 |  |
|  | 19-Aug | 33 | 4,959 | 91.4 |  |
|  | 20-Aug | 54 | 5,013 | 92.4 |  |
|  | 21-Aug | 0 | 5,013 | 92.4 | - |
|  | 22-Aug | 11 | 5,024 | 92.6 |  |
|  | 23-Aug | 4 | 5,028 | 92.6 |  |
|  | 24-Aug | 6 | 5,034 | 92.8 |  |
|  | 25-Aug | 9 | 5,043 | 92.9 |  |
|  | 26-Aug | 132 | 5,175 | 95.4 |  |
|  | 27-Aug | 13 | 5,188 | 95.6 |  |
|  | 28-Aug | 9 | 5,197 | 95.8 |  |
|  | 29-Aug | 28 | 5,225 | 96.3 |  |
|  | 30-Aug | 5 | 5,230 | 96.4 |  |
|  | 31-Aug | 55 | 5,285 | 97.4 |  |
|  | 1-Sep | 74 | 5,359 | 98.7 |  |
|  | 2-Sep | 5 | 5,364 | 98.8 |  |
|  | 3-Sep | 4 | 5,368 | 98.9 |  |
|  | 4-Sep | 2 | 5,370 | 98.9 |  |
|  | 5-Sep | 8 | 5,378 | 99.1 |  |
|  | 6-Sep | 3 | 5,381 | 99.2 |  |
|  | 7-Sep | 13 | 5,394 | 99.4 |  |
|  | 8 -Sep | 16 | 5,410 | 99.7 |  |
|  | 9-Sep | 6 | 5,416 | 99.8 |  |
|  | 10-Sep | 0 | 5,416 | 99.8 |  |
| $\cdots$ | 11-Sep | 0 | 5,416 | 99.8 |  |
|  | 12-Sep | 0 | 5,416 | 99.8 |  |
|  | 13-Sep | 11 | 5,427 | 100.0 |  |
|  | Total | 5,427 |  |  |  |

Appendix D.1. Salmon catches and effort in the Alaskan District 111 and Subdistrict 111-32 (Taku Inlet) commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1964-1994. Days open are for the entire district and include openings to harvest spawner chinook salmon, 1964-1975.

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Appendix D.2. Stock proportions and catches of sockeye salmon in the Alaska District 111 commercial drift gillnet fishery, 1983-1994. Data based on analysis of scale patterns and incidence of brain parasites.

| Week | Kuthai | Little Trapper | Mainstem | Little <br> nenie | TotalTaku Sweetheart |  | Crescent | Speel 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 ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | 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 |
| 1993 | 0.062 | 0.328 | 0.308 | 0.123 | 0.822 |  | 0.069 | 0.109 | 0.178 |
| Averages ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 0.063 | 0.243 | 0.349 | 0.164 | 0.813 |  | 0.113 | 0.067 | 0.187 |
| 1994 | 0.110 | 0.356 | 0.361 | 0.091 | 0.917 | 0.025 | 0.036 | 0.022 | 0.058 |
| 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 |
| $1989{ }^{\text { }}$ | 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 |
| 1993 | 10,673 | 56,350 | 52,876 | 21,139 | 141,038 |  | 11,877 | 18,641 | 30,518 |
| Averages ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 5,861 | 26,713 | 36,998 | 18,464 | 75,949 |  | 9,469 | 6,912 | 15,149 |
| 1994 | 11,638 | 37,644 | 38,179 | 9,585 | 97,046 | 2,637 | 3,859 | 2,319 | 6,178 |

${ }^{3}$ The Trapper and Mainstem groups were combined in the 1989 analysis.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ 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 by week, 1983-1994. Data based on scale patterns and incidence of brain parasites.

| Year | Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |  |
| 1983 |  | 0.996 | 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 |
| 1993 |  | 0.961 | 0.901 | 0.837 | 0.856 | 0.781 | 0.790 | 0.829 | 0.738 | 0.706 | 0.822 |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 83-93 | 0.952 | 0.971 | 0.909 | 0.865 | 0.797 | 0.722 | 0.790 | 0.780 | 0.764 | 0.723 | 0.813 |
| 1994 |  | 1.000 | 0.981 | 0.973 | 0.967 | - 0.870 | 0.835 | 0.938 | 0.804 | 0.901 | 0.917 |

Appendix D.4. Salmon catch in the U.S. subsistence and personal use fisheries in the Taku River, 1967-1994. The subsistence fishery was open 1967 to 1976 and 1985 and the personal use fishery was open 1989-1994.


Appendix D.5. Salmon and steelhead trout catch and effort in the Canadian commercial fishery in the Taku River, 1979-1994.

| Year | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Chinook |  |  | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead | Boat <br> Days | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Days } \\ & \text { Open } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Jack | Large | Sockeye |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979 |  | 97 | 13,578 | 6,006 | 13,661 | 15,474 | 254 | 599 | 50 |  |
| 1980 |  | 225 | 22,602 | 6,405 | 26,821 | 18,516 | 457 | 476 | 39 |  |
| 1981 |  | 159 | 10,922 | 3,607 | 10,771 | 5,591 | 108 | 243 | 31 |  |
| 1982 |  | 54 | 3,144 | 51 | 202 | 3 | 1 | 38 | 13 |  |
| 1983 | 400 | 156 | 17,056 | 8,390 | 1,874 | 1,760 | 213 | 390 | 64 |  |
| 1984 | 221 | 294 | 27,242 | 5,357 | 6,964 | 2,492 | 367 | 288 | 30 |  |
| 1985 | 24 | 326 | 14,244 | 1,770 | 3,373 | 136 | 32 | 178 | 16 |  |
| 1986 | 77 | 275 | 14,739 | 1,783 | 58 | 110 | 48 | 148 | 17 | . |
| 1987 | 106 | 127 | 13,554 | 5,599 | 6,250 | 2,270 | 223 | 280 | 26 |  |
| 1988 | 186 | 555 | 12,014 | 3,123 | 1,030 | 733 | 86 | 185 | 15 |  |
| 1989 | 139 | 895 | 18,545 | 2,876 | 695 | 42 | 24 | 271 | 25 |  |
| 1990 | 128 | 1,258 | 21,100 | 3,207 | 378 | 12 | 22 | 295 | 28 |  |
| 1991 | 432 | 1,177 | 25,067 | 3,415 | 296 | 2 | 5 | 284 | 25 |  |
| 1992 | 147 | 1,445 | 29,472 | 4,077 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 291 | 27 |  |
| 1993 | 171 | 1,619 | 33,217 | 3,033 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 363 | 34 |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 79-93 ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |  | 713 | 18,433 | 3,913 | 4,826 | 3,144 | 124 | 289 | 29 |  |
| 84-93 | 163 | 797 | 20,919 | 3,424 | 1,906 | 582 | 83 | 258 | 24 |  |
| 1994 | 235 | 2,065 | 28,762 | 14,531 | 168 | 18 | 232 | 497 | 74 |  |

${ }^{4}$ Chinook average is 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, 1986-1994. Data based on scale pattern analysis.

' The Trapper and Mainstem groups were combined in the 1989 analysis.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Averages do not include 1989.

Appendix D.7. Salmon catches in the Canadian aboriginal fishery on the Taku River, 1980-1994.


Appendix D.8. Salmon and steelhead trout catch in the Canadian test fishery in the Taku River, 19871994.

|  | Year | Catch |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Steelhead |
|  | 1987 |  | 237 | 807 |  |  |  |
|  | 1988 | 72 | 708 | 422 | 52 | 222 | 14 |
| $\ldots$ | 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 |
|  | 1993" | 0 | 166 | 1,593 | 0 | 50 | 13 |
|  | Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 87-93 | 25 | 258 | 1,084 | 9 | 109 | 34 |
|  | 1994 | There was no Canadian test fishery in 1994. |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix D.9. Sockeye salmon escapement estimates of Taku River and Port Snettisham sockeye stocks, 1979-1994. Spawners equals escapement to the weir minus fish collected for brood stock.

${ }^{7}$ Mark-recapture estimates.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Weir count plus spawning ground survey.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Weir counts are incomplete.
${ }^{\text {d }}$ 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, 1975-1994.

${ }^{2}$ Partial survey.
${ }^{6}$ Extrapolated results.

Appendix D.11. Taku River (above border) coho salmon run size, 1987-1994.

| Year | Canadian Catch |  |  | Above Border |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Commercial | Food | Test | Escapement | Run |
| 1987 | 5,599 | 113 | 807 | 55,457 | 61,976 ${ }^{\text {- }}$ |
| 1988 | 3,123 | 98 | 422 | 39,450 | $43,093{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| 1989 | 2,876 | 146 | 1,011 | 56,808 | 60,841 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| 1990 | 3,207 | 6 | 472 | 72,196 | 75,881 d |
| 1991 | 3,415 | 20 | 2,004 | 127,484 | 132,923 |
| 1992 | 4,077 | 187 | 1,277 | 84,624-108,145 | 90,165-113,686 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| 1993 | 3,033 | 8 | 1,593 | 109,457 | 114,091 ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |
| 87-93 | 3,619 | 83 | 1,084 | 76,809 ${ }^{\text {8 }}$ | 81,468 ${ }^{\text {8 }}$ |
| 1994 | 14,531 | 162 | 0 | 96,343 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 111,036 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |

${ }^{2}$ Mark-recapture estimate through $9 / 20$ was 43,570 . Run through 10/05 estimated using inriver test fish CPUE.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Mark-recapture estimate through 9/18.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Mark-recapture estimate through 10/01.
${ }^{\text {d }}$ A second method of estimating the above border run by expanding test fishery CPUE yielded an estimate of 85,053 coho salmon.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ 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.
' Inriver estimate through week 37 expanded by dividing by proportion of District 111 CPUE of wild coho (. 54409 ) through week 37.
${ }^{8}$ Escapement and run averages do not include 1992.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ Inriver estimate through week 39 expanded by dividing by proportion of District 111 CPUE of wild coho ( 0.8884 ) through week 39.

Appendix D.12. Escapement counts of Taku River coho salmon, 1984-1994. Counts are for age-. 1 fish and do not include jacks.

| Year | Yehring Creek Weir | Yehring Creek Ar/Foot | Sockeye Creek Ar/Foot | Johnson Creek $\mathrm{Ar} /$ Foot |  | Flannigan Tatsamenie |  | Hacket River Weir | Dudidontu River Aerial | Upper Nahlin R. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Aerial | Weir |  |  | Aerial | Weir |
| 1984 |  | 2,900 | 275 | 235 | 700 | 1,480 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1985 |  | 560 | 740 | 150 | 1,000 | 2,320 | 201 | 1,031 |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 2,116 | 1,200 | 174 | 70 | 53 | 1,095 | 344 | 2,723 | 108 | 318 |  |
| 1987 | 1,627 | 565 | 980 | 150 | 250 | 2,100 | 173 | 1,715 | 276 | 165 |  |
| 1988 | 1,423 | 658 | 585 | 500 | 1,215 | 1,308 | 663 | 1,260 | 367 | 694 | 1,322 |
| 1989 | 1,570 | 600 | 400 | 400 | 235 | 1,670 | 712 |  | 115 | 322 |  |
| 1990 | 2,522 | 220 | 193 |  | 425 | 414 | . 669 |  | 25 | 256 |  |
| 1991 |  | 475 | 399 | 120 | 1,378 | 1,348 | 1,101 |  | 458 | 176 |  |
| 1992 |  | 1,267 | 594 | 654 | 478 | 1,288 | 730 |  |  |  | 970 |
| 1993 |  | 250 | 130 | 90 | 380 | 70 | 88 |  |  |  | 326 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84-93 | 1,852 | 870 | 447 | 263 | 611 | 1,309 | 520 | 1,682 | 225 | 322 | 873 |
| 1994 |  | 500 | 60 | 450 | 200 | 50 | 168 |  |  |  | 2,112 |

## Notes:

Weir count combined with spawning ground count: Tats 88-90, Yeh 86-87, Nahlin 92.
Incomplete weir count: Tats 85-87, 93 and Nahlin 92.
Count is an average of surveys by different observers: Flan 86, 87, 88, 90, 91; Sockeye 86, 87, 88, 90, 91; Fish 86, 88, 90, 91; Yehring 87, 88, $91,92$.
Includes mark-recapture estimate: Yeh 89, 90.
Poor survey conditions: Nahlin 91.
Foot survey: Yehring 92, Sockeye 92.
Surveys conducted before peak abundance on spawning grounds: Flan 93, 94.

Appendix D.13. Taku River sockeye salmon run size, 1984-1994. Run estimate does not include spawning escapements below the U.S./Canada border.

| Year | Canadian Catch |  |  | Above |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Commercial | Food | Test | Escapement | Run | Catch ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | Run |
| 1984 | 27,242 | 50 |  | 106,122 | 133,414 | 58,543 | 191,957 |
| 1985 | 14,244 | 167 |  | 103,749 | 118,160 | 74,733 | 192,893 |
| 1986 | 14,739 | 200 |  | 90,170 | 105,109 | 60,934 | 166,043 |
| 1987 | 13,554 | 96 | 237 | 73,243 | 87,130 | 55,154 | 142,284 |
| 1988 | 12,014 | 245 | 708 | 74,061 | 87,028 | 25,811 | 112,839 |
| 1989 | 18,545 | 53 | 207 | 95,263 | 114,068 | 63,554 | 177,622 |
| 1990 | 21,100 | 89 | 285 | 92,780 | 114,254 | 110,059 | 224,313 |
| 1991 | 25,067 | 150 | 163 | 125,127 | 150,507 | 105,606 | 256,113 |
| 1992 | 29,472 | 352 | 38 | 132,141 | 162,003 | 124,470 | 286,473 |
| 1993 | 33,217 | 140 | 166 | 105,031 | 138,554 | 143,892 | 282,446 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84-93 | 20,919 | 154 | 258 | 99,769 | 121,023 | 82,276 | 203,298 |
| 1994 | 28,762 | 239 | 0 | 100,128 | 129,129 | 98,157 | 227,286 |

[^20]Appendix D.14. Canyon Island fish wheel salmon counts and periods of operation on the Taku River, 1983-1994.


Appendix E.1. Weekly salmon catch and effort in the U.S. commercial fishery in the Alsek River, 1994.

| Week | Start | Catch |  |  |  |  | Effort |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Days |  |
|  |  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Boats | Open | Days |
| 24 | 5-Jun | 316 | 1,034 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 1.0 | 23.0 |
| 25 | 12-Jun | 194 | 1,073 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1.0 | 27.0 |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 62 | 886 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1.0 | 26.0 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 76 | 3,138 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 2.0 | 50.0 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 12 | 4,655 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 3.0 | 72.0 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 45 | 1,833 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| 30 | 17-Jul | 1 | 2,377 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3.0 | 21.0 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 21 | 1,171 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 4.0 | 24.0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 0 | 1,208 | 5 | 0 | 3 | a | 4.0 | , |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 0 | 1,273 | 4 | 0 | 0 | a | 4.0 | - |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 77 | 711 | 52 | 0 | 4 | a | 4.0 | - |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 161 | 135 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4.0 | 16.0 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 50 | 142 | 0 | 0 | a | 4.0 | - |
| 37 | 4-Sep | 0 | 51 | 914 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5.5 | 27.5 |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 1 | 13 | 1,268 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5.5 | 27.5 |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 0 | 5 | 1,312 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 4.0 | 28.0 |
| 40 | $25-\mathrm{Sep}$ | 0 | 0 | 348 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4.0 | 12.0 |
| 41 | 2-Oct | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 | 0.0 |
| Total |  | 805 | 19,639 | 4,182 | 0 | 32 | 172 | 61.0 | 416.0 |

[^21]Appendix E.2. Weekly salmon catch and effort' in the Canadian aboriginal and sport fisheries in the Alsek River, 1994. Total catches do not include released fish.

| Week | Date | Chinook |  |  |  | Sockeye |  |  |  | Coho |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sport | Release | Aboriginal | Total | Sport | Release | Aboriginal | Total | Sport | Release | Aboriginal | Total |
| 24 | 5-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |
| 25 | 12-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | 19-Jun | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 26-Jun | 28 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 3-Jul | 59 | 25 | 7 | 66 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 10-Jul | 49 | 53 | 23 | 72 | 0 | 18 | 1 | . 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | . 17-Jul | 44 | 8 | 101 | 145 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | 24-Jul | 12 | 14 | 112 | 124 | 0 | 6 | 94 | 94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | 31-Jul | 1 | 1 | 45 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | 7-Aug | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | 14-Aug | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 30 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35 | 21-Aug | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | 28-Aug | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | 4-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 16 | 592 | 658 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | 11-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 29 | 460 | 522 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39 | 18-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 22 | 321 | 367 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 12 |
| 40 | 25-Sep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 23 | 12 | 49 | 19 | 12 | 0 | 19 |
| 41 | 2-Oct | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 17 | 0 | 38 | 27 | 20 | 0 | 27 |
| 42 | $9 . \mathrm{Oct}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 22 | 0 | 19 |
| Total ${ }^{2}$ |  | 197 | 106 | 289 | 486 | 261 | 163 | 1,745 | 2,006 | 69 | 54 | 8 | 77 |

Appendix E.3. Daily counts of salmon passing th̀rough Klukshu River weir, 1994.

|  | Chinook ${ }^{\text { }}$ |  |  | Sockeye |  |  | Coho |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Cumu |  |  | Cumu |  |  | Cumu |  |  |
| Date | Daily | Daily | Prop. | Daily | Daily | Prop. | Daily | Daily | Prop. |  |
| 12-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 13-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 14-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 15-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 16-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 17-Jun | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 18-Jun | 1 | 1 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 19-Jun | 1 | 2 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 20-Jun | 1 | 3 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 21-Jun | 2 | 5 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 22-Jun | 2 | 7 | 0.002 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | . 0.000 |  |
| 23-Jun | 2 | 9 | 0.002 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 24-Jun | 2 | 11 | 0.003 | 2 | 2 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 25-Jun | 2 | 13 | 0.003 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 26-Jun | 2 | 15 | 0.004 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 27-Jun | 3 | 18 | 0.005 | 2 | 4 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 28-Jun | 3 | 21 | 0.006 | 1 | 5 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 29-Jun | 1 | 22 | 0.006 | 1 | 6 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 30-Jun | 8 | 30 | 0.008 | 0 | 6 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 1-Jul | 9 | 39 | 0.010 | 4 | 10 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 2-Jul | 8 | 47 | 0.013 | 1 | 11 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 3-Jul | 5 | 52 | 0.014 | 3 | 14 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 4-Jul | 10 | 62 | 0.017 | 2 | 16 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 5 -Jul | 11 | 73 | 0.020 | 3 | 19 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 6 -Jul | 18 | 91 | 0.024 | 4 | 23 | 0.002 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 7-Jul | 34 | 125 | 0.033 | 8 | 31 | 0.002 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 8-Jul | 331 | 456 | 0.122 | 130 | 161 | 0.011 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 9-Jul | 83 | 539 | 0.144 | 18 | 179 | 0.012 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 10-Jul | 33 | 572 | 0.153 | 22 | 201 | 0.013 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 11-Jul | 245 | 817 | 0.219 | 126 | 327 | 0.022 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 12-Jul | 111 | 928 | 0.248 | 49 | 376 | 0.025 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 13-Jul | 187 | 1,115 | 0.299 | 81 | 457 | 0.030 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 14-Jul | 122 | 1,237 | 0.331 | 64 | 521 | 0.035 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 15-Jul | 118 | 1,355 | 0.363 | 37 | 558 | 0.037 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 16 -Jul | 287 | 1,642 | 0.440 | 38 | 596 | 0.040 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 17-Jul | 80 | 1,722 | 0.461 | 9 | 605 | 0.040 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 18-Jul | 60 | 1,782 | 0.477 | 28 | 633 | 0.042 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 19-Jul | 311 | 2,093 | 0.560 | 131 | 764 | 0.051 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 20-Jul | 296 | 2,389 | 0.640 | 423 | 1,187 | 0.079 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 21-Jul | 91 | 2,480 | 0.664 | 76 | 1,263 | 0.084 | 0 | 0 | . 0.000 |  |
| 22-Jul | 80 | 2,560 | 0.685 | 215 | 1,478 | 0.098 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 23-Jul | 31 | 2,591 | 0.694 | 71 | 1,549 | 0.103 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 24-Jul | 37 | 2,628 | 0.704 | 26 | 1,575 | 0.105 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 25-Jul | 21 | 2,649 | 0.709 | 38 | 1,613 | 0.107 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 26-Jul | 206 | 2,855 | 0.764 | 101 | 1,714 | 0.114 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 27-Jul | 201 | 3,056 | 0.818 | 196 | 1,910 | 0.127 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 28-Jul | 70 | 3,126 | 0.837 | 52 | 1,962 | 0.130 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 29-Jul | 21 | 3,147 | 0.843 | 68 | 2,030 | 0.135 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 30-Jul | 108 | 3,255 | 0.871 | 128 | 2,158 | 0.144 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 31-Jul | 11 | 3,266 | 0.874 | 6 | 2,164 | 0.144 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 1-Aug | 65 | 3,331 | 0.892 | 307 | 2,471 | 0.164 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 2-Aug | 24 | 3,355 | 0.898 | 29 | 2,500 | 0.166 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 3-Aug | 115 | 3,470 | 0.929 | 312 | 2,812 | 0.187 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 4-Aug | 10 | 3,480 | 0.932 | 3 | 2,815 | 0.187 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 5-Aug | 47 | 3,527 | 0.944 | 41 | 2,856 | 0.190 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 6-Aug | - 62 | 3,589 | 0.961 | 108 | 2,964 | 0.197 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 7-Aug | 29 | 3,618 | 0.969 | 58 | 3,022 | 0.201 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 8-Aug | 36 | 3,654 | 0.978 | 29 | 3,051 | 0.203 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |
| 9-Aug | 2 | 3,656 | 0.979 | 23 | 3,074 | 0.204 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |  |

[^22]Appendix E.3. (page 2 of 3.)

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- Jack chinook included in the counts.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Estimate of fish holding below weir during removal.

Appendix E.4. Salmon catch and effort in the U.S. commercial fishery in the Alsek River, 1964-1994.


Appendix E.5. Salmon catch in the U.S. subsistence and personal use fisheries in the Alsek River, 1976-1994. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

|  | Year | Catch |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho |
|  | 1976 | 13 | 51 | 5 |
|  | 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 | 0 |
|  | 1986 | 22 | 241 | 45 |
|  | 1987 | 27 | 173 | 31 |
|  | 1988 | 13 | 148 | 9 |
|  | 1989 | 20 | 131 | 34 |
|  | 1990 | 85 | 144 | 12 |
|  | $1991$ | 38 | $104$ | 0 |
| 2 | $1992$ | 15 | 37 | 44 |
|  | 1993 | 37 | 80 | 30 |
|  | Averages |  |  |  |
|  | 76-93 | 37 | 96 | 32 |
|  | 84-93 | $30^{\circ}$ | 128 | 23 |
|  | 1994 | 60 | 47 | 20 |

[^23]Appendix E.6. Salmon catches in the Canadian aboriginal and sport fisheries in the Alsek River, 19761994.

| Year | Chinook |  |  | Sockeye |  |  | Coho ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aboriginal | Sport | Total | Aboriginal | Sport | Total | Aboriginal | Sport | Total |
| 1976 | 150 | 200 | 350 | 4,000 | 600 | 4,600 | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| 1977 | 350 | 300 | 650 | 10,000 | 500 | 10,500 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| 1978 | 350 | 300 | 650 | 8,000 | 500 | 8,500 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| 1979 | 1,300 | 650 | 1,950 | 7,000 | 750 | 7,750 | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| 1980 | 150 | 200 | 350 | 800 | 600 | 1,400 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| 1981 | 150 | 315 | 465 | 2,000 | 808 | 2,808 | 0 | 109 | 109 |
| 1982 | 400 | 224 | 624 | 5,000 | 755 | 5,755 | 0 | 109 | 109 |
| 1983 | 300 | 312 | 612 | 2,550 | 732 | 3,282 | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| 1984 | 100 | 475 | 575 | 2,600 | 289 | 2,889 | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| 1985 | 175 | 250 | 425 | 1,361 | 100 | 1,461 | 50 | 100 | 150 |
| 1986 | 102 | 165 | 267 | 1,914 | 307 | 2,221 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 1987 | 125 | 367 | 492 | 1,158 | 383 | 1,541 | 0 | 49 | 49 |
| 1988 | 43 | 249 | 292 | 1,604 | 322 | 1,926 | 0 | 192 | 192 |
| 1989 | 234 | 272 | 506 | 1,851 | 319 | 2,170 | 0 | 227 | 227 |
| 1990 | 202 | 555 | 757 | 2,314 | 392 | 2,706 | 0 | 75 | 75 |
| 1991 | 509 | 388 | 897 | 2,111 | 303 | 2,414 | 0 | 227 | 227 |
| 1992 | 148 | 103 | 251 | 2,592 | 582 | 3,174 | 0 | 213 | 213 |
| 1993 | 152 | 171 | 323 | 2,361 | 329 | 2,690 | 0 | 37 | 37 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 76-93 | 274 | 305 | 580 | 3,290 | 476 | 3,766 | 3 | 121 | 124 |
| 84-93 | 179 | 300 | 479 | 1,987 | 333 | 2,319 | 5 | 115 | 120 |
| 1994 | 289 | 197 | 486 | 1,745 | 261 | 2,006 | 8 | 69 | 77 |

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.

| Year | Chinook ${ }^{\text {²}}$ |  | Sockeye |  |  | Escape. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Coho ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | Escape. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Early ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Late | Total |  | 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 |  |
| 1993 | 3,302 | 3,220 | 5,369 | 11,371 | 16,740 | 14,921 | 788 | 788 |  |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 76-93 | 2,416 | 2,140 | 3,296 | 15,871 | 19,167 | 16,125 | 1,373 |  |  |
| 84-93 | 2,202 | 2,069 | 3,093 | 15,013 | 18,106 | 16,458 | 1,781 |  |  |
| 1994 - | 3,735 | 3,628 | 3,247 | 11,791 | 15,038 | 13,892 | 1,232 | 1,232 |  |

[^24]Appendix E.8. Alsek River sockeye counts from U.S. and Canadian aerial surveys and from the electronic counter at Village Creèk, 1985-1994.

| Year | U.S. Aerial Surveys ${ }^{\text {² }}$ |  |  |  | Canadian Aerial Surveys ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  | Village Creek Counter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Basin } \\ & \text { Creek } \end{aligned}$ | Cabin Creek | Muddy Creek | Tanis River | Tatshenshini River | Neskataheen Lake |  |
| 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 |
| 1990 | 275 | 300 |  | 3,500 |  | . . | 7,500 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |
| 1991 |  |  |  | 800 |  |  | 5,670 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| 1992 | 1,000 | 10 |  | 350 |  |  | 11,485 ${ }^{\text {f }}$ |
| 1993 | 4,800 |  |  | 900 |  |  | 3,135 ${ }^{\text {8 }}$ |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85-93 | 1,243 | 177 | 300 | 1,498 | 886 | 969 | 5,145 |
| 1994 | 250 |  |  | 600 |  |  | 4,007 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |

'Surveys not made every year at each tributary.
${ }^{6}$ Includes several streams from Lo-Fog to Goat Creek.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Incomplete count due to machine malfunction.
${ }^{\text {d }}$ Estimated count based on absolute electronic records $(5,313)$ and the total number of non-operational days.
${ }^{2}$ Estimated count based on absolute electronic records $(3,981)$ and the total number of non-operational days.
${ }^{\text {' }}$ Counts were estimated during the non-operational days by averaging the counts recorded three days before and before and three days after the malfunction.
${ }^{5}$ Estimated count based on absolute electronic records $(2,101)$ and the total number of non-operational days.
${ }^{5}$ Estimated count based on absolute electronic records $(3,921)$ and the total number of non-operational days.

Appendix E.9. Aerial survey index counts of Alsek chinook salmon escapements, 1984-1994.

${ }^{7}$ Not surveyed due to poor visibility.

Appendix E.10. Aerial survey counts of coho salmon from U.S. lower Alsek River tributaries, 19841994.

|  | Year | Combined U.S. <br> Tributary Counts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1985 | 450 |
|  | 1986 | 1,100 |
|  | 1987 | 100 |
|  | 1988 | 1,900 |
|  | 1989 | 1,990 |
|  | 1990 | 1,600 |
|  | 1991 | 500 * |
|  | 1992 | 1,010 * |
| $\cdots$ | 1993 | 800 " |
| Averages |  |  |
|  | 85-93 | 1,050 |
|  | 1994 | 975 * |

[^25]
[^0]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ U.S. forecast were as follows: the preseason forecast was used for weeks 25,26 , and 27 ; and the forecast based on District 106 CPUE was used for the remainder of the sockeye season.
    ${ }^{6}$ Canadian forecasts were as follows: the preseason forecast was used for weeks 25,26 , and 27; the forecast based on test fishery data was used in weeks 28 and 29; and the forecasts based on inriver commercial CPUE were used for the remainder of the sockeye season.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Tentative updates to the SMM run based on the first three days of fishing.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ Total run refers to the run through District 106 and 108 waters and inriver; it does not include any mortalities in fisheries or waters further offshore.

[^3]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Estimates of U.S. harvest differ from Joint Interception Committee estimates because the estimates here are made only for annex fishery catches.

[^4]:    ${ }^{3}$ The observed weir count of 3,559 was expanded to 4,371 based on the number/ratio of tags recovered at the Tatsamenie Lake brood stock collection weir that were not recorded at the Little Tatsamenie Lake weir.

[^5]:    ${ }^{4}$ Total run refers to the run through the District 111 waters and inriver and does not include any mortalities in fisheries or waters further offshore.

[^6]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Harvest of sockeye salmon from the Alaska Sweetheart Lake enhancement project.

[^7]:    ${ }^{a}$ Klukshu River salmon stocks represent an assumed large and variable portion of the total Alsek River salmon escapement.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Estimates of U.S. harvest differ from Joint Interception Committee estimates because the estimates given here include only the Dry Bay/Alsek River fishery catches.
    ${ }^{c}$ Sockeye catch is a projection.

[^8]:    ${ }^{2}$ All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

[^9]:    *All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

[^10]:    ${ }^{3}$ All Tahltan includes thermally marked fish.

[^11]:    *All Tahitan includes thermally marked fish.

[^12]:    1987 jack chinook catch is for both set and drift nets.

[^13]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Estimate includes approximately 30,000 mortalities from overcrowding on 5/22, 1987 .
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Estimate of 595,147 on June 14 expanded by average \% of outmigration by date ( $97.5 \%$ ) from historical data.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Estimate of $1,439,673$ on June 13 expanded by average $\%$ of outmigration by date ( $96.8 \%$ ) from historical data.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{d}}$ Estimate of $1,516,150$ on June 14 expanded by average $\%$ of outmigration by date ( $97.5 \%$ ) from historical data.

[^14]:    - Poor observation conditions.

[^15]:    The averages for 1983-1985 are averages of weekly run timing estimates as well as stock composition estimates and are not simple averages of total estimates for the season.
    b Escapement includes fish later captured for broodstock.

[^16]:    aboriginal catch by week is not available.
    ${ }^{b}$ Additional sockeye were harvested beydid the population period; they were subtracted from the estimated escapement for the tagging period.
    ${ }^{\text {c }}$ The coho estimate covered approximately $88.84 \%$ of the run (based on District 111-32 gillnet catch CPUE excluding hatchery contribution).

[^17]:    ${ }^{-}$Operation of weir did not cover entire run.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Estimated number of fish which passed through the weir uncounted.
    ${ }^{\text {c }}$ The weir was heavily damaged by flood water on September 22; an undetermined number of sockeye and coho may have migrated through the weirs after this date.
    ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Broodstock included 381 females and 332 males spawned and 51 female and 29 male mortalities.

[^18]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Broodstock included 350 males and 350 females spawned and 20 male and 25 female mortalities.

[^19]:    'Large chinook are defined as fish of $>600 \mathrm{POH}$ length.

[^20]:    ${ }^{8}$ Includes subsistence, personal use, and test fishery catches.

[^21]:    ${ }^{\text {* }}$ Effort is not listed by week, but is included in the season total

[^22]:    -Continued-

[^23]:    ${ }^{2}$ Reported catches on returned fishing permits.

[^24]:    ${ }^{8}$ Counts include jack chinook salmon.
    ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Includes sockeye counts up to and including August 15.
    ${ }^{\text {c }}$ Weir was removed prior to the end of the coho run.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{d}}$ The chinook and sockeye escapements into Klukshu Lake are calculated from the weir count minus fish harvested above the weir site minus brood stock taken. The remainder of the food fishery harvest occurred below the weir, at Village Creek, and Blanchard and Takhanne rivers.

[^25]:    ${ }^{2}$ Few systems surveyed.

