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deciliter	dL	all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.	alternate hypothesis	H <sub>A</sub>	
gram	g	all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	base of natural logarithm	e	
hectare	ha			catch per unit effort	CPUE	
kilogram	kg	at	@	coefficient of variation	CV	
kilometer	km			common test statistics	(F, t, $\chi^2$ , etc.)	
liter	L	compass directions:		confidence interval	CI	
meter	m	east	E	correlation coefficient (multiple)	R	
milliliter	mL	north	N	correlation coefficient (simple)	r	
millimeter	mm	south	S	covariance	cov	
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	cubic feet per second	ft³/s	copyright	degrees of freedom	df	
	foot	ft	corporate suffixes:	expected value	E	
	gallon	gal	Company	greater than	>	
	inch	in	Corporation	greater than or equal to	≥	
	mile	mi	Incorporated	harvest per unit effort	HPUE	
	nautical mile	nmi	Limited	less than	<	
	ounce	oz	District of Columbia	less than or equal to	≤	
	pound	lb	et alii (and others)	logarithm (natural)	ln	
	quart	qt	et cetera (and so forth)	logarithm (base 10)	log	
	yard	yd	exempli gratia	logarithm (specify base)	log <sub>2</sub> , etc.	
	Time and temperature		(for example)	e.g.	minute (angular)	'
		day	d	Federal Information Code	not significant	NS
		degrees Celsius	°C	id est (that is)	null hypothesis	H <sub>0</sub>
		degrees Fahrenheit	°F	latitude or longitude	percent	%
degrees kelvin		K	monetary symbols	probability	P	
hour		h	(U.S.)	probability of a type I error (rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	α	
minute		min	months (tables and figures): first three letters	probability of a type II error (acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	β	
second		s	registered trademark	second (angular)	"	
Physics and chemistry			trademark	Jan,...,Dec	standard deviation	SD
		all atomic symbols		®	standard error	SE
		alternating current	AC	™	variance	
		ampere	A	U.S.	population	Var
		calorie	cal	United States (adjective)	sample	var
		direct current	DC	United States of America (noun)		
		hertz	Hz	U.S.C.		
	horsepower	hp	U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)		
	hydrogen ion activity (negative log of)	pH				
	parts per million	ppm				
	parts per thousand	ppt, ‰				
	volts	V				
	watts	W				

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## ABSTRACT

The status of late-run Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* in the Kenai River was assessed using information from creel surveys, an inriver sonar project, educational harvests, an inriver gillnetting project, personal use fishery harvests, commercial fishery harvests, and the Alaska Statewide Harvest Survey. This report updates stock assessment statistics with data from 1999-2006.

The estimated total runs of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon were 60,773 (SE = 778) in 1999, 50,770 (SE = 308) in 2000, 43,446 (SE = 640) in 2001, 54,668 (SE = 1,373) in 2002, 59,759 (SE = 459) in 2003, 84,262 (SE = 1,770) in 2004, 70,664 (SE = 1,397) in 2005, and 52,795 (SE = 891) in 2006. The commercial fishery in Cook Inlet harvested 17% of the run in 1999, 8% in 2000, 15% in 2001, 18% in 2002, 27% in 2003, 28% in 2004, 33% in 2005, and 18% in 2006. The estimated inriver sport fishery harvest was 22% of the run in 1999, 30% in 2000, 38% in 2001, 23% in 2002, 28% in 2003, 21% in 2004, 26% in 2005, and 30% in 2006. Spawning escapement estimates of late-run Chinook salmon were 34,962 (SE = 1,271) in 1999, 29,627 (SE = 1,048) in 2000, 17,947 (SE = 1,254) in 2001, 30,464 (SE = 1,551) in 2002, 23,736 (SE = 1,559) in 2003, 40,198 (SE = 2,055) in 2004, 26,046 (SE = 1,934) in 2005, 24,423 (SE = 1,175) in 2006. Spawning escapement estimates from 1999 through 2006 were all within or above the current biological escapement goal (BEG) of 17,800-35,700 fish.

Hook-and-release mortality estimates for late-run Chinook salmon ranged from 499 (SE = 276; 2000) to 1,803 (SE = 978; 2003). Return-per-spawner estimates for all complete brood years (1986-1999) ranged from 1.00 (replacement; SE = 0.41) to 2.79 (SE = 0.12). Estimated sibling ratios averaged 1.78 (SD = 0.33) for age 5 to age 4, 3.22 (SD = 0.48) for age 6 to age 5, and 0.07 (SD = 0.02) for age 7 to age 6 Chinook salmon. In recent years there is a higher preponderance of age-1.2 fish in the run. The mean age estimates of both the escapement and the return for 1986-1999 (i.e., years with complete brood returns) are similar to the long-term average for this stock. Mean length-at-age estimates have not changed since 1986.

Relative harvest selectivity is generally insignificant for this stock; age composition of the harvest is similar to the age composition of run and the resulting escapement. However, in recent years there is a higher preponderance of age-1.2 fish in the run than the harvest. The ratio of females in the run, harvest, and escapement is stable and generally between 40% and 50%.

An age-structured Ricker spawner-recruit model was fit to the historical data using Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods. Results were consistent with the existing BEG for this stock (17,800-35,700). No change to the goal is recommended, except to re-designate it as a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) because of measurement error introduced by sonar assessment of the inriver run and escapement.

Key words: Kenai River, Chinook salmon, total return, spawning escapement, sibling ratios, brood tables, spawner-recruit analysis, maximum sustained yield, Markov Chain Monte Carlo, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

## INTRODUCTION

An early and late run of Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* return to the Kenai River (Figure 1) to spawn, both of which are highly prized by anglers for their size, relative to other Chinook salmon stocks (Roni and Quinn 1995). The early run enters the river from late April through June, and the late run enters the river from late June through early August (Burger et al. 1985; Bendock and Alexandersdottir 1992). Late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon spawn almost exclusively in mainstem locations (Bendock and Alexandersdottir 1992) and are the focus of this report; early-run fish spawn primarily in tributary streams and are the focus of a companion report (McKinley and Fleischman 2010).

Late-run Chinook salmon of Kenai River origin are harvested in several fisheries. The first known substantial harvest occurs in the recreational marine fishery near Deep Creek. The commercial set gillnet fishery along the eastern shore of Cook Inlet and, to a lesser degree, the commercial drift gillnet fishery, also harvest late-run Chinook salmon while targeting sockeye salmon *O. nerka*. Single-net educational fisheries have been authorized for the Kenaitze Indian

tribe since 1989 and for the Village of Ninilchik since 1994. A personal use dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River also harvests late-run Chinook salmon while targeting sockeye salmon. Finally, a major sport fishery occurs in the Kenai River.

Prior to 1970, the sport fishery in the Kenai River was limited to shorebased anglers targeting sockeye salmon in July and coho salmon *O. kisutch* in August and early September. In 1973, anglers began experimenting with a fishing method, used in the Pacific Northwest, of bouncing brightly colored terminal gear along the river bottom from a drifting boat. It proved to be very effective for catching Chinook salmon in the Kenai River, and the fishery expanded rapidly during the late 1970s and 1980s.

As fisheries targeting both the early and late runs of Chinook salmon increased in the early 1980s, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and public concerns about overexploitation began to grow. In 1988, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) adopted management plans for the early and late runs (McBride et al. 1989). These plans, in effect since 1989, define the early run as prior to 1 July and the late run as after 30 June. Optimum spawning escapement for the late run was set at 22,300 fish, with stipulations about how the fishery was to be managed at various levels of projected spawning escapement. In 1999, the inseason management plan was streamlined and the point goal of 22,300 was replaced with an escapement goal range of 17,800-35,700 fish. Regulations for this sport fishery are among the most restrictive in Alaska and include a daily bag and possession limit of 1 Chinook salmon and a seasonal limit of 2, closed areas, and restrictions on boats and guides.

A comprehensive stock assessment program was initiated in the mid-1980s which included creel surveys and estimation of inriver run by sonar to implement the management plan. The objectives of this ongoing program are two-fold: to model inriver run inseason and fishery mortality to effectively manage the fisheries inseason, and to develop brood tables for long-term stock assessment.

This stock assessment of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon summarizes previously published historical statistics and compiles updated information from 1999 through 2006. Included are estimates of inriver and total run by age, hook-and-release mortality by age, and spawning escapement by age. These are used to produce estimates of return by brood year. An age-structured Ricker spawner-recruit model was fit to the historical data, using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods. This methodology reduces bias caused by measurement error, and provides a more comprehensive assessment of uncertainty than is possible with other statistical methods. The overall status of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon stock is also assessed.

## **METHODS**

Historical assessment begins with the 1986 run, the first year for which age data are available for all components of the run. Fishery and stock parameter estimates were derived from multiple sources; some were estimated directly and some indirectly (Table 1). Formulas for point estimates and variances are detailed in Appendix A.

### **DEEP CREEK MARINE SPORT HARVEST**

Harvest of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon in the marine sport fishery near Deep Creek was estimated with an onsite creel survey in 1986, 1994, and 1995 (Hammarstrom et al. 1987;

McKinley 1995, 1996) and in the Alaska Statewide Harvest Survey (SWHS) for 1996–2006 (Howe et al. 2001a-d; Walker et al. 2003; Jennings et al. 2004, 2006a-b, 2007, 2009a-b). Harvest was also estimated in the SWHS for 1987–1993, but for both the early and late runs combined (Mills 1988-1994). Based on the 1994 and 1995 creel surveys, about 25% of the total harvest was taken during the late run (McKinley 1995, 1996), so 25% of the total harvest was apportioned as estimated by the SWHS for 1987–1993 to the late run.

Age and sex data from the marine sport fishery were available only for 1986 (Hammarstrom et al. 1987). For 1986, harvest and proportions at age or by sex were estimated from the total Deep Creek marine harvest using sample sizes by age class provided in Hammarstrom et al. (1987; Appendices A1 and A2).

Sonnichsen and Alexandersdottir (1991) reported for 1983–1986, that the age composition of the sport harvest in the marine fishery was not substantially different from that of the Kenai River sport harvest. Therefore, after 1986, the age composition of the Kenai River sport harvest was used to estimate the age composition of the marine sport harvest (Appendices A1 and A2).

## **COMMERCIAL, SUBSISTENCE, EDUCATIONAL, AND PERSONAL USE HARVEST**

Estimates of late-run Chinook salmon harvest in commercial fisheries (set and drift gillnet) were obtained annually from reports by ADF&G, Division of Commercial Fisheries (CF). Because commercial harvest comes from sales receipts (fish tickets), it is considered measured without error. Subsistence and educational harvests are compiled annually by the Division of Sport Fish (SF) in Soldotna (Dunker and Lafferty 2007). Participants in the personal use (PU) dip net fishery are required to record their harvest on a permit and return it to the SF. Personal use harvest is reported in SF management reports.

Set gillnet harvests from the east side of Cook Inlet were sampled for age, sex, and size composition by CF. However, other commercial, educational, subsistence, and personal use harvests were not sampled. Therefore, it was assumed that the age compositions of these other harvests were the same as the set gillnet harvest. The set gillnet, drift gillnet, educational, subsistence, and personal use harvests were summed and the estimated proportions by age from the set gillnet harvest were applied to estimate age composition of the total harvest. Hereafter, “commercial” harvest refers to the set gillnet, drift gillnet, educational, subsistence, and personal use harvests combined.

Published estimates of harvest by age class and sex provided in Sonnichsen and Alexandersdottir (1991) were used for 1986–1990, and in CF reports for 1991–1998 (Waltemyer 1994a-b, 1995a-b; Tobias and Waltemyer 1996; Waltemyer and Tobias 1997, 1998; Tobias and Tarbox 1999a-b, 2000; Tobias and Willette 2001, 2002a-b, 2004, 2007, 2008a-c).

The set gillnet harvest was stratified by time period to estimate age composition in stock assessments for 1987–1989, 1992, and 1994–1996 (Sonnichsen and Alexandersdottir 1991; Hammarstrom 1993b, 1995, 1996, 1997; Waltemyer and Tobias 1998; Tobias and Tarbox 1999a). For 1999–2006, estimates in separate reports were used (Reimer et al. 2002; Reimer 2003, 2004a-b, 2007; Eskelin 2007, 2009).

## **INRIVER RUN**

Inriver runs of Kenai River Chinook salmon have been estimated using two methods: a capture-recapture program from 1985 through 1990 (Hammarstrom and Larson 1986; Conrad and Larson 1987; Conrad 1988; Carlon and Alexandersdottir 1989; Alexandersdottir and Marsh 1990), and a hydroacoustic (sonar) program from 1984 through 2006 (Eggers et al. 1995; Burwen and Bosch 1995a-b, 1996, 1998; Bosch and Burwen 1999-2000; Miller and Burwen 2002; Miller et al. 2003-2005, 2007a-b). The sonar program was exploratory during the first 4 years of the study, and the two programs were conducted simultaneously from 1985 to 1990 to determine the best method for estimating inriver run. Run estimates from the capture-recapture program were not available for 1990 because of closures to the inriver sport fishery (Sonnichsen and Alexandersdottir 1991). The capture-recapture program was terminated after 1990 because estimates from the two methods were similar, the sonar estimates were more precise, and redundancy was cost prohibitive. In addition, the management plan implemented in 1989 required inseason estimates of the run, which could not be provided by the capture-recapture method. Continued evaluation of the sonar project has improved inriver run estimates.

For this stock assessment, capture-recapture estimates of the inriver run were used for 1986 and 1987, and sonar estimates of passage were used for 1988-1995 and 1998-2006. In 1996 and 1997, radiotelemetry projects were conducted to estimate harvest rates in the sport fishery. Combined with creel survey harvest estimates, these provided independent inriver Chinook salmon run estimates for comparison with the sonar (Hammarstrom and Hasbrouck 1998, 1999). For this assessment, the 1996 telemetry-based inriver run estimate was used directly. In 1997, the telemetry-based estimate was for 1–31 July only, and fishing was allowed through 3 August that year. To account for the additional 3 days of harvest, the sonar estimate for 1-3 August was multiplied by the ratio of the Hammarstrom and Hasbrouck (1999) estimate to the sonar estimate for 1–31 July (Burwen and Bosch 1998). The variance was not adjusted for the additional days.

The age/sex composition of the inriver run was sampled in 1986-2006 to estimate inriver run by age (Appendices A1 and A2). Scale samples collected from Chinook salmon captured prior to 1991 were obtained during capture-recapture studies with 7.5-inch mesh gillnets (Sonnichsen and Alexandersdottir 1991). Although the capture-recapture program was discontinued in 1991, age, sex, and length samples were still collected using 7.5-inch gillnets from 1991 through 2001 (Hammarstrom 1992, 1993a, 1994; King 1995-1997; Marsh 1999-2000; Reimer et al. 2002; Reimer 2003). Beginning in 2002, gillnets were constructed of multi-monofilament mesh, increasing the catch rate by approximately 3-fold (Reimer 2004a). Also, a second mesh size (5-inch stretched mesh) was added to reduce size selectivity. Age composition estimates in 2002-2006 reported here are from the pooled catch (both 5- and 7.5-inch mesh).<sup>1</sup>

## **TOTAL RUN**

Total run was estimated as the sum of the Deep Creek marine sport harvest, the commercial harvest, educational harvest, personal use harvest, the sport harvest downstream of the sonar site, and the inriver run.

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<sup>1</sup> Technically, these estimates are not exactly comparable to pre-2002 estimates; however, the differences are small and they have a negligible effect on the spawner-recruit analysis.

## **SPORT HARVEST**

Catch and harvest of Chinook salmon in the Kenai River sport fishery were estimated with an onsite creel survey (Conrad and Hammarstrom 1987; Hammarstrom 1998-1992, 1993a, 1994; King 1995-1997; Marsh 1999-2000; Reimer et al. 2002; Reimer 2003, 2004a-b, 2007; Eskelin 2007, 2009) and in the Statewide Harvest Survey (Mills 1987-1994; Howe et al. 1995, 1996, 2001a-c). The creel survey provided estimates for the entire fishery for 1986–1989, and downstream of Naptowne Rapids to Cook Inlet in 1990. In those years, catch and harvest were estimated for three river sections (two in 1990): Cook Inlet to the Soldotna Bridge, Soldotna Bridge to Naptowne Rapids, and Naptowne Rapids to the outlet of Skilak Lake. In 1991 and 1992, catch and harvest were only estimated for Cook Inlet to Soldotna Bridge because of restrictions and closures to the fishery upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. Beginning in 1993, catch and harvest were only estimated from Cook Inlet to Soldotna Bridge because of logistical problems with conducting an onsite creel survey upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. However, some sport fishing occurred upstream of the Soldotna Bridge.

Estimates of harvest and catch from creel surveys for the Cook Inlet to Soldotna Bridge area were used for all years. Estimates from the SWHS (Howe et al. 1995, 1996, 2001a-d; Mills 1987-1994; Walker et al. 2003; Jennings et al. 2004, 2006a-b, 2007, 2009a-b) were used to account for harvest upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. The SWHS provided estimates of harvest and catch of Chinook salmon from the following sections of the Kenai River: Cook Inlet to the Soldotna Bridge, the Soldotna Bridge to Moose River, Moose River to the outlet of Skilak Lake, and the inlet of Skilak Lake to the outlet of Kenai Lake. However, using these estimates to account for harvest and catch upstream of the Soldotna Bridge was complicated because catch, harvest, and their variances prior to 1996 were estimated for the entire year in the SWHS rather than by run. Beginning in 1996, the SWHS estimates were stratified into an early (before 1 July) and late (after 30 June) run. In addition, catch was not estimated in the SWHS prior to 1990.

Based on creel surveys and the SWHS, the late run accounted for about half the total harvest upstream of the Soldotna Bridge (Conrad and Hammarstrom 1987; Hammarstrom 1988-1991; Howe et al. 2001a-c). Therefore, 50% of the SWHS estimates from upstream of the Soldotna Bridge were used to account for harvest upstream of the Soldotna Bridge for 1986-1995. Catch was accounted for in the same manner for 1990-1995. For 1986-1989 estimates of harvest were used to account for catch upstream of the Soldotna Bridge, assuming that catch equaled harvest. The estimates of hook-and-release mortality are therefore negatively biased for those years because some fish were released alive. For 1996-2006, late-run (after June 30) estimates of harvest and catch upstream of the Soldotna Bridge from the SWHS were used (Howe et al. 2001a-d; Walker et al. 2003; Jennings et al. 2004, 2006a-b, 2007, 2009a-b).

Total sport harvest was estimated as the sum of harvest from Cook Inlet to the Soldotna Bridge and harvest upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. Total harvest by age was estimated by applying age proportions estimated from the creel surveys to the total sport harvest (Appendices A1 and A4).

## **HOOK-AND-RELEASE MORTALITY**

A small proportion of Chinook salmon that are hooked and released by anglers during the inriver sport fishery die. Hook-and-release mortality rates for Kenai River Chinook salmon were estimated in 1990 and 1991 (Bendock and Alexandersdottir 1991, 1992). The mean of the two

annual estimates was used to estimate mortality for the remaining years (Appendices A1 and A5). Hook-and-release mortality by age was estimated by applying age composition estimates from the inriver run to annual estimates for hook-and-release mortality (Appendices A1 and A5).

## **SPAWNING ESCAPEMENT**

Spawning escapement by age was estimated by subtracting total inriver mortality (sport harvest upstream of the sonar site and hook-and-release mortality) from the inriver run for each age class (Appendices A1 and A6).

## **RETURN PER SPAWNER**

Within each calendar year, the individual age components of the total run corresponding to the same age were summed (e.g., the total run estimates for ages 0.5, 1.4, and 2.3 were summed for age 6), and then total run by age corresponding to the same brood year were summed across calendar years (Appendices A1 and A7). Returns per spawner were estimated by dividing the total number of fish returning for each brood year by the number of spawners for that brood year.

## **SIBLING RATIOS**

The distribution of Chinook salmon returning in each age class within a brood year can be a stable, heritable characteristic of a stock (Ricker 1972; Hard et al. 1985; Withler et al. 1987; Hankin et al. 1993). Sibling ratios, which can be used to project future runs, were estimated as the ratio of the total return at one age to the total return at one or more younger ages (Appendix A8).

## **SPAWNER RECRUIT ANALYSIS**

A Ricker spawner-recruit function<sup>2</sup> (Ricker 1975) was chosen to model the relationship between escapement and recruitment, and to estimate optimal spawning escapement and other reference points. Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods were used in a Bayesian framework, which are especially well-suited for modeling complex population and sampling processes. The Bayesian MCMC analysis considers all the data simultaneously in the context of an age-structured spawner-recruit statistical model, detailed in Appendix B.

# **RESULTS**

## **DEEP CREEK MARINE SPORT HARVESTS**

The annual estimated sport harvest of late-run Chinook salmon in the Deep Creek marine fishery during 1999-2006 ranged from 200 to 1,660 fish (Table 2; Howe et al. 2001d; Walker et al. 2003; Jennings et al. 2004, 2006a-b, 2007, 2009a-b). Age composition of fish harvested in this fishery was not sampled. Instead, the inriver sport harvest age composition (consisting primarily of age-1.3 and age-1.4 fish) was used as a proxy (Appendix C1).

## **COMMERCIAL, PERSONAL USE, AND SUBSISTENCE HARVESTS**

The annual commercial set gillnet harvest of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon during 1999-2006 ranged from 3,684 to 21,625 fish (Table 2). The harvest consisted primarily of age-1.2, -1.3, and -1.4 fish (Tobias and Waltemyer 1996; Waltemyer and Tobias 1997, 1998; Tobias

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<sup>2</sup> The Ricker spawner-recruit function was chosen because it is capable of modeling overcompensation (a decline in absolute production with increasing escapement).



and Tarbox 1999a-b, 2000; Tobias and Willette 2001, 2002a-b, 2004a-b, 2007, 2008a-c). During this same period, the annual commercial drift gillnet harvest of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon ranged from 270 to 1,839 fish (Table 2). Age composition of fish harvested in this fishery was not determined. Instead, the commercial set gillnet age composition (consisting primarily of age-1.2, -1.3 and -1.4 fish) was used as a proxy.

The annual estimated personal use dip net harvest of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon during 1999-2006, ranged from 410 to 1,034 fish and the annual subsistence gillnet harvest ranged from 4 to 11 fish (Table 2). Fish harvested in these fisheries were not sampled for age composition and the commercial set gillnet age composition was used as a proxy (Appendix C1).

## **INRIVER AND TOTAL RUNS**

The inriver late-run estimates of Kenai River Chinook salmon between 1999 and 2006 ranged from 33,916 to 56,205 fish, and were comprised of 0-2% 3-year-old fish (ages 0.2, 1.1), 4-30% 4-year-old fish (ages 0.3, 1.2, 2.1), 13-31% 5-year-old fish (ages 0.4, 1.3, 2.2), 49-71% 6-year-old-fish (ages 0.5, 1.4, 2.3), and 1-10% 7-year-old-fish (ages 1.5, 2.4) (Table 3).

The total late-run estimates of Kenai River Chinook salmon between 1999 and 2006 ranged from 43,446 to 84,262 fish (Figure 2), and were comprised of 1-4% 3-year-old fish (ages 0.2, 1.1), 5-36% 4-year-old fish (ages 0.3, 1.2, 2.1), 16-32% 5-year-old fish (ages 0.4, 1.3, 2.2), 41-63% 6-year-old-fish (ages 0.5, 1.4, 2.3), and 1-8% 7-year-old-fish (ages 1.5, 2.4) (Table 4; Appendix C1). The proportion of female Chinook salmon in the total run has exhibited no change or trend in the last 20 years, generally varying between 40% and 50% annually (Figure 3).

## **SPORT HARVEST**

The annual estimated total sport harvest of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon during 1999-2006 ranged from 12,607 to 18,214 fish, including 823 to 3,322 fish downstream of the sonar site; 9,554 to 13,026 between the sonar site and the Soldotna Bridge; and 1,124 to 3,157 upstream of the bridge (Table 5). Sport harvest downstream of the Chinook salmon sonar site comprised 5-21% of the total sport harvest (Table 5). Sport harvest downstream of the Soldotna Bridge comprised 79-91% of the total sport harvest (Table 5). Estimates of sport harvest do not include harvest on Mondays when boat anglers can only fish from unguided drift boats for Chinook salmon. The sport harvest consisted primarily of age-1.3 and age-1.4 fish (Table 6).

The estimated total sport catch of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon from 1999 through 2006 ranged from 20,664 to 38,799 fish annually, including 15,135 to 28,769 fish downstream of the Soldotna Bridge and 3,798 to 10,030 fish upstream of the bridge (Table 5).

Harvest selectivity (the proportion of each age class in the harvest divided by the proportion of each age class in the inriver run) has changed substantially in recent years, as age-1.2 fish have become more abundant in the run than in the harvest (Figure 4). A harvest selectivity equal to one indicates neutral selectivity (age class harvested in proportion to its abundance), whereas age classes with harvest selectivity greater than one are selected *for* (harvested disproportionately more) and age classes with harvest selectivity less than one are selected *against* (harvested disproportionately less). The proportion of female Chinook salmon in the sport fishery appears stable, generally representing a little over half of the harvest, and has not changed since 1986 (Figure 3).

Along with a slot limit regulation enacted in 2003, a sealing requirement for harvested Kenai River Chinook salmon that are 55 inches total length (TL) or longer was also enacted. Fish 55 inches TL or longer are required to be examined by ADF&G staff in the Soldotna Office, and a yellow, plastic, individually numbered strap attached to the fish. As part of the sealing process, biological samples, and angler information including location are collected. Through 2006, 28 Kenai River fish 55 inches TL or greater were harvested and sealed and all but one were harvested in July; 15 were age-1.4, 11 were age-1.5, and for 2 fish the age was not determined (Table 7).

## **HOOK-AND-RELEASE MORTALITY**

During 1999-2006, annual estimates of Chinook salmon released in the inriver sport fishery ranged from 6,052 to 21,856 fish (Table 8). By applying the 1989-1990 average mortality rate of 8.25%, the estimated hook-and-release mortality ranged from 499 to 1,803 fish (Table 9).

## **SPAWNING ESCAPEMENT**

Spawning escapements have not exhibited an upward or downward trend in the last 21 years (Figure 5). All spawning escapements since 1986 have been above the low end of the biological escapement goal (BEG; 17,800), and in 2 of the last 20 years have been above the upper end of the BEG (35,700; Figure 5).

In 2001, the estimated Chinook salmon spawning escapement was 17,947, the lowest ever recorded for the late run, and just above the low end of the escapement goal of 17,800 (Table 2; Figure 5). In 2004, the estimated spawning escapement was 40,197, the second highest ever recorded for the late run, and over the upper end of the escapement goal of 35,700. The point estimates of spawning escapement were within the goal range of 17,800–35,700 during all other years (Table 2). The majority of the spawners in 1999-2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006 were age-1.4 (Table 3). In 2003 and 2006, age-1.4 fish comprised less than 50% due to exceptionally high numbers of age-1.2 fish (Table 3). The proportion of female Chinook salmon in the spawning escapement has been stable, with no clear trend in the last 20 years (Figure 3).

## **SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS AND TRENDS IN AGE**

Mean sibling return ratio estimates (1982-2001 brood years) were 1.78 (SD = 0.34) for Chinook salmon age 5 to age 4, 3.22 (SD = 0.49) for age 6 to age 5, and 0.07 (SD = 0.02) for age 7 to age 6 (Table 10). The age 5 to age 4 sibling ratio has been well below average for the last 4 brood years (Table 10; Figure 6).

The mean age of the escapements for years with complete brood returns (1986-1999) and the mean age of the return from those escapements are relatively similar (between 5.2 and 6.1; Figure 7).

Age composition has changed in the last decade, with age-1.2 fish increasing in proportion. The number of age-1.3 and -1.4 fish appears stable, whereas age-1.5-fish have been both well above and well below average in recent years (Figure 8).

Age composition of the run changes over time, with the number of younger (age-1.2) fish entering the river decreasing steadily after the first 2 weeks in July (Figure 9).

## RETURN PER SPAWNER

To enable reconstruction of brood year returns for the spawner-recruit analysis, the numbers of fish by age were estimated by calendar year (Table 4) and by brood year (Table 11). For brood years 1986-1999 (i.e., years with complete return data), returns ranged from 39,288 (SE = 1,555) to 97,397 (SE = 1,924) Chinook salmon (Table 11). Return-per-spawner estimates ranged from 1.00 (SE = 0.41) for brood year 1986 (the highest escapement measured with complete return data) to 2.79 (SE = 0.12) for brood year 1999 (the third highest escapement measured with complete return data; Table 11).

## SPAWNER RECRUIT ANALYSIS

See Appendix B1 for a detailed description of the age-structured Ricker spawner-recruit model that was fit to the stock assessment data.

Estimates of annual spawning escapements were imprecise (Figure 10) because of measurement error in the sonar estimates of inriver run. Brood year return estimates  $R$  were also imprecise because escapement generally comprised a large fraction of the total run. Measurement error in harvest estimates, and to a smaller extent age composition, also contributed to uncertainty in  $R$ . Posterior medians of  $S$  and  $R$  differed from the original data-based point estimates (Figure 10) because of measurement error and because all of the data were considered simultaneously in the context of the full statistical model. Point estimates of  $R$  are not available for brood years 1979–1981 or 2001–2003 because documented returns from these brood years were incomplete (i.e., one or more age classes were not estimated). One of the advantages of the Bayesian MCMC analysis is that estimates are still produced for incomplete brood years at the beginning and end of the  $R$  time series, and the additional uncertainty is reflected in wider intervals.

The effect of measurement error on the Ricker parameter estimates was accounted for by incorporating measurement error into the spawner-recruit model. Thus, the Bayesian MCMC estimates of the Ricker parameters, constructed from the posterior medians of  $\ln(\alpha)$  and  $\beta$  (Table 12), differ somewhat (slightly higher productivity, slightly more density dependence) from the classical estimates, calculated by simple linear regression (Figure 11). The classical estimates ignore the measurement error in  $S$  and  $R$ , resulting in negative bias in estimates of  $\ln(\alpha)$  and  $\beta$ . In addition, classical analysis does not use information from incomplete brood years.

There are a number of Ricker relationships that could have generated the observed escapement and production data (Figure 12). The degree to which these Ricker curves differ from one another reflects the amount of uncertainty about the true Ricker relationship. For this stock, the prospective Ricker relationships are radically different, indicating that both productivity and density dependence are poorly estimated for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon. The slope at the origin ( $\alpha$ ) varies greatly among the individual curves, and so does the point of maximum recruitment  $S_{MAX}$ , which is the inverse of the density-dependent parameter  $\beta$ . In addition, the individual curves pass through the replacement line at widely disparate places, indicating that carrying capacity  $S_{EQ}$  is also poorly estimated.

The graphical evidence is confirmed by wide 80% interval estimates for  $\ln(\alpha)$  (1.03–2.17),  $\beta$  ( $1.24-5.34 \times 10^{-5}$ ),  $S_{MAX}$  (18,740–80,580) and  $S_{EQ}$  (40,220–90,450; Table 12). Similarly,  $S_{MSY}$  is also poorly estimated (80% interval 14,090–37,510; Table 12). In other words,  $S_{MSY}$  is equally likely to be above or below 20,270. The width of the 80% interval divided by the posterior median of  $S_{MSY}$  is an index of the relative uncertainty (RU) surrounding the estimate of  $S_{MSY}$ .

For late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, this ratio was  $RU_{80} = 1.16$ , meaning there is more uncertainty about  $S_{MSY}$  than for 5 of 7 other similarly analyzed salmon stocks (Table 13).

The sustained yield (SY) probability profile displays the probability of achieving near maximal SY (>90% of MSY) for specified levels of escapement (Figure 13). For this stock, the limbs of the profile are not steep and reach a maximum of only 74%, indicating that there is poor information about the range of escapements that would produce near-maximal yield. For example, there is only 50% certainty that spawning escapements between approximately 13,000 and 27,000 fish would result in expected sustained yield exceeding 90% of MSY.

## DISCUSSION

### ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTIES

All salmon stock assessments have some level of uncertainty. Uncertainties in the late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon assessment are related to the use of sonar to estimate fish numbers, difficulties in distinguishing early- and late-run fish, incomplete accounting of marine harvest, fisheries for which age composition is estimated via surrogate sampling, and changes in the fishery that may affect the hook-and-release mortality rate estimates.

#### Sonar Imprecision

Potential measurement error in sonar estimates contribute substantial uncertainty to estimates of inriver run size and by extension total run size, escapement, and spawner-recruit parameters. Split-beam sonar attempts to distinguish Chinook salmon based on target strength (TS) and range (Eggers et al. 1995; Miller et al. 2007b), and the premise that sockeye salmon are smaller and migrate closer to shore than Chinook salmon, which are larger and tend to migrate more toward the middle of the river. Measurement error can be in either direction, leading to over- or under-estimates of inriver run. Burwen et al. (1998) concluded that sockeye salmon can be erroneously classified as Chinook salmon, inflating Chinook salmon abundance to some degree. Underestimation errors can result when fish enter the river before the sonar program begins in mid-May, when fish migrate behind the sonar, or they migrate too close in front of the sonar where they cannot be detected (McKinley 2002).

Shortcomings associated with the target strength (TS)-based sonar methodology have been recognized since the late 1990s (Burwen et al. 1998), and ADF&G has been actively engaged in the development of improved sonar methodology ever since.<sup>3</sup> These efforts include development of statistical mixture models for analysis of echo-length data measured by the split-beam sonar (Burwen et al. 2003, 2007; Fleischman and Burwen 2003). Ultimately, these efforts will culminate in revised abundance estimates for 2002 and beyond for the early and late runs. Such estimates are not yet finalized, but preliminary quantities can be compared with the published estimates of Chinook salmon abundance.

The most promising methodology involves dual-frequency identification sonar (DIDSON<sup>4</sup>), which has been tested in the Kenai River since 2002 (Burwen et al. 2007). DIDSON uses a lens system that provides high resolution images that approach the quality achieved with conventional optics (Simmonds and MacLennan 2005), with the added advantage that images can be obtained in dark or turbid waters. Fish size is immediately evident from DIDSON images of migrating

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<sup>3</sup> See Fleischman et al. *In prep* for a detailed discussion of these efforts.

<sup>4</sup> DIDSON was designed by the University of Washington Applied Physics Laboratory, originally for military applications.

salmon, providing improved discrimination of large Chinook salmon from smaller fish in the Kenai River. ADF&G staff have worked with DIDSON developers to design custom software for manually measuring fish size directly from those images (Burwen et al. 2007), and have engaged other experts to develop software for conducting automatic measurements (Burwen et al. 2010; Mueller et al. 2010). By fall 2010, DIDSON had been successfully deployed on both banks of the Kenai River at mile 8.6 for an entire season, and most major technical, logistical, and analytical hurdles had been cleared. ADF&G is committed to transitioning to new management plans based on DIDSON-based stock assessments. A comprehensive review of Kenai River Chinook salmon stock assessment is currently being conducted.

### **Inaccuracies in Accounting for Harvest**

For this late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon stock assessment, harvests in the eastside setnet (ESSN), Upper Cook Inlet drift gillnet (UCID), and Deep Creek marine fisheries have been treated as 100% late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon. However, a recent stock assessment on the nearby Kasilof River has shown that there are substantially more late-run Chinook salmon in the Kasilof River than previously thought (Reimer and Fleischman *In prep*). Thus, a substantial fraction of the harvests may be fish of Kasilof River origin. To the extent this is true, total run size of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon has been overestimated. It has always been understood that some unknown number of these Chinook salmon were Kasilof River origin fish, but these findings suggest that the occurrence of Kasilof River Chinook salmon in Cook Inlet fisheries is likely higher than previously assumed.

The age composition estimates of Chinook salmon in the ESSN fishery harvest are used as a surrogate for the age composition in the UCID fishery harvest. Because of differences in gillnet web material and gillnet deployment between the two fisheries, it is likely that the age composition of the UCID harvest is comprised of younger, smaller fish. However, because of the relatively small harvest in this fishery, it is not worth sampling directly.

Determining the sex of sea-bright Chinook salmon from external characteristics is especially problematic with smaller age-1.1 and -1.2 fish. As a check, future sex determinations of smaller fish in the ESSN fishery will be determined via internal examination.

Because the inriver sport fishery has concentrated more on the lowest reaches of the Kenai River in recent years, occurring predominantly in the tidally influenced section, the true hook-and-release mortality rate is a concern. Salmonids are known to experience high mortality rates from handling as they enter fresh water from the sea (Vincent-Lang et al. 1993). If the actual mortality rate of released fish is 20-40% in the lower Kenai River sport fishery, then the escapement estimates presented here would be somewhat different. Future work could be done on the hook-and-release mortality rate of fish caught in the lowest reach of river.

This assessment accounts for most of the known harvest of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon. The only known harvest not accounted for is from inriver drift-only Mondays in July. This harvest is assumed to be in the low hundreds and not worth estimating directly with an onsite creel survey for these years. However, as participation increases, it would be prudent to sample Mondays with the existing creel survey. The positive bias in escapement from not accounting for this harvest was deemed negligible.

## **CHANGES IN HARVEST PATTERNS**

The sport harvest downstream of the sonar site has been substantial since the mid-1990s. This report provides the first stock assessment of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon that takes that harvest into account when estimating total run and escapement. ADF&G will continue to account for this harvest in future stock assessments.

Annual harvests in the Deep Creek marine sport fishery are generally well below harvests experienced between the late 1980s and late 1990s. Anecdotal evidence suggests that decreases in harvest are due to the inability of anglers to locate and catch fish, which could be related to migratory shifts by late-run fish. Successive years of low success have led to an apparent decrease in effort, which has further reduced harvest.

Annual harvest in the PU dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River, though still relatively low, has increased substantially in recent years. Increases in harvest are likely because of the increase in popularity and effort in this primarily sockeye salmon fishery, following unresolved access issues with the Copper River PU fishery (Somerville and Taube 2007).

## **DISTINGUISHING EARLY- FROM LATE-RUN FISH**

Prior to the sonar program, a shift in the daily estimate of catch per unit effort for Chinook salmon as measured in the lower Kenai River creel project was used to estimate the end of the early run and the beginning of the late run (Conrad and Hammarstrom 1987). However, there is typically no obvious pause in passage rate between early and late runs of Chinook salmon in the Kenai River (Figure 14). Therefore, beginning in 1986, 1 July was set as the arbitrary demarcation point between the two runs.

By definition, and for management purposes, the early run ends on 30 June and the late run begins on 1 July. Yet, some fish from the early-run stock enter the river in July and some late-run fish enter in June. Furthermore, some early-run fish are harvested in July, both upstream and downstream of the Soldotna Bridge. The degree to which the two stocks overlap in time and space is unknown. In addition, following the cessation of the onsite creel project upstream of the Soldotna Bridge in 1989, 50% of the harvest estimate from SWHS was used as the harvest and catch estimates upstream of the bridge (Hammarstrom and Timmons 2001). The amount of overlap and lack of detailed harvest and catch estimates by run could have a positive or negative influence on the estimates of escapement. Beginning in 1996, the SWHS generated two estimates: one before 1 July and one after 30 June. The estimates before 1 July have been used as early-run harvest estimates. The degree of overlap between the tail end of the early run and the beginning of the late run in June and July (i.e., what fraction of fish entering the river during June and currently counted as early run are in fact genetically late run fish remains unanswered) is unknown. Conversely, there are probably some early-run fish that enter in July and are counted as late-run fish. To address questions about the entry and harvest timing of Kenai River Chinook salmon by run, an ongoing genetic stock identification program was initiated in 2005. A previous study found genetic differences between the two Kenai River Chinook salmon runs (Adams et al. 1994). To establish a genetic baseline, tissue sampling of Chinook salmon in seven tributaries of the Kenai River and two mainstem locations is being conducted and samples are being analyzed using single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). The genetic baseline will allow for estimates of stock composition, overlap in the early and late runs, and harvest timing. Tissue samples will be collected from (1) Chinook salmon in the lower Kenai River gillnetting

project as fish enter the river, (2) the lower river creel survey, and (3) a sport harvest sampling program upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. This information is improving assessment of Kenai River Chinook salmon stock productivity, genetic diversity, escapement estimates, and accuracy in estimating yield and biological escapement goals.

## **ESCAPEMENT GOAL RECOMMENDATION**

A biological escapement goal (BEG) of 22,300 fish was first established for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon in 1989. Insufficient data were available for a spawner-recruit analysis at that time, and the proposed escapement goal was based on the following simple formula (McBride et al. 1989):

Escapement Goal = Desired Level of Total Return / Projected Return to Spawner Ratio.

The desired total return was the average measured return of 67,000 as of 1989, and the projected return ratio (3.0) was gleaned from a review of Chinook salmon literature. In addition to the BEG of 22,300, a series of action points were established as guidelines for inseason management (Fried 1994; 5 AAC 21.359).

During the 1998/1999 BOF meetings, the point goal of 22,300 was replaced with a BEG range of 17,800-35,700, based on Eggers (1993) finding that 80% and 160% of  $S_{MSY}$  performed well in simulations of Pacific salmon management scenarios. In addition, the inseason management plan was simplified to improve and streamline the inseason decision-making process. The new BEG range and management plan more closely fit ADF&G's management abilities. During 1989-1998, regulation restrictions, liberalizations, or both, occurred every year but one. Since 1999, ADF&G has taken inseason management action only once when the fishery was liberalized in 1999.

The current analysis is the first published spawner-recruit analysis for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, and represents a major step forward in the evaluation of stock productivity and fishery sustainability. Nevertheless, there are no recommended changes to the goal range at this time, for the following reasons:

- 1) The point estimate (posterior median) of  $S_{MSY}$  (20,270; Table 12) is between the lower and upper bounds of the existing goal (17,800-35,700), and is close to the old point goal of 22,300. From this standpoint, the current analysis is consistent with the existing goal.
- 2) There is a large amount of uncertainty in the spawner-recruit analysis. For example, the 95% interval estimate for  $S_{MSY}$  is 12,000-77,000 (Table 12). This is primarily because of the limited range in historical escapements, as well as measurement error in the escapement estimates.
- 3) The current method of assessing the inriver run, based on target-strength measurements by split-beam sonar, is subject to known deficiencies, including potentially large inaccuracies. ADF&G is currently transitioning to updated sonar assessment technology based on DIDSON. This will likely require development of a revised escapement goal, based on DIDSON estimates, in the near future.

Therefore, it is recommended that the current escapement goal of 17,800-35,700 be retained, but it be designated as a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) instead of a BEG, because of concerns about measurement error in the sonar-based inriver run assessment.

## RUN FORECASTS

Predicting runs based on sibling ratios seemed promising at the outset of this program, and predictions were routinely published in previous reports. However, predictions in recent years have been unacceptably different from actual runs, probably due to sonar measurement error and fluctuating sibling ratios. ADF&G is developing new forecasting methods that use a combination of sibling ratios and Ricker production estimates for each age class.

## CONCLUSIONS

The late run of Kenai River Chinook salmon remains a productive and healthy stock. Since estimates of abundance and composition were initiated in the late 1980s, returns have been fairly consistent and escapements have been within or above the current BEG range. Sex and age composition has been relatively consistent, with the caveat about concerns with increasing numbers of ocean-age-2 fish.

There are also concerns about moderately high measurement error in the sonar-based inriver run estimates, and ADF&G is actively engaged in efforts to develop improved sonar methodology.

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## **TABLES**



Table 1.-Summary of how stock parameter estimates are derived for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon.

Stock Parameter	Estimated directly (D) or indirectly (I)	How Estimated
Late run Deep Creek marine harvest	D	SWHS. Harvest from 25 June to end of season.
Age/sex composition late run Deep Creek marine harvest	I	Age composition of sport harvest below Soldotna Bridge used as a surrogate
Commercial East side set net (ESSN) harvest	D	CF fish ticket system
Age/sex composition of commercial ESSN harvest	D	Collection of age/sex/length samples
Commercial Upper Cook Inlet Drift net harvest (UCID)	D	CF fish ticket system
Age/sex composition of commercial UCID harvest	I	Age composition of ESSN harvest used as a surrogate
Educational and subsistence harvest	D	Reported directly to ADF&G
Age/sex composition of educational and subsistence harvest	I	Age/sex composition of inriver run used as a surrogate
Personal use dip net harvest in Kenai River	D	Expansion of harvest from harvest reported on returned PU permits
Age/sex composition of personal use (PU) dip net harvest	I	Age composition of ESSN harvest used as a surrogate
Sport harvest below sonar	D	Onsite creel survey
Age/sex composition of sport harvest below sonar	D	Collection of age samples in onsite creel survey
Inriver run	D	Sonar at river mile 8.6
Age composition of inriver run	D	Netting project near sonar site at river mile 8.6
Total run	I	Inriver run plus harvests "before" the sonar (see above)
Age composition of total run	I	Age composition of inriver run used as a surrogate
Sport catch, harvest, and effort below Soldotna Bridge	D	Onsite creel survey
Age composition of sport harvest below Soldotna Bridge	D	Collection of age samples in onsite creel survey
Age composition of hooked-and-released fish above and below Soldotna Bridge	I	Age composition of inriver run used as a surrogate
Sport catch and harvest above Soldotna Bridge	D and I	SWHS. Harvest from July 1-on.
Age composition of sport harvest above Soldotna Bridge	I	Age composition of sport harvest below Soldotna Bridge used as a surrogate
Age composition of hooked-and-released fish above and below Soldotna Bridge	I	Age composition of inriver run used as a surrogate
Hook-and-release mortalities	I	Multiplication of average of direct estimates of mortality rate from 1990 and 1991 (rate not specific to age or size), and the estimated number of released fish above and below the Soldotna Bridge
Escapement	I	Subtraction of all known inriver mortalities above the sonar from the inriver run
Age composition of the escapement	I	Subtraction of all known inriver mortalities (by age) from the inriver run (by age)

Table 2.-Abundance, harvest, and escapement estimates of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, 1986-2006.

Year	Deep Creek		Drift Gillnet Harvest	Pers. Use	Sport Harvest below sonar			Inriver Run	SE	Total Run	Sport Harvest above sonar	Release		SE	Escape-ment	Total Harvest		
	Marine Harvest	Set Net Harvest			Subsist.	SE	SE					Mort.	SE			Rate	SE	
1986	630	19,824	1,834					57,563	19,457	79,851	9,872	504	316	178	47,375	19,464	0.41	0.19
1987	1,218	21,159	4,561					48,123	1,178	75,061	13,100	825	123	107	34,900	1,442	0.54	0.02
1988	1,487	12,859	2,237					52,008	1,273	68,591	19,695	995	176	142	32,137	1,622	0.53	0.03
1989	1,368	10,914	0		22			29,035	710	41,339	9,691	548	88	106	19,256	903	0.53	0.03
1990	1,605	4,139	621	91	13			33,474	746	39,943	6,897	459	69	46	26,508	877	0.34	0.01
1991	1,705	4,893	246	130	288			34,614	901	41,876	7,903	428	16	46	26,695	998	0.36	0.02
1992	2,115	10,718	615	50	402			30,314	685	44,214	7,556	471	234	135	22,524	842	0.49	0.02
1993	2,834	14,079	765	129	27			51,991	1,338	69,825	17,775	644	478	263	33,738	1,508	0.52	0.03
1994	1,869	15,575	464	13	392			53,474	1,374	71,787	17,837	669	572	311	35,065	1,560	0.51	0.02
1995	2,069	12,068	594	36	646			44,336	970	59,749	12,609	533	472	257	31,255	1,136	0.48	0.02
1996	2,038	11,564	389	45	294			39,356	3,535	53,686	8,112	446	337	189	30,907	3,568	0.42	0.06
1997	2,931	11,325	627	339	26			39,622	6,049	54,870	12,755	737	570	319	26,297	6,102	0.52	0.13
1998	1,784	5,087	335	271	2			34,878	500	42,357	7,515	430	595	320	26,768	733	0.37	0.01
1999	1,004	9,463	575	488	4	1,170	152	48,069	723	60,773	12,425	972	682	383	34,962	1,271	0.42	0.02
2000	1,052	3,684	270	410	6	831	108	44,517	669	50,770	14,391	758	499	276	29,627	1,048	0.42	0.02
2001	920	6,009	619	638	8	1,336	174	33,916	565	43,446	15,144	1,023	825	456	17,947	1,254	0.59	0.04
2002	427	9,478	415	606	6	1,929	251	41,807	1,353	54,668	10,678	666	665	363	30,464	1,551	0.44	0.03
2003	200	14,810	1,240	1,016	11	823	134	41,659	435	59,759	16,120	1,188	1,803	978	23,736	1,599	0.60	0.04
2004	1,660	21,625	1,095	792	10	2,386	268	56,205	1,735	83,773	14,988	982	1,019	554	40,198	2,069	0.52	0.03
2005	1,040	21,472	1,839	775	11	2,287	210	43,240	1,370	70,664	15,927	1,176	1,267	693	26,046	1,934	0.63	0.05
2006	938	8,691	1,051	1,034	11	3,322	509	37,743	718	52,790	12,490	810	830	455	24,423	1,175	0.54	0.03

Table 3.-Estimated number of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon by age class in the spawning escapement.

	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
1986																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	6,990	25,199	22,822	2,551	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57,563
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	5,772,676	72,988,471	59,936,791	819,249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	378,574,849
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	2,403	8,543	7,742	905	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,457
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	40	1,001	3,845	4,465	521	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,872
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	802	20,619	85,530	100,950	10,577	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254,186
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	28	144	292	318	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	504
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	38	138	125	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	316
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	470	6,058	4,971	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,558
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	22	78	71	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	5,950	21,216	18,232	2,017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47,375
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	5,793,765	73,080,059	60,042,711	829,890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	378,860,592
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	2,407	8,549	7,749	911	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,464
1987																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	900	13,406	33,116	500	100	50	0	0	50	0	0	48,123
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	44,705	591,638	1,173,459	24,925	5,003	2,502	0	0	2,502	0	0	1,386,601
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	211	769	1,083	158	71	50	0	0	50	0	0	1,178
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	54	136	2,983	9,520	407	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,100
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	1,474	3,706	97,703	430,191	11,328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	681,231
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	38	61	313	656	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	825
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	4	895	5,457	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,521
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	763	10,389	23,511	92	100	50	0	0	50	0	0	34,900
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	48,415	690,236	1,609,106	36,254	5,003	2,502	0	0	2,502	0	0	2,079,353
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	220	831	1,269	190	71	50	0	0	50	0	0	1,442
1988																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	666	1,998	40,407	8,936	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,008
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	36,779	109,088	1,478,119	458,787	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,619,521
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	192	330	1,216	677	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,273
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	142	47	663	15,481	3,361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,695
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	6,726	2,241	31,440	768,865	160,810	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	990,616
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	82	47	177	877	401	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	995
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	137	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	12,127	595	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,085
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	110	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	616	1,329	24,789	5,545	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,137
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	39,023	140,558	2,259,110	620,191	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,630,222
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	198	375	1,503	788	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,622

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	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
1989																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	47	2,989	3,558	18,835	3,511	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,035
Var Run	0	0	0	0	2,251	132,685	155,858	526,652	153,953	4,497	0	0	0	0	0	0	504,766
SE Run	0	0	0	0	47	364	395	726	392	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	710
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	96	1,055	6,908	1,535	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	9,691
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	0	9,206	94,409	343,961	132,332	0	0	0	0	9,206	0	0	299,779
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	96	307	586	364	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	548
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	9	11	57	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	118	167	4,697	163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,165
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	11	13	69	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
Escapement	0	0	0	0	47	2,884	2,492	11,869	1,965	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,256
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	2,251	142,010	250,434	875,310	286,447	4,497	0	0	0	0	0	0	815,710
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	47	377	500	936	535	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	903
1990																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	4,113	4,872	22,970	1,519	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,474
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	237,009	275,598	718,835	93,012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	556,617
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	487	525	848	305	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	746
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	40	667	1,092	4,288	809	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,897
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	819	14,144	23,837	114,026	17,315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210,258
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	29	119	154	338	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	459
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	47	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	33	46	1,015	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,154
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	3,437	3,770	18,635	707	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,508
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	251,186	299,482	833,876	110,332	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	769,029
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	501	547	913	332	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	877
1991																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	2,580	5,482	24,079	2,257	0	0	0	215	0	0	0	34,614
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	261,797	517,561	1,182,470	230,846	0	0	0	23,055	0	0	0	811,605
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	512	719	1,087	480	0	0	0	152	0	0	0	901
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	390	921	6,025	496	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	7,903
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	0	13,600	31,380	157,183	17,227	0	0	0	2,508	0	0	0	183,015
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	117	177	396	131	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	428
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	11	52	1,012	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,094
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	2,189	4,558	18,044	1,760	0	0	0	144	0	0	0	26,695
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	275,408	548,993	1,340,665	248,081	0	0	0	25,563	0	0	0	996,714
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	525	741	1,158	498	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	998

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	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
1992																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	2,045	4,800	22,758	711	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,314
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	172,050	371,812	770,044	62,147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	469,352
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	415	610	878	249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	685
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	38	150	1,165	5,752	451	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,556
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	1,413	5,634	42,372	180,312	16,754	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221,987
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	38	75	206	425	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	471
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	16	37	176	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	234
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	90	471	10,274	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,193
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	9	22	101	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	1,878	3,598	16,830	255	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,524
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	177,774	414,654	960,630	78,914	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	709,532
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	422	644	980	281	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	842
1993																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	4,159	7,279	37,285	2,971	0	0	0	297	0	0	0	51,991
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	581,127	966,996	2,490,939	422,861	0	0	0	44,035	0	0	0	1,790,571
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	762	983	1,578	650	0	0	0	210	0	0	0	1,338
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	335	1,006	15,221	1,032	0	0	103	52	26	0	0	17,775
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	0	8,637	25,817	360,302	26,475	0	0	2,661	1,331	666	0	0	414,409
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	93	161	600	163	0	0	52	36	26	0	0	644
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	38	67	343	27	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	478
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	475	1,406	35,552	250	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	68,948
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	22	38	189	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	263
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	3,786	6,206	21,722	1,912	0	0	0	243	0	0	0	33,738
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	590,239	994,219	2,886,793	449,586	0	0	0	45,370	0	0	0	2,273,928
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	768	997	1,699	671	0	0	0	213	0	0	0	1,508
1994																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	2,971	6,071	41,849	2,196	0	0	0	0	387	0	0	53,474
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	368,865	720,656	2,333,439	275,634	0	0	0	0	49,874	0	0	1,887,876
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	607	849	1,528	525	0	0	0	0	223	0	0	1,374
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	41	329	781	16,193	452	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,837
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	1,689	13,428	31,574	430,440	18,413	1,689	0	0	0	0	0	0	447,784
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	41	116	178	656	136	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	669
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	32	65	448	23	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	572
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	328	1,303	59,329	185	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	96,713
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	18	36	244	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	311
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	2,610	5,225	25,209	1,720	0	0	0	0	383	0	0	35,065
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	382,621	753,533	2,823,208	294,232	0	0	0	0	49,883	0	0	2,432,373
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	619	868	1,680	542	0	0	0	0	223	0	0	1,560

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	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
1995																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	9,900	9,470	22,383	2,367	0	0	0	0	215	0	0	44,336
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	1,709,160	1,652,772	2,635,613	487,127	0	0	0	0	46,321	0	0	940,900
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	1,307	1,286	1,623	698	0	0	0	0	215	0	0	970
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	87	957	1,246	8,986	1,333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,609
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	2,518	27,271	35,349	219,129	37,756	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	284,025
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	50	165	188	468	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	533
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	105	101	238	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	472
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	3,419	3,135	16,987	227	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	65,894
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	58	56	130	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	257
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	8,838	8,123	13,159	1,009	0	0	0	0	213	0	0	31,255
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	1,739,849	1,691,256	2,871,729	525,110	0	0	0	0	46,326	0	0	1,290,820
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	1,319	1,300	1,695	725	0	0	0	0	215	0	0	1,136
1996																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	84	3,021	13,342	22,573	336	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,356
Var Run	0	0	0	0	7,042	306,277	2,171,891	4,913,869	28,669	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,496,225
SE Run	0	0	0	0	84	553	1,474	2,217	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,535
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	485	2,981	4,472	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,112
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	0	16,550	92,325	130,119	5,979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198,964
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	129	304	361	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	446
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	1	26	114	193	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	337
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	1	223	4,156	11,828	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,832
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	1	15	64	109	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
Escapement	0	0	0	0	83	2,510	10,247	17,908	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,907
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	7,042	323,050	2,268,372	5,055,816	34,652	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,731,021
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	84	568	1,506	2,249	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,568
1997																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	1,645	8,637	28,517	686	0	0	137	0	0	0	0	39,622
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	274,972	2,646,335	20,026,984	101,470	0	0	18,797	0	0	0	0	36,588,710
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	524	1,627	4,475	319	0	0	137	0	0	0	0	6,049
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	121	322	2,978	9,174	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,755
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	4,859	12,969	121,456	384,945	6,480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	543,830
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	70	114	349	620	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	737
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	24	124	410	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	570
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	206	4,965	52,833	44	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	101,692
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	14	70	230	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	319
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	1,300	5,536	18,933	515	0	0	135	0	0	0	0	26,297
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	288,147	2,772,756	20,464,762	107,993	0	0	18,801	0	0	0	0	37,234,232
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	537	1,665	4,524	329	0	0	137	0	0	0	0	6,102

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	Age Class																
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
1998																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	5,201	4,895	23,660	1,122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,878
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	458,118	435,253	893,336	111,286	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,212
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	677	660	945	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	114	908	931	5,335	227	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	7,515
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	2,580	20,820	21,346	128,231	5,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184,716
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	51	144	146	358	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	89	84	404	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	595
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	2,377	2,112	47,415	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102,686
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	49	46	218	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	4,204	3,881	17,921	876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,768
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	481,315	458,711	1,068,982	116,581	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	537,614
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	694	677	1,034	341	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	733
1999																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	125	5,977	10,212	29,265	2,242	0	0	0	249	0	0	0	48,069
Var Run	0	0	0	0	15,508	661,453	1,027,495	1,622,941	267,895	0	0	0	30,942	0	0	0	523,168
SE Run	0	0	0	0	125	813	1,014	1,274	518	0	0	0	176	0	0	0	723
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	39	1,359	3,417	7,106	505	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,425
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	1,508	58,161	167,374	426,866	20,306	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	945,152
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	39	241	409	653	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	972
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	2	85	145	415	32	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	682
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	3	2,353	6,743	54,444	355	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	146,357
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	2	49	82	233	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	383
Escapement	0	0	0	0	84	4,534	6,650	21,744	1,705	0	0	0	246	0	0	0	34,962
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	17,019	721,967	1,201,613	2,104,251	288,557	0	0	0	30,951	0	0	0	1,614,677
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	130	850	1,096	1,451	537	0	0	0	176	0	0	0	1,271
2000																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	1,743	13,948	27,663	1,162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,517
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	195,865	1,159,859	1,393,092	132,192	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	447,684
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	443	1,077	1,180	364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	669
Inriver Sport Harvest	30	0	30	0	238	417	4,469	9,028	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,391
Var Harv	829	0	829	0	7,593	10,603	146,534	326,240	5,252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	574,987
SE Harvest	29	0	29	0	87	103	383	571	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	758
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	20	156	310	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	499
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	134	7,560	29,462	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76,021
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	12	87	172	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	276
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	1,307	9,322	18,325	971	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,627
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	206,602	1,313,953	1,748,794	137,507	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,098,692
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	455	1,146	1,322	371	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,048

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	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
2001																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	4,076	6,466	22,451	923	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,916
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	466,434	707,259	1,125,496	119,568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	319,169
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	683	841	1,061	346	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	565
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	273	1,795	2,303	10,460	273	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	15,144
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	8,559	73,157	106,619	630,921	11,527	0	2,062	0	0	0	0	0	1,046,798
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	93	270	327	794	107	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	1,023
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	99	157	546	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	825
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	3,188	7,828	91,347	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207,538
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	56	88	302	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	456
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	2,182	4,005	11,444	628	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,947
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	542,778	821,707	1,847,764	131,298	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,573,505
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	737	906	1,359	362	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,254
2002																	
Inriver Run	47	180	0	0	615	7,382	7,750	24,445	1,387	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41,807
Var Run	2,241	8,164	0	0	28,647	287,704	321,353	1,415,543	61,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,829,645
SE Run	47	90	0	0	169	536	567	1,190	249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,353
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	229	539	2,471	7,208	192	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	10,678
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	10,104	24,410	116,597	301,825	8,551	0	0	0	1,851	0	0	0	443,601
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	101	156	341	549	92	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	666
H&R Mortality	1	3	0	0	10	117	123	389	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	665
Var H&R	1	4	0	0	34	4,146	4,567	45,012	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131,431
SE H&R	1	2	0	0	6	64	68	212	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	363
Escapement	47	177	0	0	377	6,726	5,155	16,848	1,173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,464
Var Esc	2,241	8,168	0	0	38,784	316,260	442,517	1,762,380	70,606	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,404,677
SE Escapement	47	90	0	0	197	562	665	1,328	266	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,551
2003																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	541	12,301	8,269	20,358	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41,659
Var Run	0	0	0	0	19,337	326,517	258,463	425,804	7,244	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189,136
SE Run	0	0	0	0	139	571	508	653	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	435
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	245	2,425	2,983	10,317	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,120
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	8,538	104,601	133,821	730,455	5,219	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,412,863
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	92	323	366	855	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,189
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	23	532	358	881	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,803
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	186	83,718	37,983	228,702	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	955,522
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	14	289	195	478	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	978
Escapement	0	0	0	0	272	9,344	4,928	9,161	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,736
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	28,062	514,835	430,267	1,384,961	12,493	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,557,521
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	168	718	656	1,177	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,599

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	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
2004																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	579	7,877	13,847	33,116	722	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	56,205
Var Run	0	0	0	0	33,177	396,354	755,014	2,275,988	43,516	0	0	0	4,143	0	0	0	3,011,186
SE Run	0	0	0	0	182	630	869	1,509	209	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	1,735
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	179	1,326	4,104	8,916	464	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,988
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	5,608	48,406	179,743	448,923	16,994	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	965,014
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	75	220	424	670	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	982
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	10	143	251	600	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,019
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	40	6,114	18,767	106,701	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	306,833
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	6	78	137	327	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	554
Escapement	0	0	0	0	389	6,408	9,492	23,600	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,198
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	38,825	450,874	953,524	2,831,612	60,571	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,283,033
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	197	671	976	1,683	246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,070
2005																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	0	2,980	7,994	30,470	1,795	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,240
Var Run	0	0	0	0	0	248,782	611,228	1,844,963	147,857	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,877,017
SE Run	0	0	0	0	0	499	782	1,358	385	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,370
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	64	406	2,912	12,119	426	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,927
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	1,465	10,218	103,933	918,190	11,261	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,382,914
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	38	101	322	958	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,176
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	87	234	893	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,267
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	0	2,428	16,735	238,703	914	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	479,770
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	0	49	129	489	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	693
Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	2,487	4,848	17,458	1,317	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,046
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	0	261,428	731,895	3,001,856	160,031	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,739,701
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	0	511	856	1,733	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,934
2006																	
Inriver Run	0	0	0	0	500	10,028	5,074	18,448	3,693	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,743
Var Run	0	0	0	0	31,018	437,204	257,832	649,640	178,547	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	516,689
SE Run	0	0	0	0	176	661	508	806	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	719
Inriver Sport Harvest	0	0	0	0	66	1,395	2,571	7,759	697	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,490
Var Harv	0	0	0	0	1,501	41,632	83,152	329,973	20,242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	656,663
SE Harvest	0	0	0	0	39	204	288	574	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	810
H&R Mortality	0	0	0	0	11	221	112	406	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	830
Var H&R	0	0	0	0	47	14,773	3,832	49,703	2,043	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207,329
SE H&R	0	0	0	0	7	122	62	223	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	455
Escapement	0	0	0	0	423	8,412	2,391	10,283	2,914	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,423
Var Esc	0	0	0	0	32,566	493,609	344,816	1,029,317	200,832	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,380,681
SE Escapement	0	0	0	0	180	703	587	1,015	448	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,175

Table 4.-Total run estimates by year and age class for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, 1986-2006.

	(0.2, 1.1)	(0.3, 1.2, 2.1)	(0.4, 1.3, 2.2)	(0.5, 1.4, 2.3)	(1.5, 2.4)	(1.6, 2.5)	Total
Year	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Run
1986	311	12,071	33,456	30,619	3,363	16	79,837
SE	71	2,416	8,549	7,748	912	16	19,458
Prp	0.004	0.151	0.419	0.384	0.042	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.030	0.107	0.097	0.011	0.000	
1987	596	4,279	21,884	46,725	897	100	74,480
SE	122	348	864	1,206	189	71	1,268
Prp	0.008	0.057	0.294	0.627	0.012	0.001	
SE	0.002	0.005	0.012	0.016	0.003	0.001	
1988	497	2,284	4,288	51,941	9,572	0	68,582
SE	91	249	378	1,318	690	0	1,396
Prp	0.007	0.033	0.063	0.757	0.140	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.004	0.006	0.019	0.010		
1989	150	4,655	6,039	25,639	4,766	95	41,344
SE	60	388	429	840	419	67	885
Prp	0.004	0.113	0.146	0.620	0.115	0.002	
SE	0.001	0.009	0.010	0.020	0.010	0.002	
1990	66	5,742	6,589	25,600	1,945	0	39,943
SE	26	503	546	938	319	0	969
Prp	0.002	0.144	0.165	0.641	0.049	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.013	0.014	0.023	0.008		
1991	50	4,058	7,485	27,787	2,489	0	41,869
SE	25	526	735	1,215	484	0	1,115
Prp	0.001	0.097	0.179	0.664	0.059	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.013	0.018	0.029	0.012		
1992	300	3,840	8,429	30,275	1,297	0	44,142
SE	70	445	657	1,100	270	0	1,065
Prp	0.007	0.087	0.191	0.686	0.029	0.000	
SE	0.002	0.010	0.015	0.025	0.006		
1993	439	6,148	10,579	48,736	3,806	0	69,709
SE	83	780	1,006	1,863	662	0	1,727
Prp	0.006	0.088	0.152	0.699	0.055	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.011	0.014	0.027	0.009		
1994	718	5,224	8,617	53,638	3,880	15	72,093
SE	87	625	863	1,547	582	12	1,380
Prp	0.010	0.072	0.120	0.744	0.054	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.009	0.012	0.021	0.008		
1995	436	13,296	13,835	28,431	3,635	9	59,642
SE	60	1,316	1,296	1,633	736	9	972
Prp	0.007	0.223	0.232	0.477	0.061	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.022	0.022	0.027	0.012		
1996	621	5,447	18,303	28,635	614	0	53,619
SE	100	564	1,482	2,225	174	0	3,541
Prp	0.012	0.102	0.341	0.534	0.011	0.000	
SE	0.002	0.011	0.028	0.041	0.003		

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	(0.2, 1.1)	(0.3, 1.2, 2.1)	(0.4, 1.3, 2.2)	(0.5, 1.4, 2.3)	(1.5, 2.4)	(1.6, 2.5)	Total
Year	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Run
1997	1,025	3,513	13,140	36,065	945	0	54,688
SE	83	535	1,641	4,482	322	0	6,054
Prp	0.019	0.064	0.240	0.659	0.017	0.000	
SE	0.002	0.010	0.030	0.082	0.006		
1998	708	6,749	6,399	27,138	1,312	0	42,306
SE	62	683	666	960	335	0	534
Prp	0.017	0.160	0.151	0.641	0.031	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.016	0.016	0.023	0.008		
1999	375	8,967	13,393	35,414	2,625	0	60,773
SE	131	827	1,030	1,305	523	0	1,030
Prp	0.006	0.148	0.220	0.583	0.043	0.000	
SE	0.002	0.014	0.017	0.021	0.009		
2000	435	2,373	16,240	30,500	1,223	0	50,770
SE	38	445	1,084	1,190	365	0	308
Prp	0.009	0.047	0.320	0.601	0.024	0.000	
SE	0.001	0.009	0.021	0.023	0.007		
2001	901	7,262	7,868	26,363	1,052	0	43,446
SE	85	701	855	1,087	350	0	640
Prp	0.021	0.167	0.181	0.607	0.024	0.000	
SE	0.002	0.016	0.020	0.025	0.008		
2002	2,092	10,862	12,037	28,171	1,505	0	54,668
SE	204	562	590	1,207	251	0	1,372
Prp	0.038	0.199	0.220	0.515	0.028	0.000	
SE	0.004	0.010	0.011	0.022	0.005		
2003	1,210	21,293	12,538	24,218	501	0	59,759
SE	188	659	582	708	121	0	459
Prp	0.020	0.356	0.210	0.405	0.008	0.000	
SE	0.003	0.011	0.010	0.012	0.002		
2004	1,960	14,088	25,354	41,812	1,048	0	84,262
SE	234	688	929	1,550	218	0	1,770
Prp	0.023	0.167	0.301	0.496	0.012	0.000	
SE	0.003	0.008	0.011	0.018	0.003		
2005	763	9,564	13,551	44,452	2,334	0	70,664
SE	191	698	903	1,480	413	0	1,397
Prp	0.011	0.135	0.192	0.629	0.033	0.000	
SE	0.003	0.010	0.013	0.021	0.006		
2006	1,906	14,296	8,346	24,041	4,206	0	52,795
SE	233	697	546	852	429	0	891
Prp	0.036	0.271	0.158	0.455	0.080	0.000	
SE	0.004	0.013	0.010	0.016	0.008		

Note: Prp = proportion

Table 5.-Harvest and catch in the recreational fishery for Kenai River late-run Chinook salmon, 1986-2006.

Year	Harvest										Catch							
	CI-SB <sup>a</sup>		CI-Sonar		Sonar-SB		SB-KL <sup>b</sup>		Total		Total Above Sonar		CI-SB <sup>a</sup>		SB-KL <sup>b</sup>		Total	
	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE
1986	8,053	447					1,819	233	9,872	504			13,702	723	1,819	233	15,521	760
1987	10,767	740					2,333	366	13,100	825			14,595	896	2,333	366	16,928	968
1988	16,435	901					3,260	423	19,695	995			21,833	1,156	3,260	423	25,093	1,231
1989	8,008	522					1,683	165	9,691	548			10,525	852	1,683	165	12,208	868
1990	5,813	432					1,084	154	6,897	459			8,059	539	2,818	208	10,877	578
1991	6,849	410					1,054	122	7,903	428			8,091	479	2,030	150	10,121	502
1992	6,680	462					876	92	7,556	471			10,394	617	2,028	182	12,422	643
1993	15,279	620					2,496	173	17,775	644			19,660	787	3,910	272	23,570	833
1994	14,388	637					3,449	205	17,837	669			18,539	770	6,230	389	24,769	863
1995	10,125	510					2,484	155	12,609	533			13,899	649	4,434	313	18,333	721
1996	5,984	404					2,128	189	8,112	446			6,983	428	5,216	694	12,199	815
1997	10,336	710					2,419	199	12,755	737			12,536	828	7,130	1,041	19,666	1,330
1998	5,981	392					1,534	176	7,515	430			9,915	556	4,812	622	14,727	834
1999	12,027	963	1,170	152	10,857	958	1,568	163	13,595	977	12,425	972	17,197	1,527	4,664	451	21,861	1,592
2000	12,065	720	831	108	11,234	718	3,157	245	15,222	760	14,391	758	15,135	734	6,139	508	21,274	893
2001	13,736	996	1,336	174	12,400	989	2,744	263	16,480	1,030	15,144	1,023	19,752	1,422	6,730	808	26,482	1,635
2002	11,483	682	1,929	251	9,554	649	1,124	149	12,607	698	10,678	666	16,866	1,028	3,798	470	20,664	1,130
2003	13,837	1,168	823	134	13,014	1,160	3,106	258	16,943	1,196	16,120	1,188	28,769	1,746	10,030	2,479	38,799	3,032
2004	14,493	975	2,386	268	12,107	937	2,881	294	17,374	1,018	14,988	982	22,456	1,462	7,270	745	29,726	1,641
2005	15,313	1,161	2,287	210	13,026	1,142	2,901	281	18,214	1,194	15,927	1,176	25,663	2,214	7,910	724	33,573	2,329
2006	13,190	905	3,322	509	9,869	749	2,621	310	15,811	957	12,490	810	19,788	<b>1323</b>	6,089	733	25,877	1,513

Source: Conrad and Hammarstrom 1987; Hammarstrom 1988-1992, 1993a,-1994, King 1995-1997, Marsh 1999, 2000, Reimer et al. 2002, Reimer 2003, 2004a-b, 2007, Eskelin 2007, 2009.

<sup>a</sup> Cook Inlet–Soldotna Bridge: from creel survey, areas surveyed were (1) entire area open to fishing 1986–1989, (2) mid and lower sections in 1990, (3) lower only 1991–1998.

<sup>b</sup> Soldotna Bridge–Kenai Lake: from SWHS, 50% of published estimate for 1986–1992; catch for 1986–1995 not available, so used 50% of harvest estimate.

Table 6.-Estimates by age class of the total number of late-run Chinook salmon harvested in the recreational fishery of the Kenai River, 1986-2006.

Estimate	Age Class																All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
1986 Harvest	0	0	0	0	40	1,001	3,845	4,465	521	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,872
1986 SE	0	0	0	0	28	144	292	318	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	504
1987 Harvest	0	0	0	0	54	136	2,983	9,520	407	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,100
1987 SE	0	0	0	0	38	61	313	656	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	825
1988 Harvest	0	0	0	0	142	47	663	15,481	3,361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,695
1988 SE	0	0	0	0	82	47	177	877	401	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	995
1989 Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	96	1,055	6,908	1,535	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	9,691
1989 SE	0	0	0	0	0	96	307	586	364	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	548
1990 Harvest	0	0	0	0	40	667	1,092	4,288	809	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,897
1990 SE	0	0	0	0	29	119	154	338	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	459
1991 Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	390	921	6,025	496	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	7,903
1991 SE	0	0	0	0	0	117	177	396	131	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	428
1992 Harvest	0	0	0	0	38	150	1,165	5,752	451	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,556
1992 SE	0	0	0	0	38	75	206	425	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	471
1993 Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	335	1,006	15,221	1,032	0	0	103	52	26	0	0	17,775
1993 SE	0	0	0	0	0	93	161	600	163	0	0	52	36	26	0	0	644
1994 Harvest	0	0	0	0	41	329	781	16,193	452	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,837
1994 SE	0	0	0	0	41	116	178	656	136	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	669
1995 Harvest	0	0	0	0	87	957	1,246	8,986	1,333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,609
1995 SE	0	0	0	0	50	165	188	468	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	533
1996 Harvest	0	0	0	0	0	485	2,981	4,472	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,112
1996 SE	0	0	0	0	0	129	304	361	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	446
1997 Harvest	0	0	0	0	121	322	2,978	9,174	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,755
1997 SE	0	0	0	0	70	114	349	620	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	737
1998 Harvest	0	0	0	0	114	908	931	5,335	227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,515
1998 SE	0	0	0	0	51	144	146	358	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430
1999 Harvest	0	0	0	0	42	1,487	3,739	7,775	552	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,595
1999 SE	0	0	0	0	42	260	433	673	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	977
2000 Harvest	32	0	32	0	252	441	4,727	9,549	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,222
2000 SE	30	0	30	0	92	109	397	583	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	760
2001 Harvest	0	0	0	0	297	1,954	2,506	11,383	297	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	16,480
2001 SE	0	0	0	0	100	290	350	814	117	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	1,030
2002 Harvest	0	0	0	0	267	633	2,909	8,525	225	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	12,607
2002 SE	0	0	0	0	101	156	341	549	92	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	698
2003 Harvest	0	0	0	0	257	2,546	3,134	10,847	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,943
2003 SE	0	0	0	0	97	337	381	869	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,196
2004 Harvest	0	0	0	0	210	1,545	4,777	10,308	534	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,374
2004 SE	0	0	0	0	90	257	476	722	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,018
2005 Harvest	0	0	0	0	73	464	3,329	13,861	487	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,214
2005 SE	0	0	0	0	45	117	358	985	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,195
2006 Harvest	0	0	0	0	80	1,744	3,260	9,839	888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,811
2006 SE	0	0	0	0	48	258	370	704	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	957

Table 7.-Summary of Kenai River Chinook salmon 55 inches TL or larger sealed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 2003-2006.

Date	Location	Resident/non resident	Power/Drift Boat	Guided/Non- guided	Fish color	Sex	TL (in)	Length: mid eye to tail fork (mm)	Girth (in)	Weight (lb)	Fish age
7/12/2003	Big Eddy	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	55.5	1,215	31	70.12	1.5
7/23/2003	Sunken Island	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	57	1,238	35	85	1.4
7/24/2003	Poacher's Cove	NR	P	G	Silver	M	55.25	1,225	33.25	74.5	1.4
7/26/2003	RM 26	R	P	NG	Red	M	55.63	1,158	33	72	1.4
7/26/2003	Eagle Rock	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	55	1,240	32	76	1.5
7/30/2003	Sunken Island	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	55.5	1,219	34.5	81	1.4
7/31/2003	Sunken Island	NR	P	G	Red	M	57	1,245	33.5	76.5	1.4
7/1/2004	3 miles below Moose R.	R	P	G	Red	M	56	1,199	32.125	71.35	1.4
7/3/2004	Poacher's Cove	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	55	1,205	31.75	68.7	1.4
7/20/2004	Beaver Creek	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	56.25	1,240	33.875	76.8	1.4
7/29/2004	Rock Pile (Middle River)	NR	P	G	Red	M	55.5	1,215	34.875	80.2	1.5
6/24/2005	Sunken Island RM 18.1	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	55.38	1,223	31.875	70.4	1.4
7/13/2005	Beaver Creek	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	55.38	1,160	33	72.7	1.5
7/14/2005	Lower Bluffs	R	P	G	Silver	M	55.75	1,225	30	65.1	1.5
7/15/2005	Cow Pastures	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	57.88	1,245	35	86.45	N/A
7/15/2005	Slikok Cr.	NR	P	NG	Silver	M	56.88	1,260	31.875	73.73	1.4
7/15/2005	Eagle Rock	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	56.25	1,245	31.75	75.6	1.5
7/30/2005	Below Cunningham park	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	58	1,272	32	78.9	N/A
7/31/2005	RM 10 Flat below Beaver CR	N/A	P	NG	Silver	M	56	1,215	33	74.9	1.5
7/31/2005	Falling in Hole	R	P	NG	Red	M	55.5	1,215	33	67.8	1.5
7/8/2006	Across from Pillars RM 12.3	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	55.5	1,275	31.5	73.25	1.4
7/16/2006	Honeymoon Cove	R	P	NG	Blushed	M	55.5	1,275	N/A	75.85	1.4
7/16/2006	Cow Pastures	NR	P	NG	Blushed	M	55	1,240	31.25	60.35	1.4
7/18/2006	Cow Pastures	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	55.25	1,223	31	64.7	1.5
7/26/2006	Airplane Hole RM 14.5	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	57	1,280	34.75	86.55	1.4
7/28/2006	Mud Island	NR	P	G	Red	M	56	1,240	33	68.2	1.5
7/29/2006	UK	NR	P	G	Blushed	M	56.25	1,275	31.75	74.9	1.5
7/31/2006	RM. 7.5 Pastures	R	D	NG	Blushed	M	55	1,185	29	56.84	1.4



Table 8.- Estimated sport catch, harvest, releases, and hook-and-release fishing mortality of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, 1986-2006.

Year	Sport Catch		Sport Harvest		Released		Proportion Hook-and-Release Mortality		Hook-and-Release Mortality	
	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE	Estimate	SE
1986	15,521	760	9,872	504	5,649	912	0.0825	0.0435	466	254
1987	16,928	968	13,100	825	3,828	1,272	0.0825	0.0435	316	189
1988	25,093	1,231	19,695	995	5,398	1,583	0.0825	0.0435	445	260
1989	12,208	868	9,691	548	2,517	1,026	0.1060	0.0330	267	133
1990	10,877	578	6,897	459	3,980	738	0.0590	0.0220	235	96
1991	10,121	502	7,903	428	2,218	660	0.0825	0.0435	183	107
1992	12,422	643	7,556	471	4,866	797	0.0825	0.0435	401	219
1993	23,570	833	17,775	644	5,795	1,052	0.0825	0.0435	478	263
1994	24,769	863	17,837	669	6,932	1,092	0.0825	0.0435	572	311
1995	18,333	721	12,609	533	5,724	896	0.0825	0.0435	472	257
1996	12,199	815	8,112	446	4,087	929	0.0825	0.0435	337	189
1997	19,666	1,330	12,755	737	6,911	1,521	0.0825	0.0435	570	319
1998	14,727	834	7,515	430	7,212	939	0.0825	0.0435	595	320
1999	21,861	1,592	13,595	977	8,266	1,868	0.0825	0.0435	682	383
2000	21,274	893	15,222	760	6,052	1,173	0.0825	0.0435	499	276
2001	26,482	1,635	16,480	1,030	10,002	1,933	0.0825	0.0435	825	456
2002	20,664	1,130	12,607	698	8,057	1,329	0.0825	0.0435	665	363
2003	38,799	3,032	16,943	1,196	21,856	3,259	0.0825	0.0435	1,803	978
2004	29,726	1,641	17,374	1,018	12,352	1,931	0.0825	0.0435	1,019	554
2005	33,573	2,329	18,214	1,194	15,359	2,618	0.0825	0.0435	1,267	693
2006	25,877	1,513	15,811	957	10,065	1,790	0.0825	0.0435	830	455

Table 9.-Estimated number of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon hook-and-release mortalities by age class in the sport fishery.

		Age Class																All
		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	
1986	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.14	43.78	39.65	4.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.81	1.22	1.21	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	57	204	185	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	466
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	31	111	101	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254
1987	Inriver Run %	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	69	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	6	88	217	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	316
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	4	53	130	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
1988	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.28	3.84	77.69	17.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.63	1.36	1.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	6	17	346	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	445
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	202	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260
1989	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	10.29	12.25	64.87	12.09	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	1.23	1.33	1.93	1.32	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	27	33	173	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	267
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	14	17	86	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	133
1990	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.29	14.56	68.62	4.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.53	2.02	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	29	34	161	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	235
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	66	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
1991	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.45	15.84	69.57	6.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.47	2.04	2.57	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	14	29	127	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	183
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	8	17	74	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	107

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		Age Class																
		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
1992	Inriver Run %	0	0	0	0	0	7	16	75	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	27	64	301	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	401
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	15	35	164	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219
1993	Inriver Run %	0	0	0	0	0	8	14	72	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	38	67	343	27	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	478
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	22	38	189	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	263
1994	Inriver Run %	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	78	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	32	65	448	23	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	572
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	18	36	244	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	311
1995	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.33	21.36	50.49	5.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.91	2.86	3.49	1.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	105	101	238	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	472
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	58	56	130	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	257
1996	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	7.68	33.90	57.36	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	1.23	2.19	2.29	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	1	26	114	193	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	337
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	1	15	64	109	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
1997	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.15	21.80	71.97	1.73	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.18	2.43	2.65	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	24	124	410	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	570
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	14	70	230	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	319

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		Age Class																
		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
1998	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.91	14.04	67.84	3.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.93	1.88	2.53	0.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	89	84	404	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	595
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	49	46	218	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320
1999	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	12.44	21.24	60.88	4.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	1.68	2.08	2.49	1.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	2	85	145	415	32	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	682
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	2	49	82	233	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	383
2000	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.92	31.33	62.14	2.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.99	2.37	2.48	0.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	20	156	310	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	499
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	12	87	172	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	276
2001	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.02	19.06	66.20	2.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.46	2.94	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	99	157	546	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	825
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	56	88	302	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	456
2002	Inriver Run %	0.11	0.43	0.00	0.00	1.47	17.66	18.54	58.47	3.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100
	Inriver Run % SE	0.11	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.40	1.25	1.28	1.58	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	1	3	0	0	10	117	123	389	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	665
	Hook-and-Release SE	1	2	0	0	6	64	68	212	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	363
2003	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	29.53	19.85	48.87	0.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	1.33	1.20	1.48	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	23	532	358	881	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,803
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	14	289	195	478	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	978

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		Age Class																
		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
2004	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.03	14.01	24.64	58.92	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	1.10	1.40	1.56	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	10	143	251	600	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,019
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	6	78	137	327	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	554
2005	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.89	18.49	70.47	4.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.15	1.73	2.03	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	87	234	893	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,267
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	0	49	129	489	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	693
2006	Inriver Run %	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33	26.57	13.44	48.88	9.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Inriver Run % SE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.69	1.33	1.88	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Hook-and-Release Mortality	0	0	0	0	11	221	112	406	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	830
	Hook-and-Release SE	0	0	0	0	7	122	62	223	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	455

Table 10.-Sibling return ratios for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon for brood years 1980-2001.

Brood Year	Age 5/ Age 4	Age 6/ Age 5	Age 6/ Age 4+5	Age 7/ Age 6	Age 7/ Age 5+6	Age 7/ Age 4+5+6
1980				0.03		
1981		1.40		0.20	0.12	
1982	1.81	2.37	1.53	0.09	0.06	0.06
1983	1.00	5.98	2.99	0.08	0.06	0.06
1984	2.64	4.24	3.08	0.10	0.08	0.07
1985	1.42	4.22	2.47	0.05	0.04	0.03
1986	1.30	4.04	2.29	0.13	0.10	0.09
1987	2.08	5.78	3.90	0.08	0.07	0.06
1988	2.75	5.07	3.72	0.07	0.06	0.05
1989	1.40	3.30	1.93	0.02	0.02	0.01
1990	2.65	2.07	1.50	0.03	0.02	0.02
1991	1.38	1.97	1.14	0.04	0.02	0.02
1992	2.41	2.07	1.46	0.10	0.07	0.06
1993	1.82	5.53	3.57	0.03	0.03	0.03
1994	1.98	2.28	1.51	0.03	0.02	0.02
1995	1.81	1.62	1.05	0.06	0.04	0.03
1996	3.32	3.58	2.75	0.02	0.01	0.01
1997	1.66	2.01	1.25	0.04	0.03	0.02
1998	1.15	3.33	1.79	0.06	0.04	0.04
1999	1.19	1.75	0.95	0.09	0.06	0.05
2000	0.96	1.77	0.87			
2001	0.87					
Mean	1.78	3.22	2.09	0.07	0.05	0.04
SD	0.34	0.49	0.31	0.02	0.10	0.01
% CV	19%	15%	15%	23%	196%	24%
Max	3.32	5.98	3.90	0.20	0.12	0.09
Min	0.87	1.40	0.87	0.02	0.01	0.01

Table 11.-Return estimates by brood year and age for late-run Kenai Chinook salmon, 1978-2006.

Brood Year	Spawning Escapement	Return						Total Return To Date	Return per Spawner
		(0.2, 1.1) Age 3	(0.3, 1.2, 2.1) Age 4	(0.4, 1.3, 2.2) Age 5	(0.5, 1.4, 2.3) Age 6	(1.5, 2.4) Age 7	(1.6, 2.5) Age 8		
1978	Unknown						(1986) 16	16	
SE							16	16	
1979	Unknown					(1986) 3,363	(1987) 100	3,463	
SE						912	71	915	
1980	Unknown				(1986) 30,619	(1987) 897	(1988) 0	31,516	
SE					7,748	189	0	7,751	
1981	Unknown			(1986) 33,456	(1987) 46,725	(1988) 9,572	(1989) 95	89,848	
SE				8,549	1,206	690	67	8,661	
1982	Unknown		(1986) 12,071	(1987) 21,884	(1988) 51,941	(1989) 4,766	(1990) 0	90,662	
SE			2,416	864	1,318	419	0	2,915	
1983	Unknown	(1986) 311	(1987) 4,279	(1988) 4,288	(1989) 25,639	(1990) 1,945	(1991) 0	36,462	
SE		71	348	378	840	319	0	1,038	
1984	Unknown	(1987) 596	(1988) 2,284	(1989) 6,039	(1990) 25,600	(1991) 2,489	(1992) 0	37,009	
SE		122	249	429	938	484	0	1,173	
1985	Unknown	(1988) 497	(1989) 4,655	(1990) 6,589	(1991) 27,787	(1992) 1,297	(1993) 0	40,825	
SE		91	388	546	1,215	270	0	1,416	
1986	47,375	(1989) 150	(1990) 5,742	(1991) 7,485	(1992) 30,275	(1993) 3,806	(1994) 15	47,475	1.00
SE	19,464	60	503	735	1,100	662	12	1,564	0.41
1987	34,900	(1990) 66	(1991) 4,058	(1992) 8,429	(1993) 48,736	(1994) 3,880	(1995) 9	65,177	1.87
SE	1,442	26	526	657	1,863	582	9	2,126	0.10
1988	32,137	(1991) 50	(1992) 3,840	(1993) 10,579	(1994) 53,638	(1995) 3,635	(1996) 0	71,743	2.23
SE	1,622	25	445	1,006	1,547	736	0	2,036	0.13
1989	19,256	(1992) 300	(1993) 6,148	(1994) 8,617	(1995) 28,431	(1996) 614	(1997) 0	44,111	2.29
SE	903	70	780	863	1,633	174	0	2,014	0.15

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Brood Year	Spawning Escapement	Return						Total Return To Date	Return per Spawner
		(0.2, 1.1) Age 3	(0.3, 1.2, 2.1) Age 4	(0.4, 1.3, 2.2) Age 5	(0.5, 1.4, 2.3) Age 6	(1.5, 2.4) Age 7	(1.6, 2.5) Age 8		
		(1993)	(1994)	(1995)	(1996)	(1997)	(1998)		
1990	26,508	439	5,224	13,835	28,635	945	0	49,078	1.85
SE	877	83	625	1,296	2,225	322	0	2,670	0.12
		(1994)	(1995)	(1996)	(1997)	(1998)	(1999)		
1991	26,695	718	13,296	18,303	36,065	1,312		69,694	2.61
SE	998	87	1,316	1,482	4,482	335	0	4,913	0.21
		(1995)	(1996)	(1997)	(1998)	(1999)	(2000)		
1992	22,524	436	5,447	13,140	27,138	2,625		48,786	2.17
SE	842	60	564	1,641	960	51	0	1,984	0.12
		(1996)	(1997)	(1998)	(1999)	(2000)	(2001)		
1993	33,738	621	3,513	6,399	35,414	1,223		47,169	1.40
SE	1,508	100	535	666	188	365	0	953	0.07
		(1997)	(1998)	(1999)	(2000)	(2001)	(2002)		
1994	35,065	1,025	6,749	13,393	30,500	1,052		52,719	1.50
SE	1,560	83	683	1,030	1,190	350	0	1,753	0.08
		(1998)	(1999)	(2000)	(2001)	(2002)	(2003)		
1995	31,255	708	8,967	16,240	26,363	1,505		53,783	1.72
SE	1,136	62	827	1,084	1,087	251	0	1,763	0.08
		(1999)	(2000)	(2001)	(2002)	(2003)	(2004)		
1996	30,907	375	2,373	7,868	28,171	501		39,288	1.27
SE	3,568	131	445	855	1,207	121		1,555	0.16
		(2000)	(2001)	(2002)	(2003)	(2004)	(2005)		
1997	26,297	435	7,262	12,037	24,218	1,048	0	44,999	1.71
SE	6,102	38	701	590	708	218		1,179	0.40
		(2001)	(2002)	(2003)	(2004)	(2005)	(2006)		
1998	26,768	901	10,862	12,538	41,812	2,334	0	68,448	2.56
SE	733	85	562	582	1,550	413		1,799	0.10
		(2002)	(2003)	(2004)	(2005)	(2006)			
1999	34,962	2,092	21,293	25,354	44,452	4,206		97,397	2.79
SE	1,271	204	659	929	1,480	413		1,924	0.12
		(2003)	(2004)	(2005)	(2006)				
2000	29,627	1,210	14,088	13,551	24,041			52,890	
SE	1,048	188	687	903	852			1,431	
		(2004)	(2005)	(2006)					
2001	17,947	1,960	9,564	8,346				19,869	
SE	1,254	234	698	546				916	
		(2005)	(2006)						
2002	30,464	763	14,315					15,078	
SE	1,551	191	697					723	
		(2006)							
2003	23,736	1,906						1,906	
SE	1,599	233						233	



Table 12.—Posterior percentiles from a Bayesian Ricker spawner-recruit analysis of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, brood years 1979–2003.

Parameters	Percentiles				
	2.5%	10%	Median	90%	97.5%
$\ln(a)$	0.80	1.03	1.56	2.17	2.54
$a$	2.2	2.8	4.8	8.7	12.7
$b \times 10^5$	4.98E-06	1.24E-05	3.06E-05	5.34E-05	6.78E-05
$s_{SR}$	0.13	0.17	0.24	0.34	0.40
$f$	-0.50	-0.25	0.22	0.69	0.89
$s_{SR}/(1-f)^2$	0.14	0.18	0.26	0.41	0.62
$S_{MSY}^c$	11,940	14,090	20,270	37,510	77,370
$S_{MAX}$	14,750	18,740	32,650	80,580	200,700
$S_{EQ}$	36,370	40,220	52,430	90,450	183,200
<i>1990 and before</i>					
$D$	29	41	69	108	134
$p_1$	0.070	0.079	0.096	0.115	0.128
$p_2$	0.145	0.157	0.179	0.202	0.216
$p_3$	0.613	0.632	0.662	0.689	0.704
$p_4$	0.044	0.050	0.062	0.076	0.085
<i>1991 and after</i>					
$D$	29	36	58	91	116
$p_1$	0.129	0.138	0.155	0.174	0.185
$p_2$	0.204	0.215	0.236	0.258	0.271
$p_3$	0.531	0.547	0.575	0.599	0.612
$p_4$	0.022	0.026	0.034	0.044	0.050

Note: parameters are defined in Appendix B.

Table 13.—Relative uncertainty (RU80) of Ricker spawner-recruit parameter estimates for Pacific salmon populations analyzed with Bayesian age-structured spawner-recruit methods.

Salmon species	River	Years <sup>b</sup>	$S$ uncertainty	Harvest rate	$\hat{\phi}$	$\hat{\sigma}_{SR}$	RU <sub>80</sub> <sup>a</sup>		
							$\ln(\alpha)$	$\beta$	$S_{MSY}$
Coho	Chilkat	7/9	high	low	0.69	0.31	0.67	0.60	0.51
Chinook	Anchor	5/31	high	low	0.23	0.17	0.85	0.98	0.42
Chinook	Karluk	12/29	low	low	0.16	0.49	1.46	1.63	1.39
Chinook	Ayakulik	12/28	low	low	-0.17	0.51	1.44	0.59	0.38
Chinook	Kenai, early run	21/21	mod-high	mixed	0.24	0.16	0.35	0.48	0.32
Chinook	Kenai, late run	21/21	mod-high	moderate	0.22	0.24	0.73	1.34	1.16
Chinook	Deshka	10/31	low	mixed	0.67	0.44	0.77	0.69	0.57
Sockeye	Buskin	8/8	low	high	0.43	0.57	1.21	1.63	2.11

<sup>a</sup> RU80 is defined as the width of 80% credibility intervals (90th posterior percentile – 10th posterior percentile) divided by the posterior median.

<sup>b</sup> Numbers before slash represent years of complete data; numbers after dash represent years with partial data.



## **FIGURES**



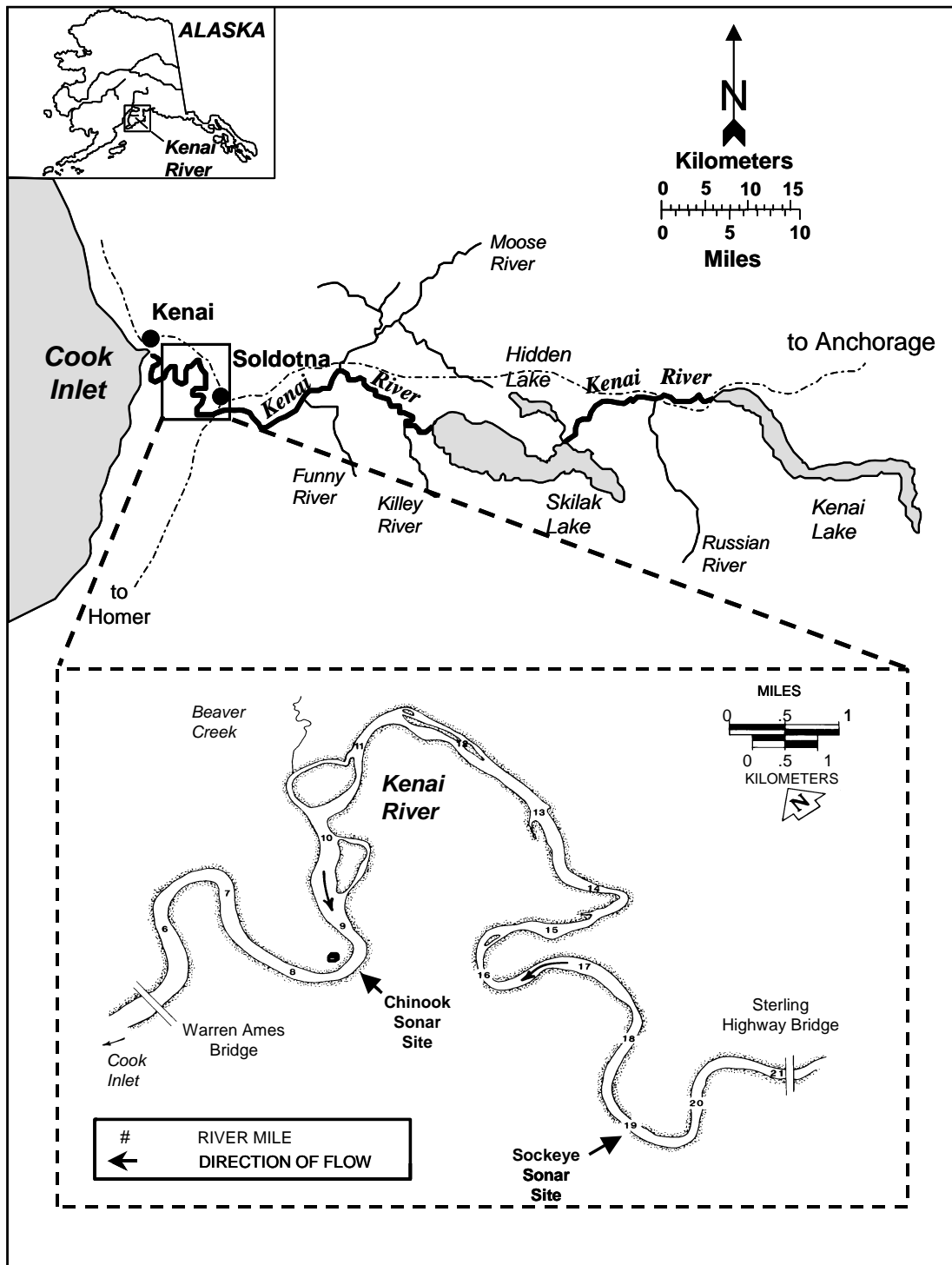
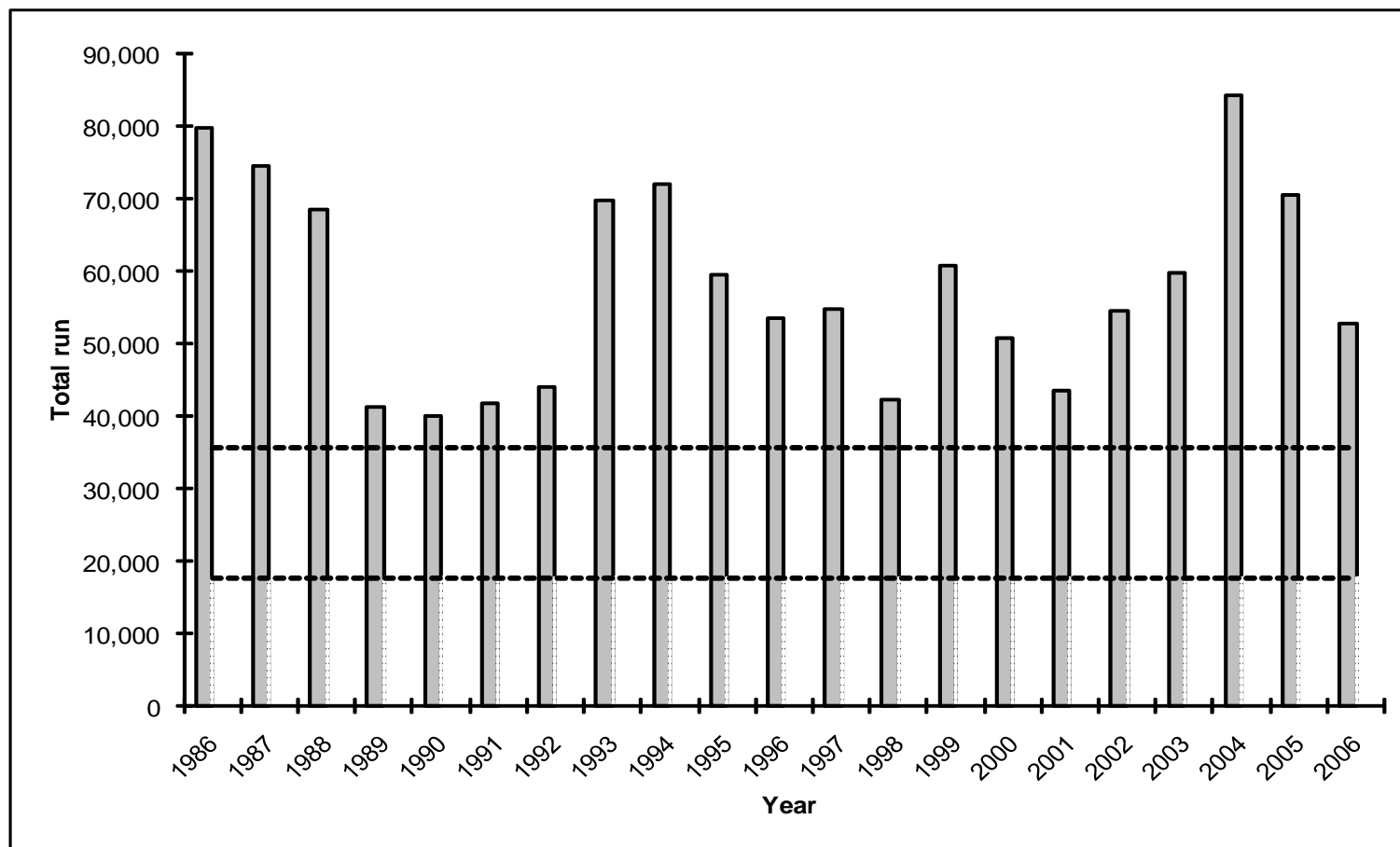
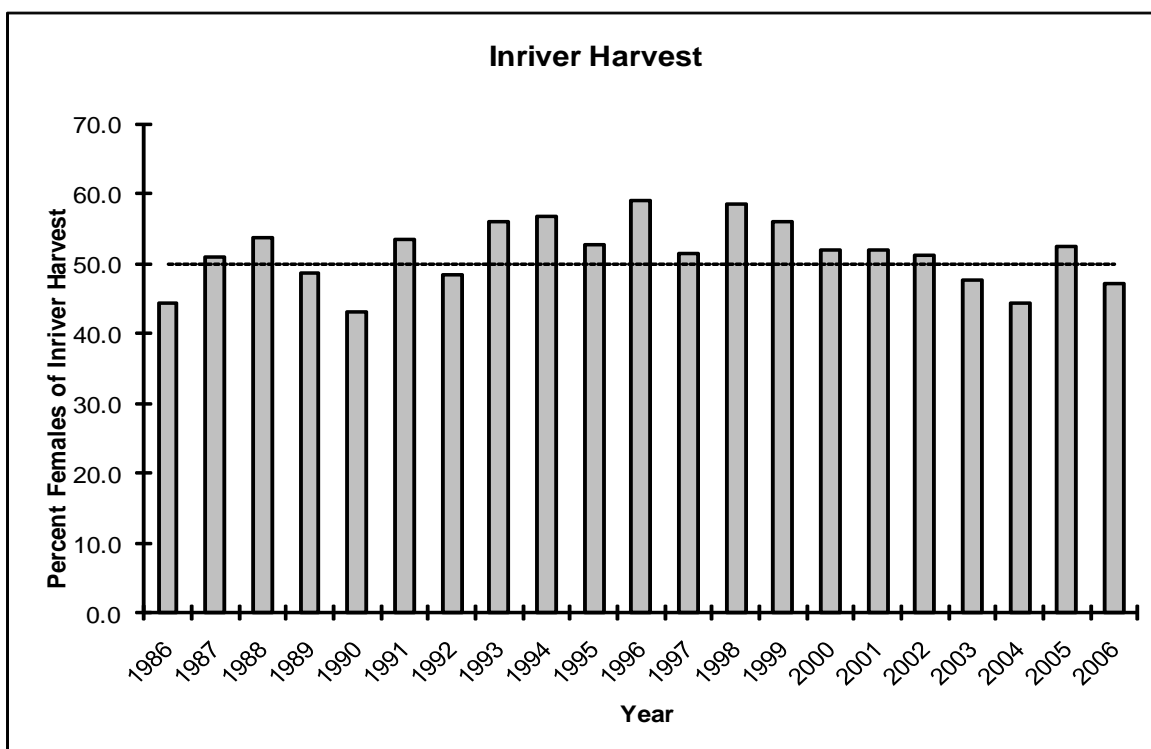
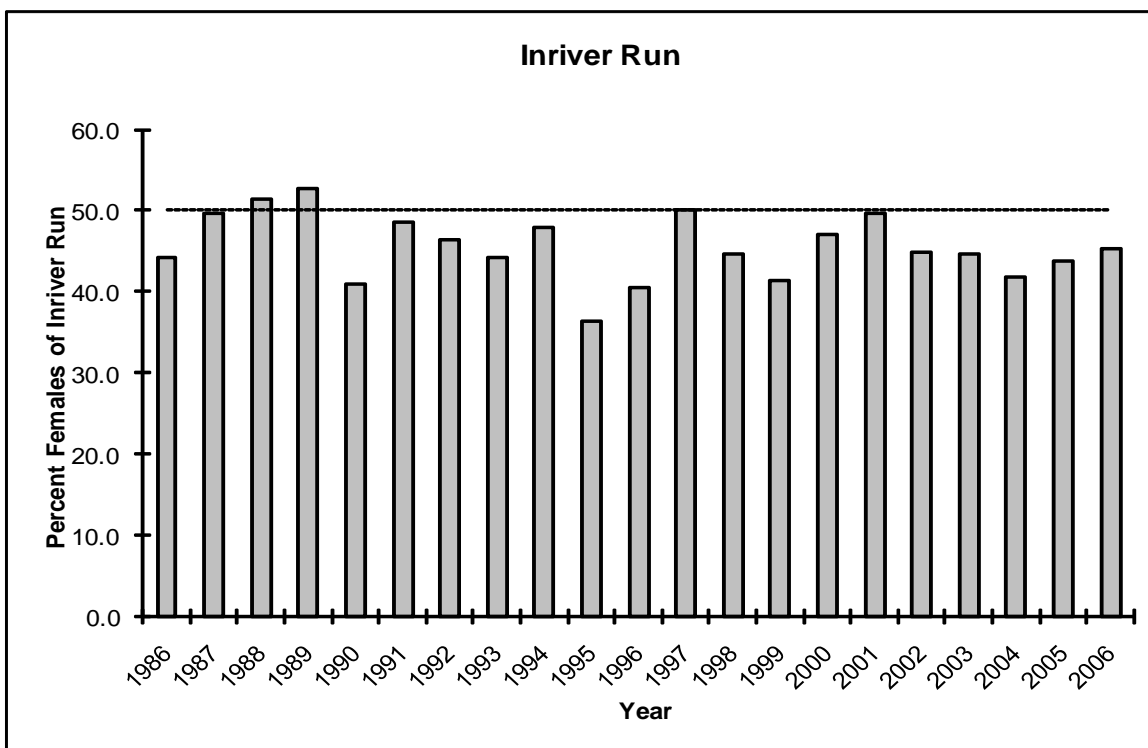


Figure 1.-Kenai River drainage and location of the mile-8.6 Chinook sonar site, the Soldotna Bridge, and tributaries.



*Note:* Dashed lines indicate lower and upper values of the BEG range in effect since 1999.

Figure 2.-Total run of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, 1986-2006.



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Figure 3.-Percent of females in the inriver run, inriver harvest, and escapement of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, 1986-2006.

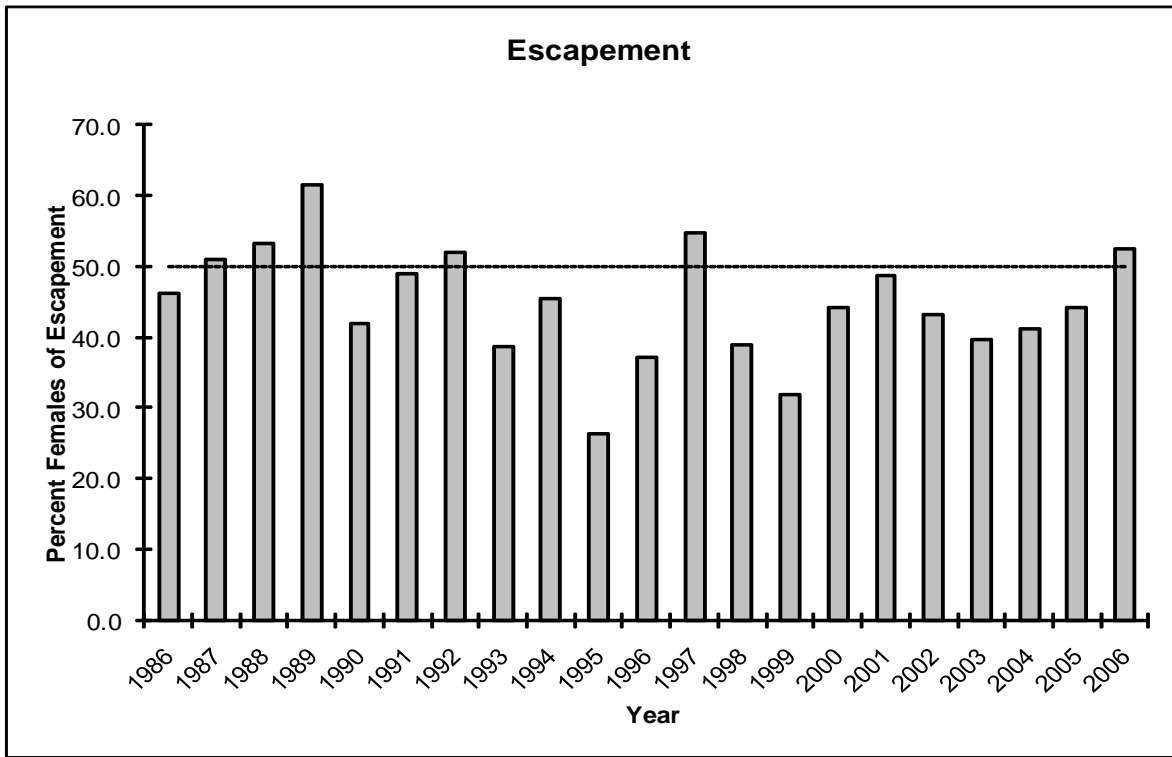
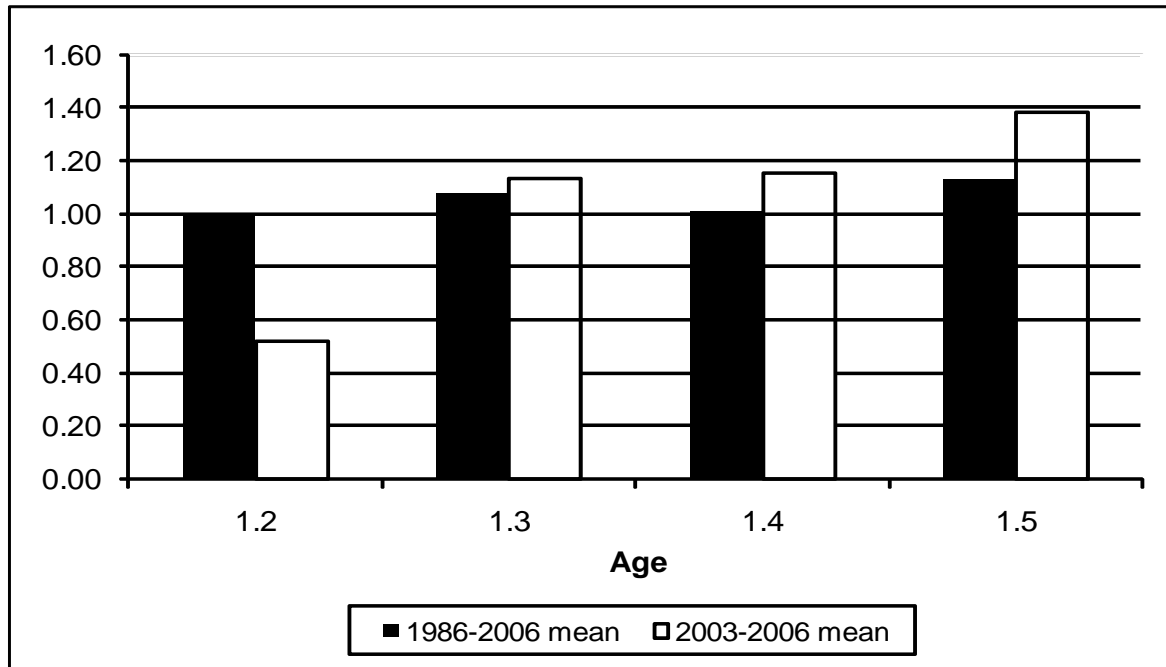


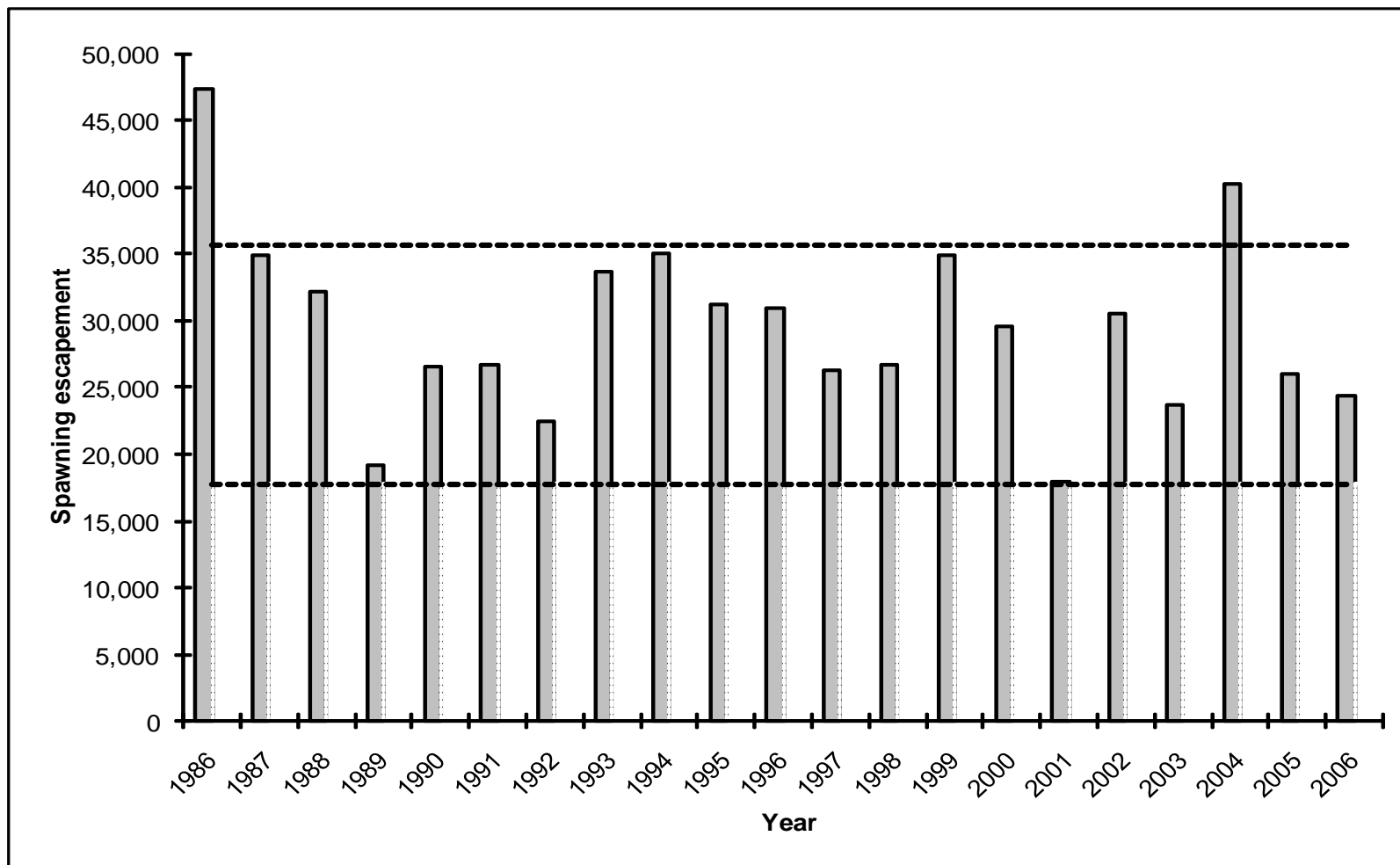
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*Note:* Selectivity estimates less than 1 equate to no selectivity for that age class; values of 1 equate to no selectivity or neutral; values greater than 1 equate to selectivity for that age class.

Figure 4.-Relative harvest selectivity estimates by age for all late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon, 1986-2006, and for the 4 most recent years (2003-2006).



*Note:* Dashed lines indicate lower and upper values of the BEG range in effect since 1999.

Figure 5.-Spawning escapements of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon by year, 1986-2006

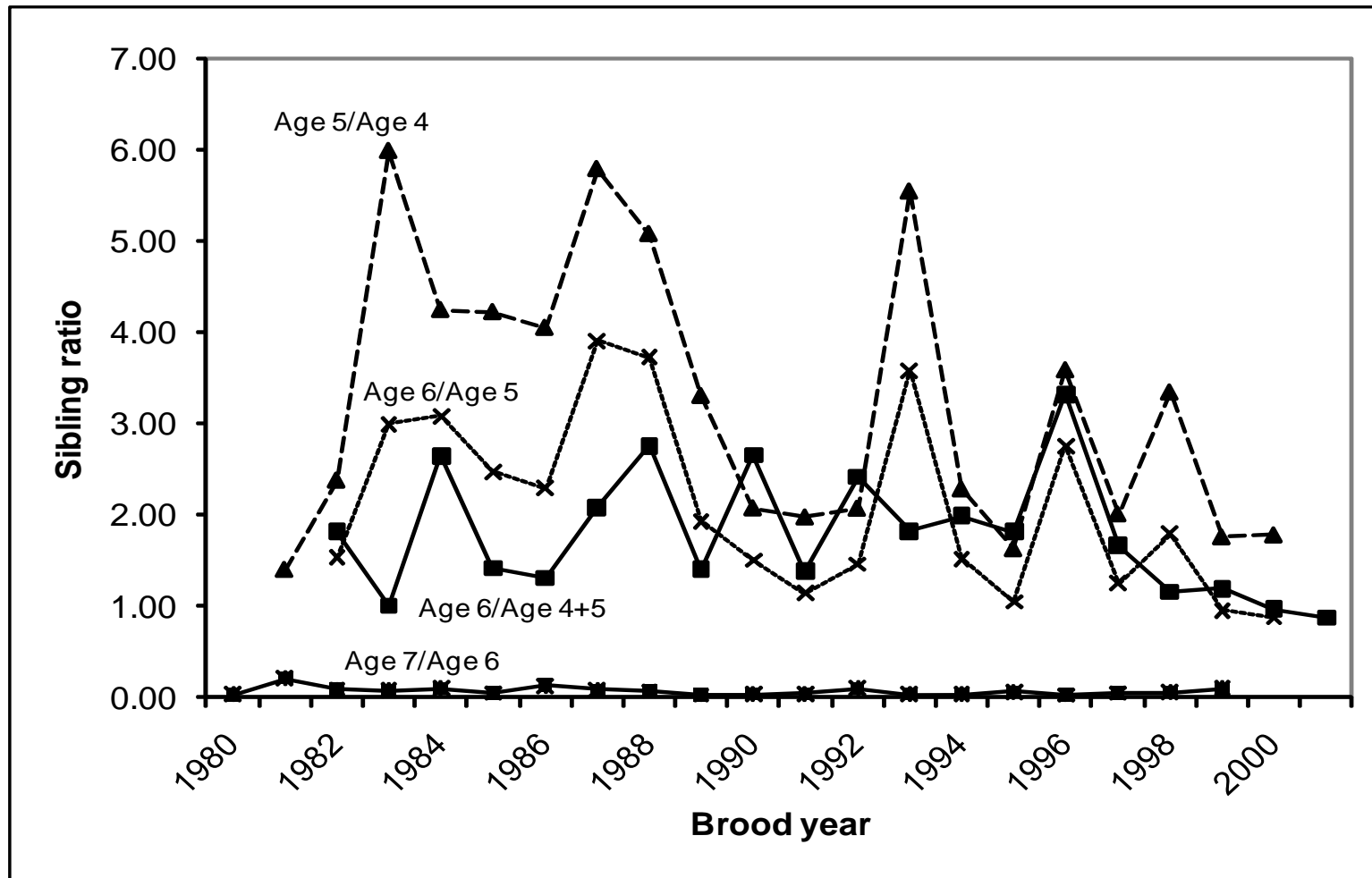


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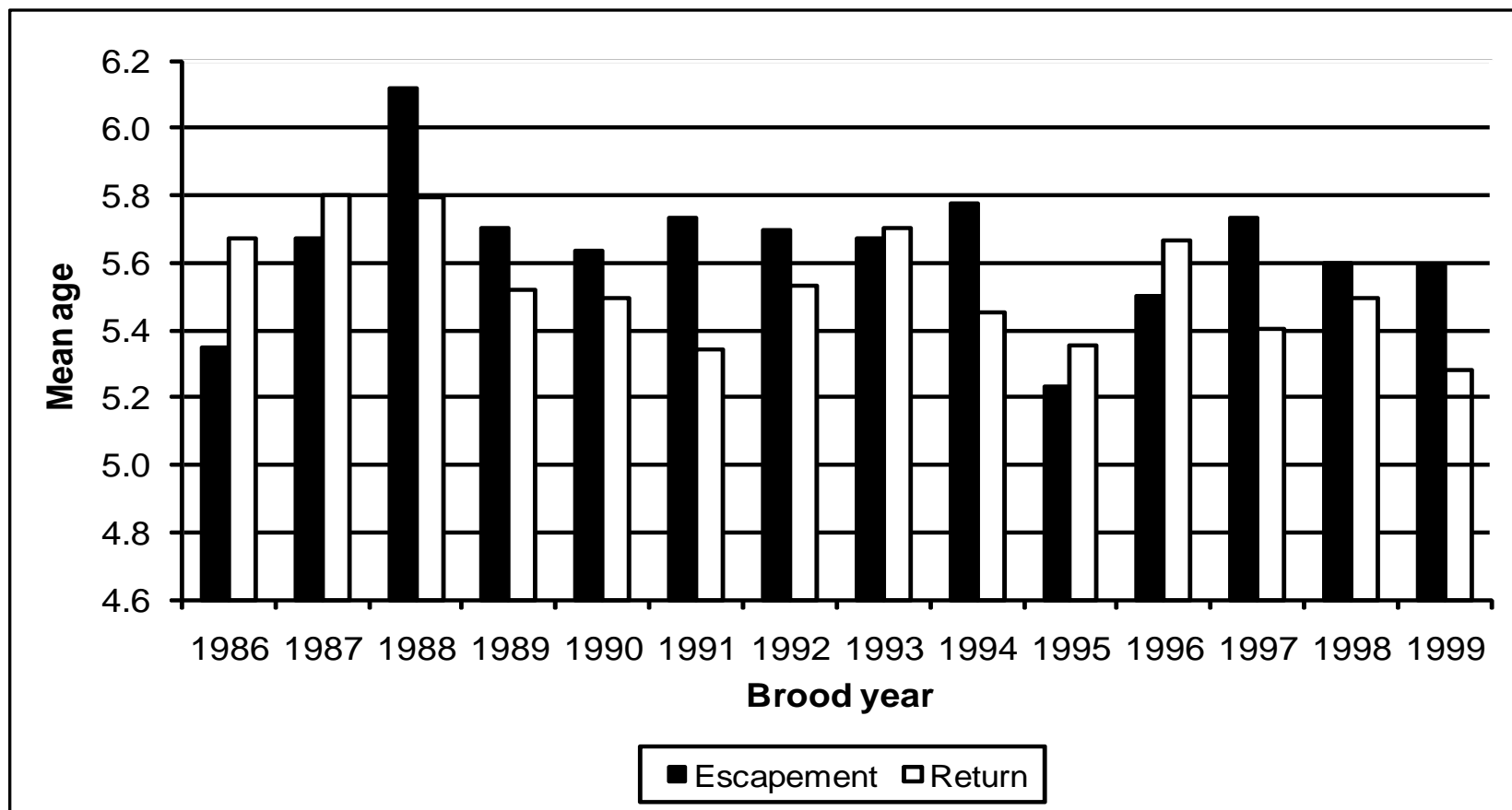
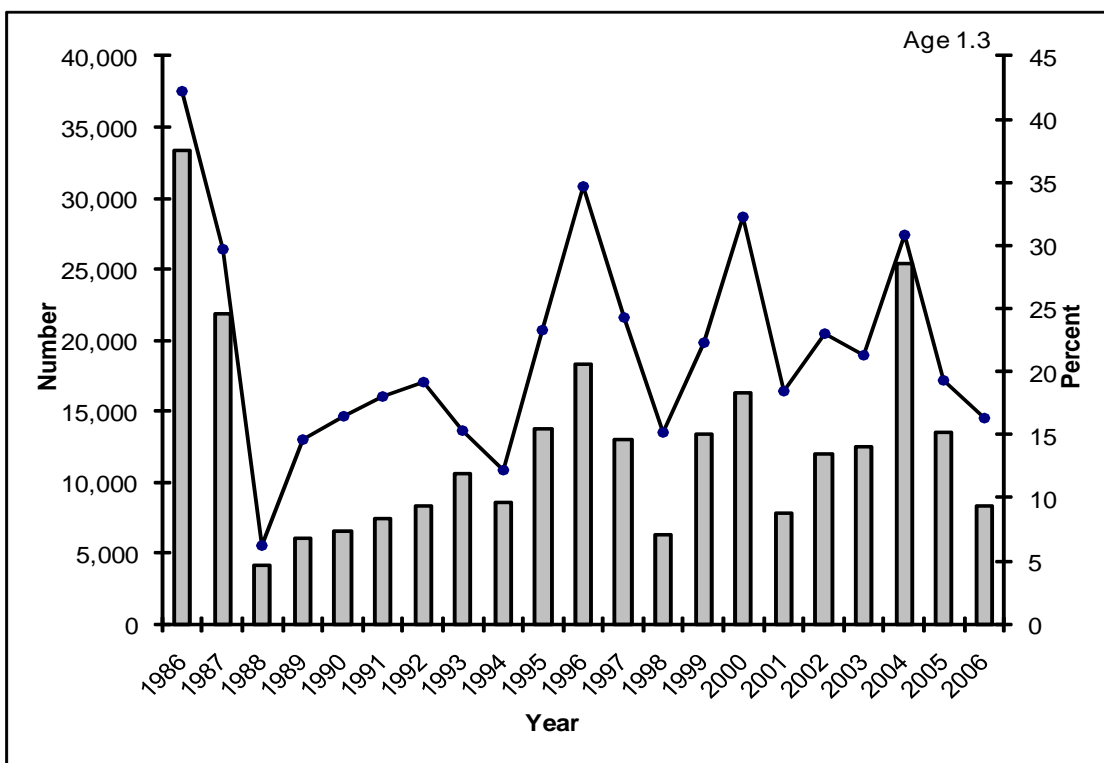
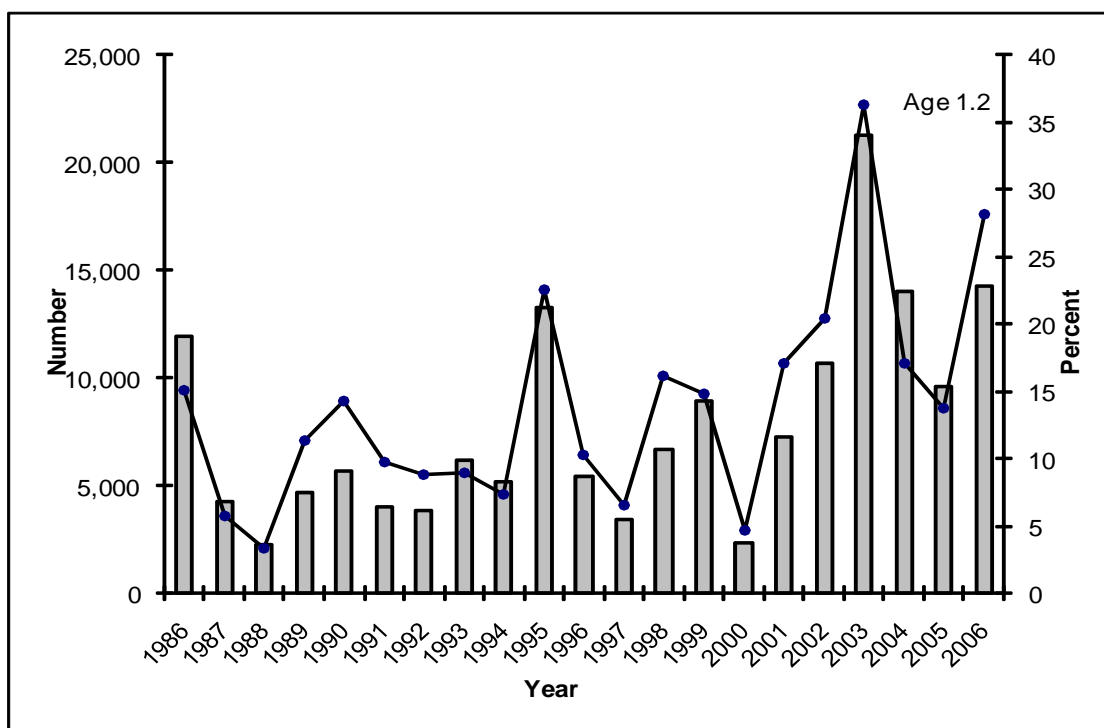


Figure 7.-Mean age of escapement and return estimates by brood year for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon.



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Figure 8.-Number (gray bars) and percent (lines) of age-1.2, -1.3, -1.4, and -1.5 late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon in the total run, 1986-2006.

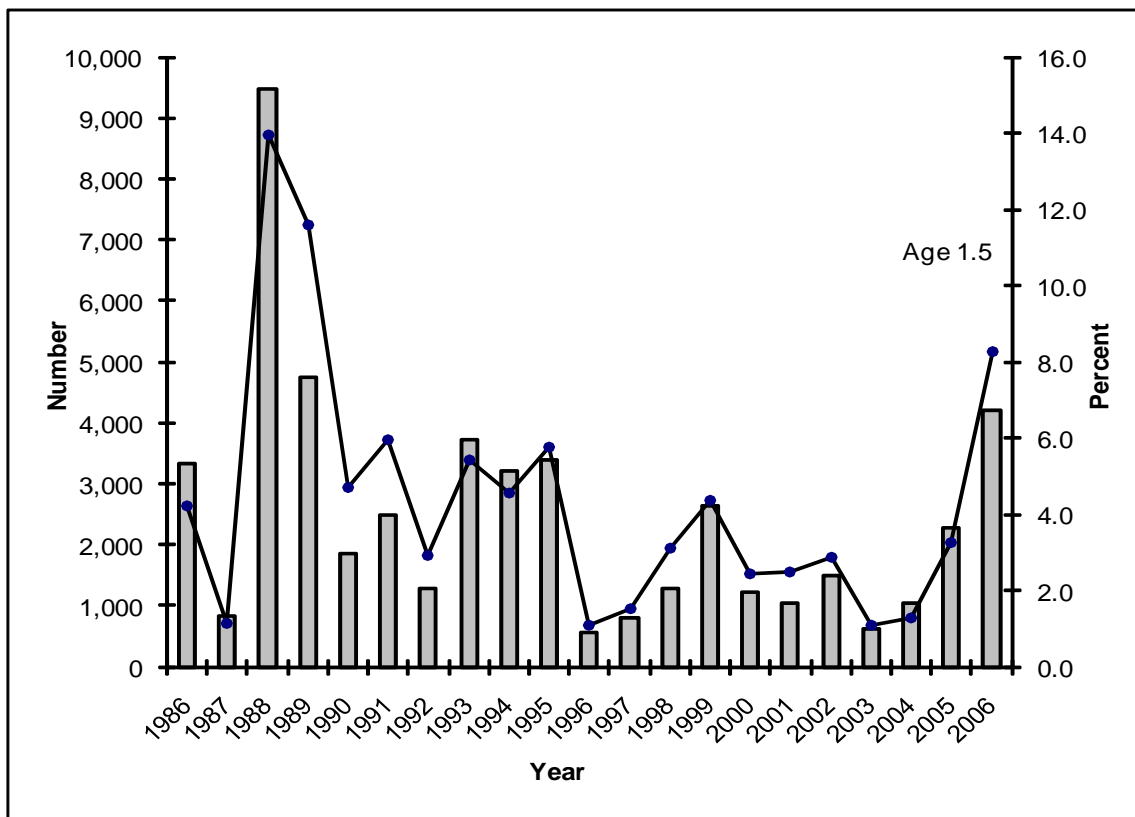
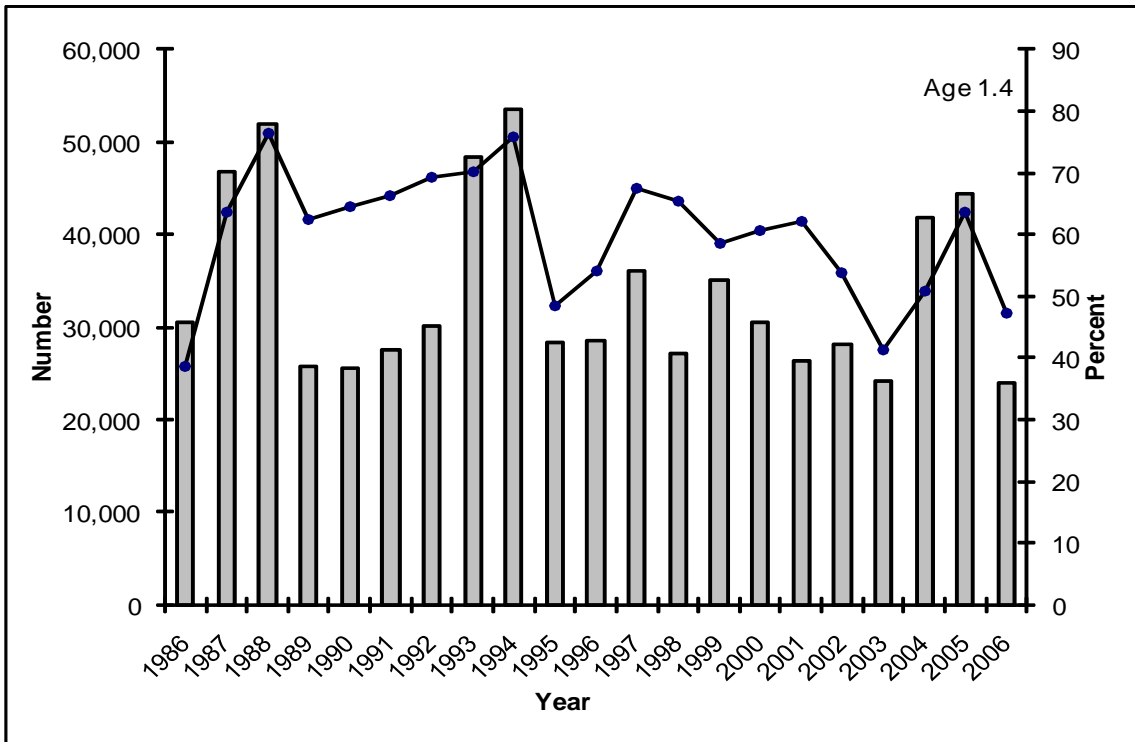


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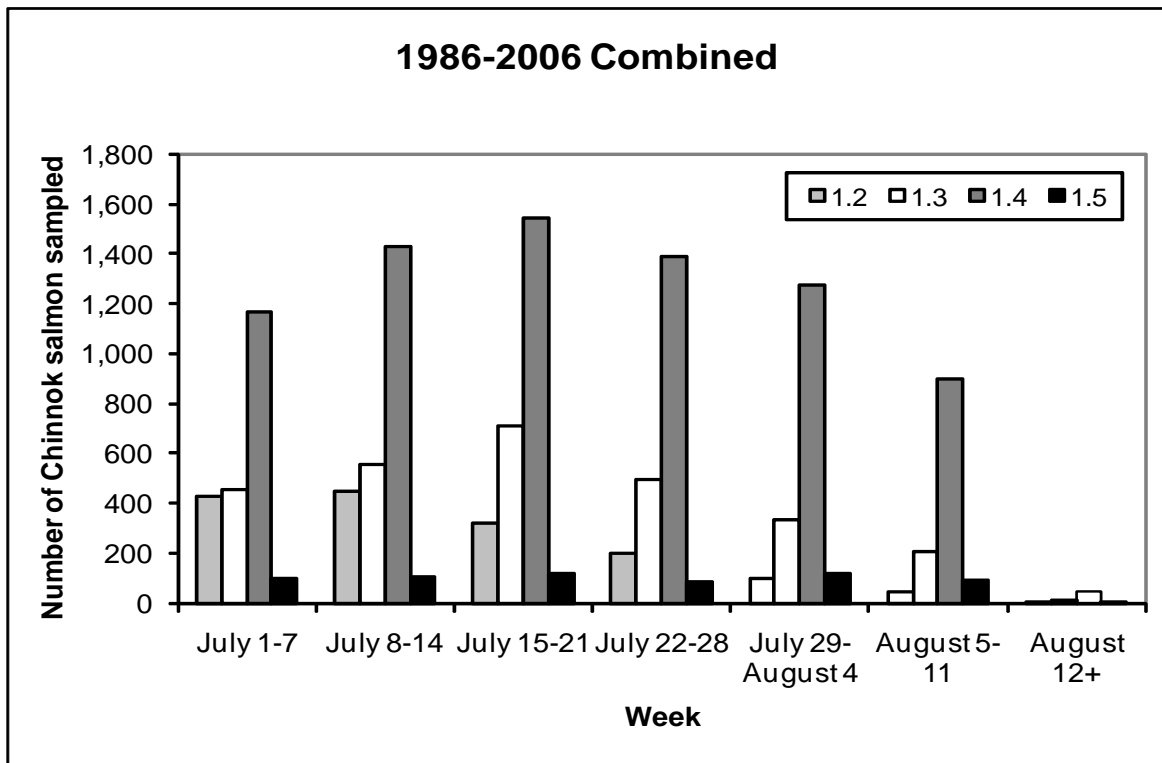


Figure 9.-Age composition (ages 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 only) estimates of inriver late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon by date and year, 1986-2006.

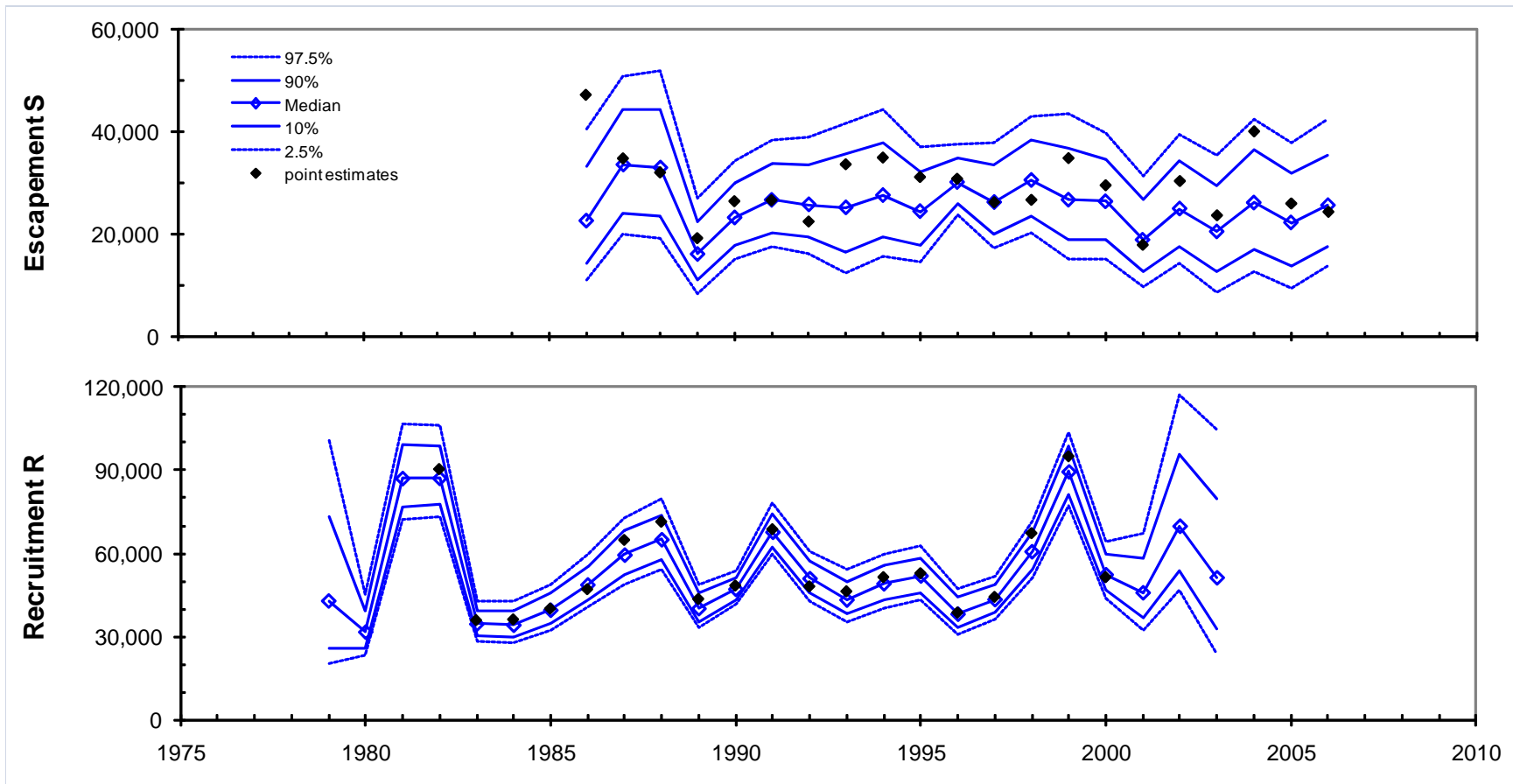
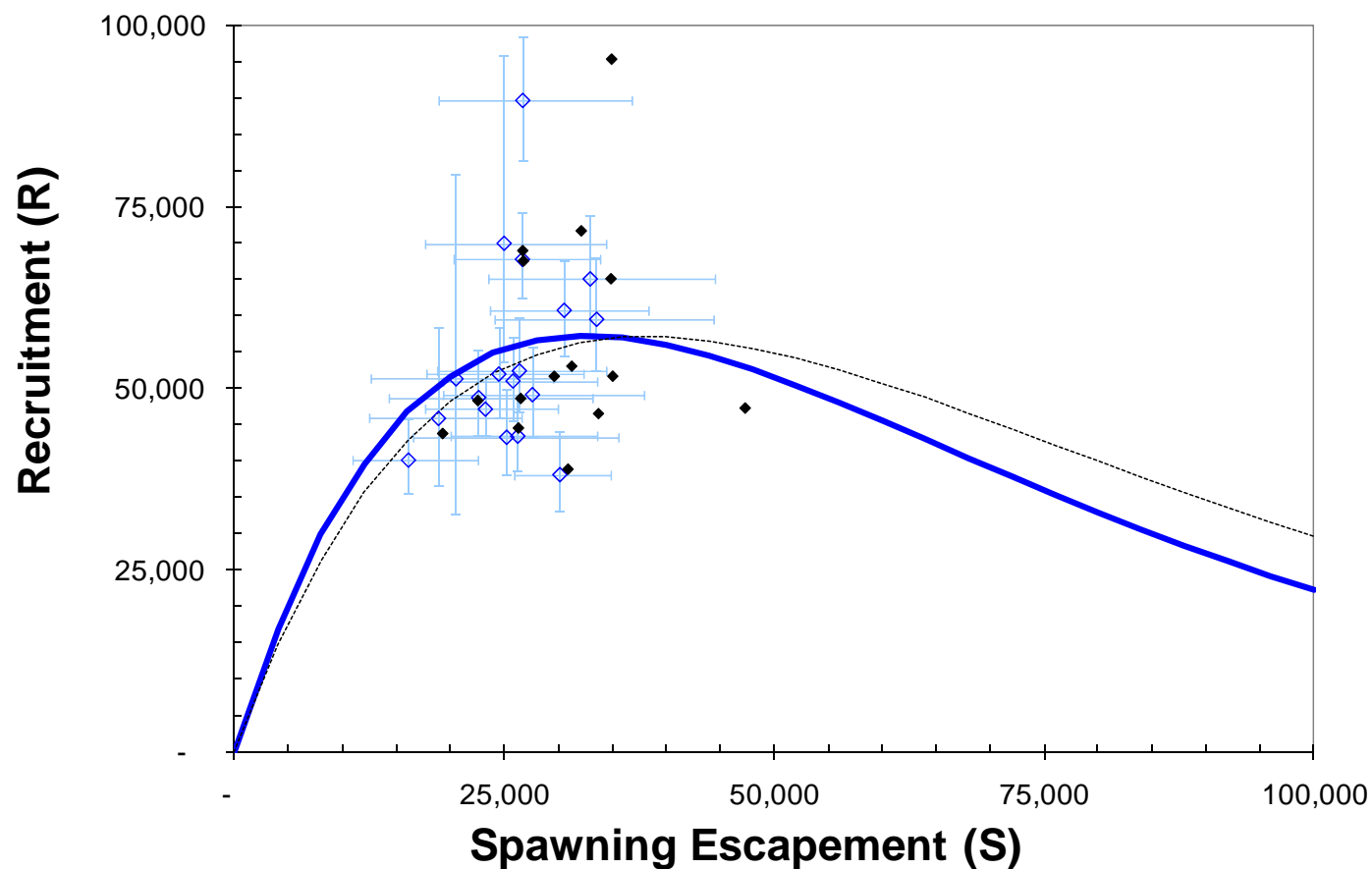


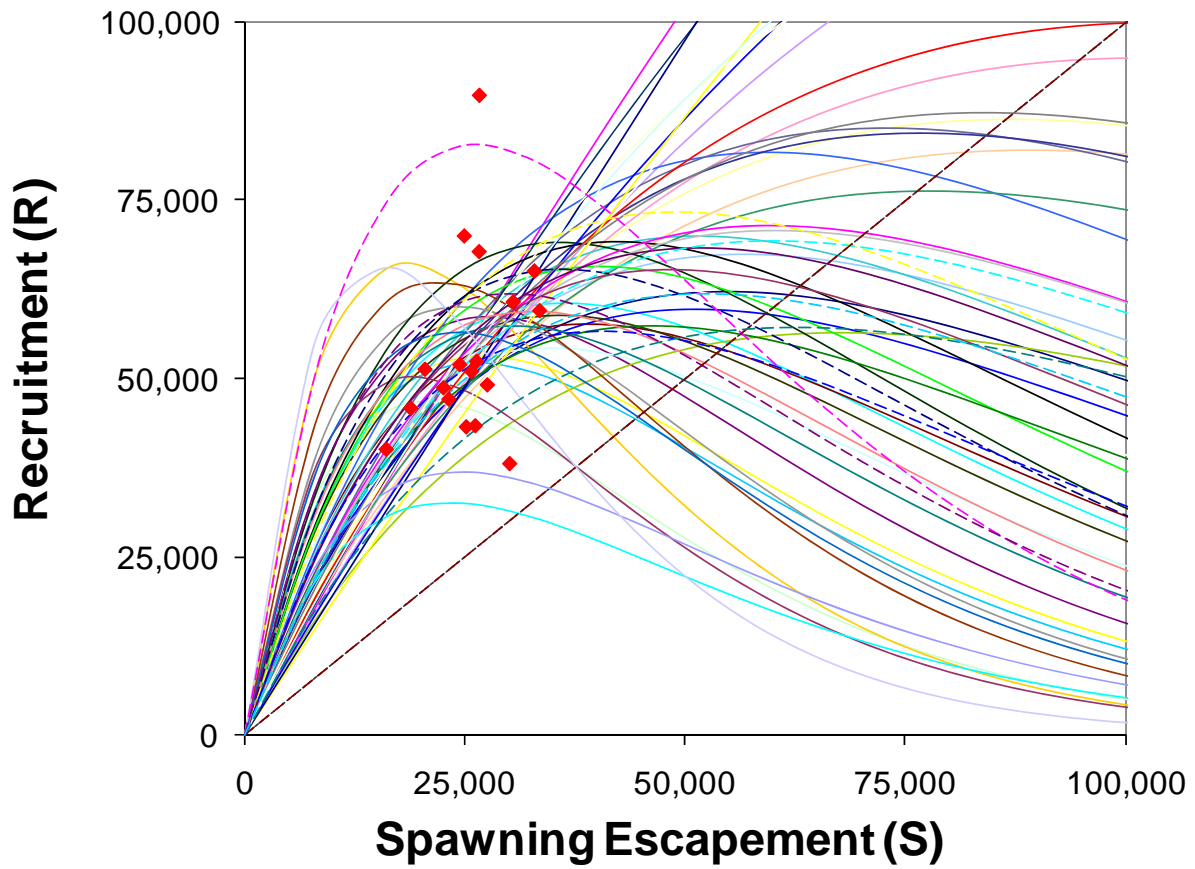
Figure 10.—Data-based point estimates (*solid symbols*) and Bayesian posterior percentiles (*open symbols and lines*) of spawning escapement and recruitment for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon brood years, 1979–2006.





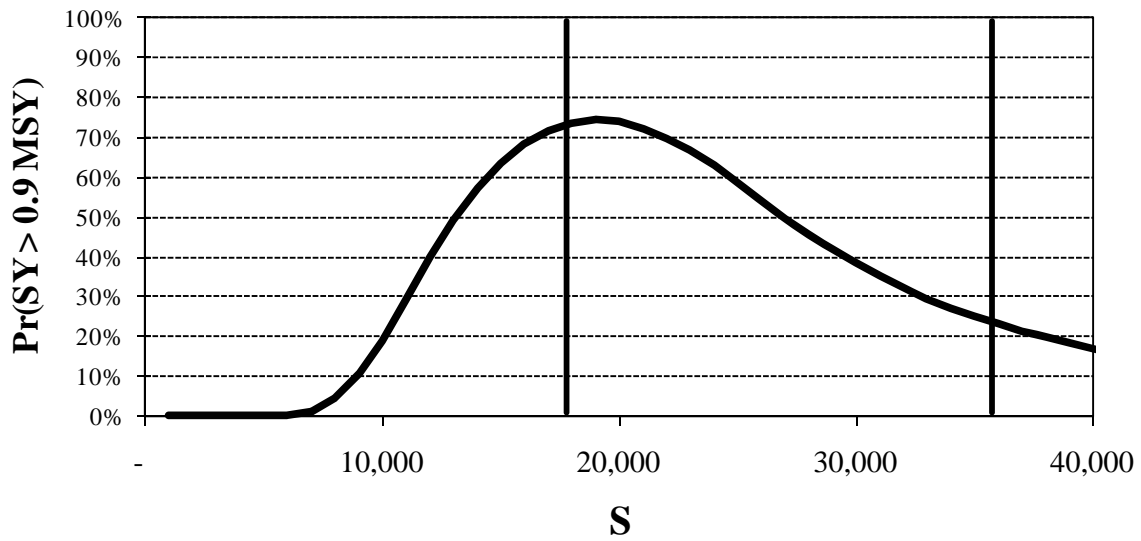
*Note:* Posterior medians are plotted as *open symbols*, 10th and 90th posterior percentiles are *bracketed by error bars*. Original data-based estimates of *S* and *R* are plotted as *solid symbols*. Ricker relationships are Bayesian posterior median (*solid thick line*) and classical estimate (*dashed line*).

Figure 11.—Scatter plot of recruitment versus escapement estimates for late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon brood years, 1979–2003.



Note: Symbols are posterior medians of  $R$  and  $S$ . Curves can be interpreted as a sampling of Ricker relationships that could have resulted in the observed data.

Figure 12.—Ricker relationships represented by ~50 paired values of  $\ln(\alpha)$  and  $\beta$  sampled from the posterior probability distribution of stock-recruitment statistics, late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon.



*Note:* Vertical lines are the lower and upper bounds of the existing escapement goal.

Figure 13.-Probability that a specified spawning abundance will result in sustained yield exceeding 90% of maximum sustained yield, late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon.

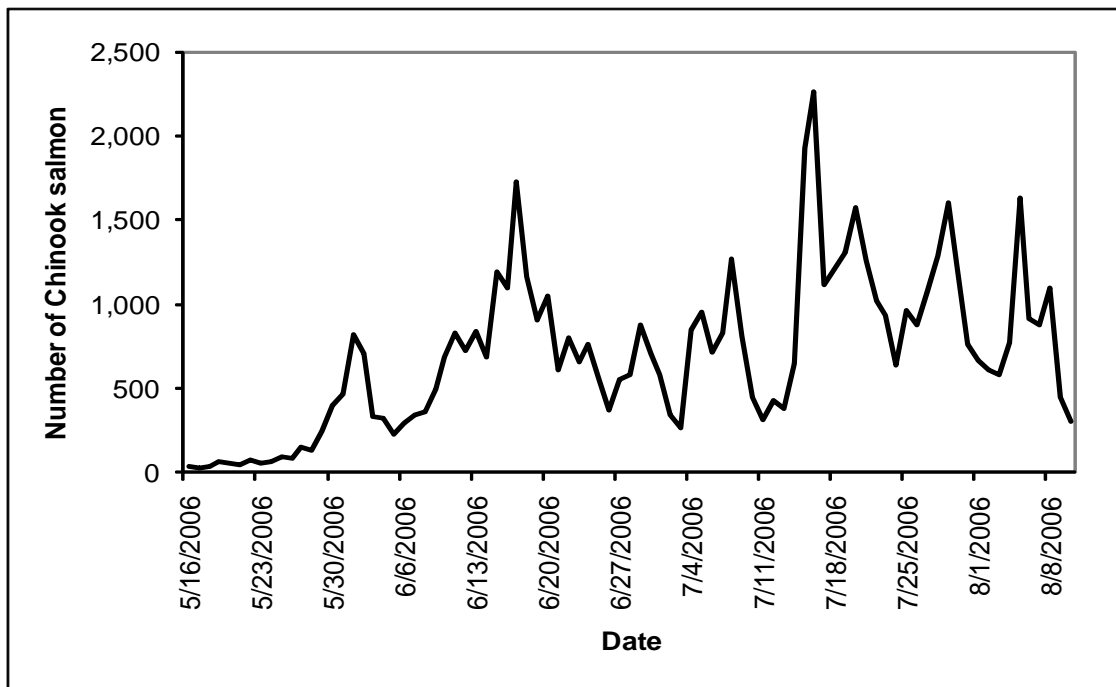


Figure 14.-Daily estimates of Chinook salmon passage (early and late runs) in the Kenai River, 2006.



## **APPENDIX A. STATISTICAL METHODS**



Appendix A1.-Notation used in Appendices A2–A8.

Notation	Definition
$a$	Age or sex
$f$	Temporal stratum
$y$	Brood year
$\hat{p}$	Estimated proportion
$n$	Sample size for estimating proportions
$\hat{I}$	Estimated inriver run
$\hat{H}$	Estimated inriver sport harvest
$\hat{C}$	Estimated inriver sport catch
$S$	Subsistence, personal use and educational fishery harvests
$\hat{T}$	Estimated total run
$\hat{M}$	Estimated hook-and-release mortality
$\hat{p}_m$	Estimated hook-and-release mortality rate
$\hat{E}$	Estimated spawning escapement
$\hat{R}_y$	Estimated total return in brood year $y$
$RPS_y$	Estimated return per spawner in brood year $y$
$\hat{r}_{ya}$	Estimated sibling ratio for age $a$ fish in brood year $y$

Appendix A2.-Estimation of age and sex composition of inriver run.

The proportion at age or by sex ( $\hat{p}_a$ ) was estimated directly from age or sex composition data as:

$$\hat{p}_a = \frac{n_a}{n}, \quad (A2.1)$$

with variance (Cochran 1977):

$$\hat{V}(\hat{p}_a) = \frac{\hat{p}_a(1 - \hat{p}_a)}{(n - 1)}, \quad (A2.2)$$

where  $n$  is the number of scales for which age was determined.

Inriver run at age or by sex was estimated from inriver run and estimated age or sex proportions:

$$\hat{I}_a = \hat{p}_a \hat{I}, \quad (A2.3)$$

with variance (Goodman 1960):

$$\hat{V}(\hat{I}_a) = \hat{V}(\hat{I})\hat{p}_a^2 + \hat{V}(\hat{p}_a)\hat{I}^2 - \hat{V}(\hat{I})\hat{V}(\hat{p}_a). \quad (A2.4)$$

Appendix A3.-Estimation of total run and total run at age or by sex.

Total run was estimated from inriver run and subsistence, personal use, and educational fishery harvests:

$$\hat{T} = \hat{I} + S, \quad (\text{A3.1})$$

with variance:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{T}) = \hat{V}(\hat{I}), \quad (\text{A3.2})$$

because subsistence, personal use, and educational harvests were considered measured without error.

Total run at age or by sex was estimated from the age and sex compositions of the inriver run applied to the total run:

$$\hat{T}_a = \hat{p}_a \hat{T}, \quad (\text{A3.3})$$

with variance (Goodman 1960):

$$\hat{V}(\hat{T}_a) = \hat{T}^2 \hat{V}(\hat{p}_a) + \hat{p}_a^2 \hat{V}(\hat{T}) - \hat{V}(\hat{p}_a) \hat{V}(\hat{T}). \quad (\text{A3.4})$$

Appendix A4.-Estimation of age and sex composition of inriver sport harvest.

Inriver sport harvest at age or by sex was estimated by substituting the inriver sport harvest downstream of the Soldotna Bridge for the inriver run ( $\hat{I}$ ) and substituting the age or sex composition of the inriver sport harvest for the age or sex composition of the inriver run in equations A2.1 through A2.4.

Total harvest ( $\hat{H}$ ) was the sum of harvest downstream of the Soldotna Bridge and harvest upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. Total harvest at age or by sex was estimated from the age and sex compositions of the harvest downstream of the bridge applied to the total harvest, using equations A3.3 and A3.4, where  $\hat{H}$  is substituted for  $\hat{T}$ .



Appendix A5.-Estimation of hook-and-release mortality.

Hook-and-release mortality was estimated by:

$$\hat{M} = \hat{p}_m(\hat{C} - \hat{H}), \quad (\text{A5.1})$$

with variance:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{M}) = \hat{p}_m^2 [\hat{V}(\hat{C}) + \hat{V}(\hat{H})] + [\hat{C} - \hat{H}]^2 \hat{V}(\hat{p}_m) - [\hat{V}(\hat{C}) + \hat{V}(\hat{H})] \hat{V}(\hat{p}_m). \quad (\text{A5.2})$$

where  $\hat{p}_m = 0.088$  and  $\hat{V}(\hat{p}_m) = 0.000625$  for 1990 (Bendock and Alexandersdottir 1991), and  $\hat{p}_m = 0.040$  and  $\hat{V}(\hat{p}_m) = 0.000400$  for 1991 (Bendock and Alexandersdottir 1992). Because hook-and-release mortality was not measured in other years, the 1990 and 1991 estimates were averaged, so that  $\hat{p}_m = 0.064$  and  $\hat{V}(\hat{p}_m) = 0.001665$  for all other years. Mortality differed by sex and size in 1991 (Bendock and Alexandersdottir 1992), but size and sex composition of releases were not measured in other years. Thus, hook-and-release estimates are probably negatively biased because of the higher mortality for small males and the tendency of anglers to release smaller fish.

Mortalities at age or by sex were estimated from the age or sex compositions of the inriver run:

$$\hat{M}_a = \hat{p}_a \hat{M}, \quad (\text{A5.3})$$

with variance:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{M}_a) = \hat{M}^2 \hat{V}(\hat{p}_a) + \hat{p}_a^2 \hat{V}(\hat{M}) - \hat{V}(\hat{p}_a) \hat{V}(\hat{M}). \quad (\text{A5.4})$$

Appendix A6.-Estimation of spawning escapement and escapement at age or by sex.

Spawning escapement was estimated by subtracting sport harvest and hook-and-release mortality from the inriver run:

$$\hat{E} = \hat{I} - \hat{H} - \hat{M}, \quad (\text{A6.1})$$

with variance:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{E}) = \hat{V}(\hat{I}) + \hat{V}(\hat{H}) + \hat{V}(\hat{M}). \quad (\text{A6.2})$$

Escapement at age or by sex was also estimated by subtraction:

$$\hat{E}_a = \hat{I}_a - \hat{H}_a - \hat{M}_a, \quad (\text{A6.3})$$

with variance:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{E}_a) = \hat{V}(\hat{I}_a) + \hat{V}(\hat{H}_a) + \hat{V}(\hat{M}_a). \quad (\text{A6.4})$$

If estimated harvest in the sport fishery was greater than the estimated inriver run, spawning escapement for that age class was set to zero, and spawning escapement by age class did not sum to total escapement.

Appendix A7.-Estimation of return by brood year and return per spawner.

Brood year returns were estimated by summing total return at age for those ages comprising the same brood year  $y$ :

$$\hat{R}_y = \sum_{a=1}^j \hat{T}_{ya} , \quad (\text{A7.1})$$

with variance:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{R}_y) = \sum_{a=1}^j \hat{V}(\hat{T}_{ya}). \quad (\text{A7.2})$$

Return per spawner was then estimated for brood year  $y$  as:

$$RPS_y = \frac{\hat{R}_y}{\hat{E}_y} , \quad (\text{A7.3})$$

with variance (Lindgren 1976):

$$\hat{V}(RPS_y) = RPS_y^2 \left\{ \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{R}_y)}{\hat{R}_y^2} + \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{E}_y)}{\hat{E}_y^2} \right\}. \quad (\text{A7.4})$$

Appendix A8.-Estimation of sibling ratios.

Sibling ratios were estimated by:

$$\hat{r}_{ya} = \frac{\hat{T}_{ya}}{\hat{T}_{y(a-1)}} \text{ or } \frac{\hat{T}_{ya}}{\sum_{j=4}^{a-1} \hat{T}_{yj}} , \quad (\text{A8.1})$$

with variance (Lindgren 1976):

$$\hat{V}(\hat{r}_{ya}) = \hat{r}_{ya}^2 \left\{ \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{T}_{ya})}{\hat{T}_{ya}^2} + \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{T}_{y(a-1)})}{\hat{T}_{y(a-1)}^2} \right\} \text{ or } \hat{r}_{ya}^2 \left\{ \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{T}_{ya})}{\hat{T}_{ya}^2} + \frac{\sum_{j=4}^{a-1} \hat{V}(\hat{T}_{yj})}{\left[ \sum_{j=4}^{a-1} \hat{T}_{yj} \right]^2} \right\}. \quad (\text{A8.2})$$

For example, the sibling ratio of 6-year-old fish in the 1993 brood year could be expressed in terms of the abundance of 6-year-old fish relative to 5-year-old fish in the same brood year or in terms of the abundance of 6-year-old fish relative to 4- and 5-year-old fish in the same brood year:

$$\hat{r}_{1993,6} = \frac{\hat{T}_{93,6}}{\hat{T}_{93,5}} \text{ or } \frac{\hat{T}_{93,6}}{\hat{T}_{93,4} + \hat{T}_{93,5}} .$$

## **APPENDIX B. BAYESIAN STATISTICAL METHODS**



A Ricker spawner-recruit function (Ricker 1975) was chosen to model the relationship between escapement and recruitment. Under the Ricker model, the total recruitment  $R$  from brood year  $y$  is:

$$R = S \alpha e^{-\beta S} e^{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{B1.1})$$

where  $S$  is the number of spawners,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are parameters, and the  $\{\varepsilon_y\}$  are normally distributed process errors with variance  $\sigma_{SR}^2$ . Parameter  $\alpha$  is the number of recruits per spawner in the absence of density dependence and is a measure of the productivity of a stock. Parameter  $\beta$  is a measure of density dependence; the inverse of  $\beta$  is the number of spawners that produces the theoretical maximum return ( $S_{MAX}$ ).

Equilibrium spawning abundance, in which the expected return  $R = S$ , is:

$$S_{EQ} = \frac{\ln(\alpha')}{\beta} \quad (\text{B1.2})$$

where  $\ln(\alpha)$  is corrected for asymmetric lognormal process error (Hilborn and Walters 1992) as follows:

$$\ln(\alpha') = \ln(\alpha) + \frac{\sigma_{SR}^2}{2} \quad (\text{B1.3})$$

Number of spawners leading to maximum sustained yield  $S_{MSY}$  is approximately (Hilborn 1985):

$$S_{MSY} \approx S_{EQ} (0.5 - 0.07 \ln(\alpha')). \quad (\text{B1.4})$$

The classical way to estimate the Ricker parameters is to linearize the Ricker relationship by dividing both sides of equation 1 by  $S$  and taking the natural logarithm, yielding:

$$\ln \frac{R}{S} = \ln(\alpha) - \beta S + \varepsilon \quad (\text{B1.5})$$

This streamlines parameter estimation, because the relationship can now be viewed as a simple linear regression (SLR) of  $\ln(R/S)$  on  $S$ , in which the intercept is an estimate of  $\ln(\alpha)$ , the negative slope an estimate of  $\beta$ , and the mean squared error an estimate of the process error variance  $\sigma_{SR}^2$ .

The SLR approach requires that the usual assumptions of linear regression analysis be met, including that the independent variable ( $S$ ) be measured without error. Small amounts of measurement error in  $S$  have little effect; however, measurement error with coefficients of variation exceeding 20% can cause substantial bias in SLR estimates of  $S_{MSY}$ , as well as increased uncertainty which is not reflected in the classical estimates. The estimated measurement error (expressed as CV) associated with annual Kenai River Chinook salmon sonar estimates range from 22% to 52% (Appendix B2). Other shortcomings of the SLR approach are that it cannot account for serially correlated process error or incomplete brood years.

For these reasons Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods were employed, which are especially well-suited for modeling complex population and sampling processes. This

methodology enabled us to analyze the escapement and return data in the context of an age-structured Ricker spawner-recruit model in which measurement error, serially correlated process errors, and incomplete brood years are explicitly considered. The MCMC algorithms in WinBUGS (Gilks et al. 1994) were implemented, which is a Bayesian software program. This methodology provides a more realistic assessment of uncertainty than is possible with classical statistical methods.

Bayesian statistical methods employ probability as a language to quantify uncertainty about model parameters. Knowledge existing about the parameters outside the framework of the experimental design is the “prior” probability distribution. The output of the Bayesian analysis is called the “posterior” probability distribution, which is a synthesis of the prior information and the information in the data. For similar analyses see Szarzi et al. (2007).

The Bayesian MCMC analysis considers all the data simultaneously in the context of the following “full-probability” statistical model. Returns of Chinook salmon originating from spawning escapement in brood years  $y = 1986\text{--}2002$  are modeled as a Ricker stock-recruit function with autoregressive lognormal errors:

$$\ln(R_y) = \ln(S_y) + \ln(\alpha) - \beta S_y + \phi v_{y-1} + \varepsilon_y \quad (\text{B1.6})$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are Ricker parameters,  $\phi$  is the autoregressive coefficient,  $\{v_y\}$  are the model residuals:

$$v_y = \ln(R_y) - \ln(S_y) - \ln(\alpha) + \beta S_y, \quad (\text{B1.7})$$

and the  $\{\varepsilon_y\}$  are independently and normally distributed process errors with variance  $\sigma_{\text{SR}}^2$ .

Age proportion vectors  $\mathbf{p}_y = (p_{y4}, p_{y5}, p_{y6}, p_{y7})$  from brood year  $y$  returning at ages 4-7 are drawn from a common Dirichlet distribution (multivariate analogue of the beta). The Dirichlet is re-parameterized such that the usual parameters:

$$D_a = \pi_a D \quad (\text{B1.8})$$

are written in terms of location (overall age proportions  $\pi_a$ ) and inverse scale ( $D$ , which governs the inverse dispersion of the  $\mathbf{p}_y$  age proportion vectors among brood years). The maturity schedule was allowed to change once, between the 1990 and 1991 brood years.

The abundance  $N$  of age- $a$  Chinook salmon in calendar year  $t$  ( $t = 1977\text{--}2006$ ) is the product of the age proportion scalar  $p$  and the total return  $R$  from brood year  $y = t-a$ :

$$N_{ta} = R_{t-a} p_{t-a,a} \quad (\text{B1.9})$$

Total run during calendar year  $t$  is the sum of abundance at age across ages:

$$N_t = \sum_a N_{ta} \quad (\text{B1.10})$$

Inriver run at the sonar site is total abundance minus harvest below the sonar,

$$N_{It} = N_t - H_{Bt} \quad (\text{B1.11})$$

where  $H_{Bt}$  is very small and considered known without error.

Spawning abundance during year  $t$  is:

$$S_t = N_{It} - H_{At} \quad (\text{B1.12})$$

where  $H_{At}$  is the sport harvest above the sonar, which in turn is the product of the annual exploitation rate and inriver return:

$$H_{At} = \mu_{At} N_{It} \quad (\text{B1.13})$$

Spawning abundance yielding peak return  $S_{MAX}$  is calculated as the inverse of the Ricker  $\beta$  parameter. Equilibrium spawning abundance  $S_{EQ}$  and spawning abundance leading to maximum sustained yield  $S_{MSY}$  are obtained using equations B1.2–B1.4, except that  $\ln(\alpha)$  is corrected for autoregression lag-1 (AR1) serial correlation as well as lognormal process error:

$$\ln(\alpha') = \ln(\alpha) + \frac{\sigma_{SR}^2}{2(1 - \phi^2)} \quad (\text{B1.14})$$

Expected sustained yield at a specified escapement  $S$  is calculated by subtracting spawning escapement from the expected return, again incorporating corrections for lognormal process error and AR1 serial correlation:

$$SY = E[R] - S = S e^{\ln(\alpha') - \beta S} - S \quad (\text{B1.15})$$

Probability that a given level of escapement would produce average yields exceeding 90% of MSY was obtained by calculating the expected sustained yield (SY; Equation B1.15) at multiple incremental values of  $S$  (0 to 10,000) for each Monte Carlo sample, then comparing SY with 90% of the value of MSY for that sample. The proportion of samples, in which SY exceeded 0.9 MSY, is the desired probability.

Observed data include estimates of inriver abundance, estimates of harvest, and scale age counts. Likelihood functions for the data follow.

Estimated inriver abundance is modeled as:

$$N_{It} = N_{It} e^{\varepsilon_{Nt}} \quad (\text{B1.16})$$

where the  $\{\varepsilon_{Nt}\}$  are normal  $(0, \sigma_{Nt}^2)$  with measurement error variance  $\sigma_{Nt}^2$ <sup>1</sup>. Estimates were obtained from mark-recapture methods in 1986 and 1987, and sonar thereafter.

Estimated sport harvest (1986–2006) is modeled as:

$$\hat{H}_t = H_t e^{\varepsilon_{Ht}} \quad (\text{B1.17})$$

where  $\varepsilon_{Ht}$  are normal  $(0, \sigma_{Ht}^2)$  with individual variances  $\sigma_{Ht}^2$  assumed known from creel survey and SWHS coefficients of variation.

Numbers of fish sampled for scales ( $n$ ) that were classified as age- $a$  in calendar year  $t$  ( $x_{ta}$ ) are multinomially ( $r_{ta}, n$ ) distributed, with proportion parameters as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Annual estimates of variance were available for 1986 and 1987 mark-recapture estimates. Sonar measurement errors in 1988–2006 were drawn from a common variance.

$$r_{ta} = \frac{N_{ta}}{N_t} \quad (\text{B1.18})$$

Bayesian analyses require that prior probability distributions be specified for all unknowns in the model. Non-informative priors (chosen to have a minimal effect on the posterior) were used almost exclusively. Initial returns  $R_{1979}-R_{1985}$  (those with no linked spawner abundance) were modeled as drawn from a common lognormal distribution with median  $\mu_{LOGR}$  and variance  $\sigma^2_{LOGR}$ . Normal priors with mean zero, very large variances, and constrained to be positive, were used for  $\ln(\alpha)$  and  $\beta$  (Millar 2002), as well as for  $\mu_{LOGR}$ . The initial model residual  $v_0$  was given a normal prior with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2_{SR}/(1-\phi^2)$ . Diffuse conjugate inverse gamma priors were used for  $\sigma^2_{SR}$ , and  $\sigma^2_{LOGR}$ . The common measurement error variance for sonar estimates of inriver abundance ( $\sigma^2_N$  for 1988-2006) was given an informative inverse gamma (10.5,0.5) prior distribution, based on fitting a linear relationship between 12 published annual sonar estimates and experimental mixture model estimates based on echo-length measurements (Appendix B2, Fleischman and Burwen 2003). Sport fishery exploitation rates  $\{\mu_{At}\}$  were given a beta (1,1) prior distribution.

Markov-chain Monte Carlo samples were drawn from the joint posterior probability distribution of all unknowns in the model. For each of two Markov chains initialized, a 4,000-sample burn-in period was discarded, thinning by a factor of 10 was initiated, and 25,000 additional updates were generated. The resulting total of 50,000 samples was used to estimate the marginal posterior means, standard deviations, and percentiles. The diagnostic tools of WinBUGS assessed mixing and convergence, and no major problems were encountered. Interval estimates were obtained from the percentiles of the posterior distribution.



ADF&G is actively engaged in development of improved sonar methodology for estimating the inriver return of Kenai River Chinook salmon. These efforts include development of statistical mixture models for analysis of echo-length data measured by the split-beam sonar (Burwen et al. 2003; Fleischman and Burwen 2003). Ultimately, these efforts will culminate in revised historical (after 2001) abundance estimates for the early and late runs. Such estimates are not finalized, but we have preliminary versions of these quantities that we can compare with the published estimates of Chinook salmon abundance.

These preliminary mixture-model estimates of historical abundance are likely to change, perhaps substantially, upon further analysis<sup>2</sup>. However, these quantities, having come from a consistent and superior methodology, are useful for modeling the degree to which the published estimates may have deviated from true abundance. Published estimates for the early and late run from 2002 to 2007 are plotted versus preliminary mixture model estimates in Appendix Figure B2.1.

The mixture-model estimates were modeled as being equal to true abundance  $N$  but corrupted by known multiplicative lognormal error with standard deviation equal to the estimated coefficient of variation of the estimates (standard error divided by the point estimate).

The published estimates were modeled as a multiple of the true abundance ( $qN$ ), where  $q$  is equal to the slope of the relationship between  $Y$  and  $X$  in Appendix Figure B2.1. Published estimates are also subject to multiplicative lognormal error, but with a common standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

A Bayesian MCMC approach was used to quantify uncertainty about the model parameters. Non-informative priors were specified. WinBUGS code, as well as selected percentiles of the posterior distribution for  $q$  and  $\sigma$  (Appendix Table B2.1), are shown below.

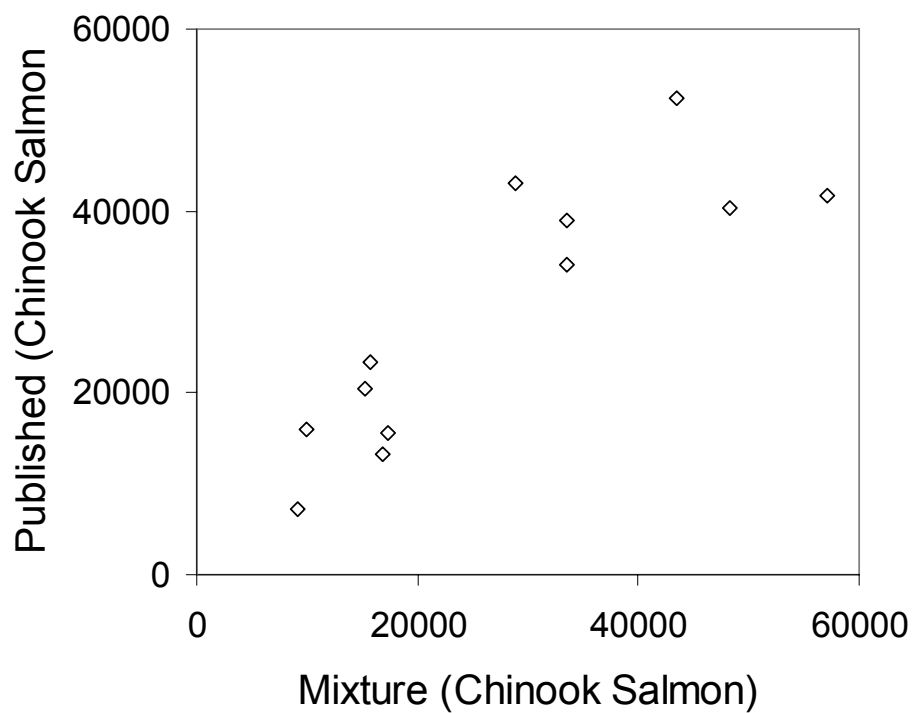
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model {  
  log.q ~ dnorm(0,1.0E-4)  
  tau ~ dgamma(0.1,0.1)  
  sigma <- sqrt(1/tau)  
  q <- exp(log.q)  
  for(y in 1:12) {  
    N[y] ~ dnorm(0,1.0E-12)|(0,)   
    Mixture.Model[y] ~ dlnorm(log.N[y],tau.MM[y])  
    Published.Sonar[y] ~ dlnorm(log.qN[y],tau)  
    log.qN[y] <- log.q + log.N[y]  
    log.N[y] <- log(N[y])  
    tau.MM[y] <- 1 / MM.cv[y] / MM.cv[y]  
  }  
}
```

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<sup>2</sup> For this reason we do not reproduce the actual numbers here.

Appendix Table B2.1.—Posterior means, standard deviations, and percentiles from Bayesian model of sonar measurement error.

	Mean	Standard deviation	2.5 percentile	Median	97.5 percentile
q (ratio of published to mixture estimates)	1.08	0.11	0.88	1.07	1.31
sigma (measurement error coefficient of variation for published estimates)	0.332	0.079	0.217	0.318	0.523



Appendix Figure B2.1.—Published estimates of early and late inriver runs of Kenai River Chinook salmon plotted against preliminary echo-length mixture model estimates, 2002-2007.

Appendix B3.–WinBUGS code for Bayesian age-structured spawner-recruit analysis. Prior distributions are italicized; sampling distributions of the data are underlined.

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```

model {
# RICKER STOCK-RECRUIT RELATIONSHIP WITH AR1 ERRORS;
# R[y] IS THE TOTAL RETURN FROM BROOD YEAR y
# THERE ARE A TOTAL OF Y+A-1 = 22 + 4 - 1 = 25 BROOD YRS REPRESENTED IN
DATA+FORECAST
# THE FIRST A+a.min-1 = 7 DO NOT HAVE CORRESPONDING SPAWNING ABUNDANCES
# THE REMAINING Y-a.min = 18 DO (BROOD YEARS A+a.min=8 - 25)

for (y in A+a.min:Y+A-1) {
  log.R[y] ~ dt(log.R.mean2[y],tau.white,500)
  R[y] <- exp(log.R[y])
  log.R.mean1[y] <- log(S[y-a.max]) + lnalpha - beta * S[y-a.max]
  log.resid[y] <- log(R[y]) - log.R.mean1[y]
}
log.R.mean2[A+a.min] <- log.R.mean1[A+a.min] + phi * log.resid.0
for (y in A+a.min+1:Y+A-1) {
  log.R.mean2[y] <- log.R.mean1[y] + phi * log.resid[y-1]
}
lnalpha ~ dnorm(0,1.0E-6)l(0,)
beta ~ dnorm(0,1.0E-1)l(0,)
phi ~ dnorm(0,1.0E-4)l(-1,1)
tau.white ~ dgamma(0.01,0.01)
log.resid.0 ~ dnorm(0,tau.red)l(-3,3)
alpha <- exp(lnalpha)
tau.red <- tau.white * (1-phi*phi)
sigma.white <- 1 / sqrt(tau.white)
sigma.red <- 1 / sqrt(tau.red)
lnalpha.c <- lnalpha + (sigma.white * sigma.white / 2 / (1-phi*phi) )
S.max <- 1 / beta
S.eq <- lnalpha.c * S.max
S.msy <- S.eq * (0.5 - 0.07*lnalpha.c)

# BROOD YEAR RETURNS W/O SR LINK DRAWN FROM COMMON LOGNORMAL DISTN
mean.log.R ~ dnorm(0,1.0E-4)l(0,)
tau.R ~ dgamma(0.1,0.1)
for (y in 1:a.max) {
  log.R.lag[y] ~ dt(mean.log.R,tau.R,500)
  R.lag[y] <- exp(log.R.lag[y])
}

# DIRICHLET GENERATION OF RETURNS AT AGE CHANGING BETWEEN BY 12 AND 13
# GENERATE ALL Y+A-1 = 25 MATURITY SCHEDULES, USE ONLY THOSE NECESSARY
D1.scale ~ dunif(0,1)
D2.scale ~ dunif(0,1)
D1.sum <- 1 / (D1.scale * D1.scale)
D2.sum <- 1 / (D2.scale * D2.scale)
pi[1,1] ~ dbeta(1,1)
pi[2,1] ~ dbeta(1,1)
pi1.2p ~ dbeta(1,1)
pi2.2p ~ dbeta(1,1)
pi1.3p ~ dbeta(1,1)
pi2.3p ~ dbeta(1,1)
pi[1,2] <- pi1.2p * (1 - pi[1,1])

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pi[2,2] <- pi2.2p * (1 - pi[2,1])
pi[1,3] <- pi1.3p * (1 - pi[1,1] - pi[1,2])
pi[2,3] <- pi2.3p * (1 - pi[2,1] - pi[2,2])
pi[1,4] <- 1 - pi[1,1] - pi[1,2] - pi[1,3]
pi[2,4] <- 1 - pi[2,1] - pi[2,2] - pi[2,3]
for (a in 1:A) {
  gamma1[a] <- D1.sum * pi[1,a]
  gamma2[a] <- D2.sum * pi[2,a]
  for (y in 1:12) {
    g1[y,a] ~ dgamma(gamma1[a], 1)
    p[y,a] <- g1[y,a]/sum(g1[y,])
  }
  for (y in 13:Y+A-1) {
    g2[y,a] ~ dgamma(gamma2[a], 1)
    p[y,a] <- g2[y,a]/sum(g2[y,])
  }
}
for (a in 2:A) {
  sibratio[1,a] <- pi[1,a] / pi[1,a-1]
  sibratio[2,a] <- pi[2,a] / pi[2,a-1]
}

# ASSIGN PRODUCT OF P AND R TO ALL CELLS IN N MATRIX
# y SUBSCRIPT INDEXES BROOD YEAR
# y=1 IS THE BROOD YEAR OF THE OLDEST FISH IN YEAR 1 (upper right cell)
# y=25 IS THE BROOD YEAR OF THE YOUNGEST FISH IN YEAR Y (lower left cell)
# FIRST DO INITIAL CELLS WITHOUT SR LINK (x's IN MATRIX ABOVE)
# THEN DO CELLS DESCENDING WITH SR LINK (y's IN MATRIX)

for (y in 4:a.max) { N.ta[y-3,1] <- p[y,1] * R.lag[y] } # COLUMN 1
for (y in 3:a.max) { N.ta[y-2,2] <- p[y,2] * R.lag[y] } # COLUMN 2
for (y in 2:a.max) { N.ta[y-1,3] <- p[y,3] * R.lag[y] } # COLUMN 3
for (y in 1:a.max) { N.ta[y ,4] <- p[y,4] * R.lag[y] } # COLUMN A=4

for (y in a.max+1:Y+3) { N.ta[y-3,1] <- p[y,1] * R[y] }
for (y in a.max+1:Y+2) { N.ta[y-2,2] <- p[y,2] * R[y] }
for (y in a.max+1:Y+1) { N.ta[y-1,3] <- p[y,3] * R[y] }
for (y in a.max+1:Y) { N.ta[y ,4] <- p[y,4] * R[y] }

# MULTINOMIAL SCALE SAMPLING ON TOTAL ANNUAL RETURN N
# INDEX t IS CALENDAR YEAR
for (t in 1:Y) {
  N[t] <- sum(N.ta[t,1:A])
  for (a in 1:A) {
    q[t,a] <- N.ta[t,a] / N[t]
  }
  n[t] <- sum(x[t,1:A])
  x[t,1:A] ~ dmulti(q[t,],n[t])
}

# APPLY (SMALL, KNOWN) HARVEST BELOW SONAR TO GET INRIVER RETURN
# HARVEST ABOVE SONAR IS ESTIMATED, AND CAN BE LARGE
for (y in 1:Y) {
  Inriver.Return[y] <- max(N[y] - Hhat.below[y],1)
  log.IR[y] <- log(Inriver.Return[y])
  IR.hat[y] ~ dlnorm(log.IR[y],tau.log.IR[y])
}

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S[y] <- max(Inriver.Return[y] - H.above[y], 1)
mu.Habove[y] ~ dbeta(1, 1)
H.above[y] <- mu.Habove[y] * Inriver.Return[y]
log.Ha[y] <- log(H.above[y])
tau.log.Ha[y] <- 1 / Harvest.cv[y] / Harvest.cv[y]
Hhat.above[y] ~ dlnorm(log.Ha[y], tau.log.Ha[y])
}

# 1986-1987: ESTIMATE INRIVER RETURN WITH MARK RECAP
# 1988-PRESENT: ESTIMATE INRIVER RETURN WITH SONAR
# CV OF SONAR-ESTIMATED INRIVER RETURN HAS PRIOR BASED ON ELSA
# MIXTURE ESTIMATES (Measurement Error in IR thru 2007.ODC)
for (y in 1:2) { tau.log.IR[y] <- 1 / MarkRecap.cv[y] / MarkRecap.cv[y] }
for (y in 3:Y) { tau.log.IR[y] ~ dgamma(10.5, 0.5) }

# GENERATE FITTED VALUES OF R EVERY 1000 SPAWNING FISH FOR GRAPHICS;
for (i in 1:25) {
  S.star.1[i] <- 1000*i
  R.fit[i] <- S.star.1[i] * exp(lnalpha - beta * S.star.1[i])
}
# CALCULATE SUSTAINED YIELD AT REGULAR INTERVALS OF S;
# FIND THE PROBABILITY THAT EACH VALUE OF S WILL RESULT IN YIELDS WITHIN 10% OF
MSC;
R.msy <- S.msy * exp(lnalpha - beta * S.msy)*exp(sigma.red*sigma.red/2)
MSY <- R.msy - S.msy
for (i in 1:100) {
  S.star.2[i] <- 200*i
  R.fit2[i] <- S.star.2[i] * exp(lnalpha - beta * S.star.2[i])*exp(sigma.red*sigma.red/2)
  SY[i] <- R.fit2[i] - S.star.2[i]
  I90[i] <- step(SY[i] - 0.9 * MSY)
}
SY.5300 <- 5300 * exp(lnalpha - beta * 5300)*exp(sigma.red*sigma.red/2) - 5300
SY.4579 <- 4579 * exp(lnalpha - beta * 4579)*exp(sigma.red*sigma.red/2) - 4579
SY.gain <- SY.4579 - SY.5300
}

```

Appendix B4.–Data for Bayesian age-structured spawner-recruit analysis.

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```
list( Y=22, A=4, a.min=4, a.max=7,
x = structure(.Data =c(
208 ,      565 ,      464 ,      107 ,
15 ,      376 ,      561 ,      26 ,
14 ,      124 ,      561 ,      84 ,
29 ,      108 ,      496 ,      66 ,
34 ,      125 ,      281 ,      30 ,
17 ,      52 ,      151 ,      12 ,
20 ,      70 ,      143 ,      13 ,
13 ,      93 ,      211 ,      12 ,
16 ,      92 ,      324 ,      22 ,
11 ,      46 ,      157 ,      11 ,
26 ,      95 ,      203 ,      7 ,
16 ,      132 ,      227 ,      4 ,
54 ,      105 ,      117 ,      9 ,
26 ,      174 ,      123 ,      1 ,
21 ,      99 ,      106 ,      1 ,
34 ,      55 ,      105 ,      4 ,
50 ,      118 ,      127 ,      11 ,
230 ,      144 ,      342 ,      7 ,
52 ,      118 ,      165 ,      15 ,
45 ,      111 ,      193 ,      13 ,
77 ,      49 ,      115 ,      9 ,
0,0,0,0
),,Dim = c(22, 4)),
IR.hat=c(27080,25643,20880,17992,10768,10939,10087,19669,18403,21884,
23505,14963,13103,25666,12479,16676,7162,13325,15498,20450,23326,NA),
MarkRecap.cv=c(0.36,0.23),
Hhat.below=c(0,0,0,73,40,2,73,118,56,37,14,141,122,114,124,198,64,46,89,76,75,0),
Hhat.above=c(
8398,13863,15549,8543,2185,2097,2477,9628,8456,10574,
6910,6778,1424,8390,2003,2603,977,3228,3643,4063,4898,1),
Harvest.cv=c(
0.06,0.07,0.05,0.06,0.12,0.11,0.09,0.05,0.05,0.05,
0.06,0.10,0.14,0.06,0.12,0.09,0.15,0.09,0.11,0.10,0.03,0.08)
)
```

## **APPENDIX C. TOTAL RUN BY AGE CLASS**





Appendix C1.-Estimated number of late-run Kenai River Chinook salmon by age class in the marine sport and commercial harvests, and the inriver run and total run, 1986-2006.

	Age Class																All	
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6		
1986																		
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	30	165	375	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	630	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	22	72	144	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	
Commercial Harvest																		
Estimate	49	49	16	16	262	4,953	8,027	7,258	719	16	49	49	147	33	0	0	21,644	
SE	28	28	16	16	65	250	287	281	107	16	28	28	49	23	0	0	0	
Inriver Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	6,990	25,199	22,822	2,551	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57,563	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	2,403	8,543	7,742	905	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,457	
Total Run																		
Estimate	49	49	16	16	262	11,973	33,391	30,456	3,331	16	49	49	147	33	0	0	79,837	
SE	28	28	16	16	65	2,416	8,548	7,748	912	16	28	28	49	23	0	0	19,458	
1987																		
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	5	13	277	885	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,218	
SE	0	0	0	0	4	7	109	342	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	469	
Commercial Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	591	3,316	8,123	12,672	283	0	0	77	51	26	0	0	25,139	
SE	0	0	0	0	122	272	376	402	85	0	0	44	36	26	0	0	0	
Inriver Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	900	13,406	33,116	500	100	50	0	0	50	0	0	48,123	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	211	769	1,083	158	71	50	0	0	50	0	0	1,178	
Total Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	596	4,229	21,806	46,673	821	100	50	77	51	76	0	0	74,480	
SE	0	0	0	0	122	345	863	1,205	180	71	50	44	36	56	0	0	1,268	
1988																		
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	11	4	50	1,168	254	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,487	
SE	0	0	0	0	7	4	23	451	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	573	
Commercial Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	35	0	486	1,615	2,153	10,347	278	0	0	52	17	104	0	0	15,087	
SE	0	0	25	0	90	158	179	238	69	0	0	30	17	42	0	0	0	
Inriver Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	666	1,998	40,407	8,936	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,008	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	192	330	1,216	677	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,273	
Total Run																		
Estimate	0	0	35	0	497	2,284	4,201	51,923	9,468	0	0	52	17	104	0	0	68,582	
SE	0	0	25	0	91	249	376	1,318	688	0	0	30	17	42	0	0	1,396	

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	Age Class																	All
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All	
1989																		
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	14	149	975	217	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	1,368	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	14	70	380	95	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	527	
Commercial Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	102	1,653	2,306	5,829	1,025	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	10,941	
SE	0	0	0	0	36	134	153	187	109	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	
Inriver Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	47	2,989	3,558	18,835	3,511	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,035	
SE	0	0	0	0	47	364	395	726	392	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	710	
Total Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	150	4,655	6,013	25,639	4,752	95	0	26	0	14	0	0	41,344	
SE	0	0	0	0	60	388	429	840	418	67	0	18	0	14	0	0	885	
1990																		
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	9	155	254	998	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,605	
SE	0	0	0	0	7	64	102	386	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	618	
Commercial Harvest																		
Estimate	0	11	11	0	57	1,417	1,429	1,610	159	0	45	23	23	79	0	0	4,864	
SE	0	11	11	0	25	107	107	111	42	0	23	16	16	30	0	0	0	
Inriver Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	4,113	4,872	22,970	1,519	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,474	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	487	525	848	305	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	746	
Total Run																		
Estimate	0	11	11	0	66	5,686	6,555	25,578	1,866	0	45	23	23	79	0	0	39,943	
SE	0	11	11	0	26	503	545	938	317	0	23	16	16	30	0	0	969	
1991																		
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	84	199	1,300	107	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	1,705	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	40	84	503	49	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	657	
Commercial Harvest																		
Estimate	12	0	25	0	37	1,381	1,779	2,140	112	0	12	0	37	12	0	0	5,550	
SE	12	0	18	0	22	114	123	128	37	0	12	0	22	12	0	0	0	
Inriver Run																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	2,580	5,482	24,079	2,257	0	0	0	215	0	0	0	34,614	
SE	0	0	0	0	0	512	719	1,087	480	0	0	0	152	0	0	0	901	
Total Run																		
Estimate	12	0	25	0	37	4,045	7,461	27,519	2,476	0	12	0	268	12	0	0	41,869	
SE	12	0	18	0	22	526	735	1,205	484	0	12	0	154	12	0	0	1,115	

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	Age Class																
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
<b>1992</b>																	
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	11	42	326	1,610	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,115
SE	0	0	0	0	11	25	135	623	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	815
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	289	1,754	3,235	5,805	443	0	0	68	102	17	0	0	11,713
SE	0	0	0	0	69	159	200	223	85	0	0	34	42	17	0	0	0
<b>Inriver Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	2,045	4,800	22,758	711	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,314
SE	0	0	0	0	0	415	610	878	249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	685
<b>Total Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	300	3,840	8,361	30,173	1,280	0	0	68	102	17	0	0	44,142
SE	0	0	0	0	70	445	656	1,099	270	0	0	34	42	17	0	0	1,065
<b>1993</b>																	
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	53	160	2,427	165	0	0	16	8	4	0	0	2,834
SE	0	0	0	0	0	25	66	936	68	0	0	10	6	4	0	0	1,092
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	439	1,936	3,107	8,621	602	0	0	16	98	65	0	0	14,884
SE	0	0	0	0	83	166	200	243	97	0	0	16	40	32	0	0	0
<b>Inriver Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	4,159	7,279	37,285	2,971	0	0	0	297	0	0	0	51,991
SE	0	0	0	0	0	762	983	1,578	650	0	0	0	210	0	0	0	1,338
<b>Total Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	439	6,148	10,546	48,333	3,737	0	0	33	403	69	0	0	69,709
SE	0	0	0	0	83	780	1,006	1,851	661	0	0	19	214	33	0	0	1,727
<b>1994</b>																	
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	4	34	82	1,697	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,869
SE	0	0	0	0	4	12	19	116	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	124
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	714	2,208	2,420	10,014	959	11	11	45	78	290	0	0	16,750
SE	0	0	0	0	87	146	152	212	100	11	11	22	29	56	0	0	0
<b>Inriver Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	2,971	6,071	41,849	2,196	0	0	0	0	387	0	0	53,474
SE	0	0	0	0	0	607	849	1,528	525	0	0	0	0	223	0	0	1,374
<b>Total Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	718	5,213	8,572	53,560	3,202	15	11	45	78	677	0	0	72,093
SE	0	0	0	0	87	625	863	1,547	535	12	11	22	29	230	0	0	1,380

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	Age Class																
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
<b>1995</b>																	
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	14	157	205	1,474	219	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,069
SE	0	0	0	0	8	27	30	65	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	421	3,230	4,064	4,556	799	0	9	97	18	35	9	0	13,237
SE	0	0	0	0	60	146	157	162	81	0	9	29	12	18	9	0	0
<b>Inriver Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	9,900	9,470	22,383	2,367	0	0	0	0	215	0	0	44,336
SE	0	0	0	0	0	1,307	1,286	1,623	698	0	0	0	0	215	0	0	970
<b>Total Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	436	13,287	13,738	28,413	3,385	0	9	97	18	250	9	0	59,642
SE	0	0	0	0	60	1,316	1,296	1,633	703	0	9	29	12	216	9	0	972
<b>1996</b>																	
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	122	749	1,124	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,038
SE	0	0	0	0	0	34	101	134	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	537	2,293	4,189	4,776	185	0	11	22	162	50	0	0	12,225
SE	0	0	0	0	54	102	124	128	32	0	8	11	30	17	0	0	0
<b>Inriver Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	84	3,021	13,342	22,573	336	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,356
SE	0	0	0	0	84	553	1,474	2,217	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,535
<b>Total Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	621	5,436	18,280	28,472	564	0	11	22	162	50	0	0	53,619
SE	0	0	0	0	100	564	1,482	2,224	173	0	8	11	30	17	0	0	3,541
<b>1997</b>																	
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	28	74	684	2,108	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,931
SE	0	0	0	0	16	26	90	190	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	997	1,751	3,646	5,353	79	0	43	36	86	144	0	0	12,135
SE	0	0	0	0	81	104	135	147	24	0	18	16	25	32	0	0	0
<b>Inriver Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	1,645	8,637	28,517	686	0	0	137	0	0	0	0	39,622
SE	0	0	0	0	0	524	1,627	4,475	319	0	0	137	0	0	0	0	6,049
<b>Total Run</b>																	
Estimate	0	0	0	0	1,025	3,470	12,967	35,979	801	0	43	173	86	144	0	0	54,688
SE	0	0	0	0	83	535	1,635	4,482	320	0	18	138	25	32	0	0	6,054

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		Age Class																	
		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All	
1998																			
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																			
Estimate	0	0	0	0	27	216	221	1,267	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,784	
SE	0	0	0	0	12	39	40	140	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187	
Commercial Harvest																			
Estimate	25	12	6	0	657	1,301	1,190	2,181	105	0	19	87	31	31	0	0	5,644		
SE	12	9	6	0	60	79	76	91	25	0	11	23	14	14	0	0	0		
Inriver Run																			
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	5,201	4,895	23,660	1,122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,878		
SE	0	0	0	0	0	677	660	945	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500		
Total Run																			
Estimate	25	12	6	0	684	6,718	6,306	27,107	1,281	0	19	87	31	31	0	0	42,306		
SE	12	9	6	0	61	683	665	960	335	0	11	23	14	14	0	0	534		
1999																			
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																			
Estimate	0	0	0	0	3	110	276	574	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,004		
SE	0	0	0	0	3	24	48	90	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149		
Commercial Harvest																			
Estimate	6	0	0	0	237	2,734	2,583	4,616	295	0	17	0	41	0	0	0	10,530		
SE	6	0	0	0	37	108	106	123	41	0	10	0	15	0	0	0	0		
Sport Harvest Below Sonar																			
Estimate	0	0	0	0	4	128	322	669	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,170		
SE	0	0	0	0	17	97	140	162	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244		
Inriver Run																			
Estimate	0	0	0	0	125	5,977	10,212	29,265	2,242	0	0	0	249	0	0	0	48,069		
SE	0	0	0	0	125	813	1,014	1,274	518	0	0	0	176	0	0	0	723		
Total Run																			
Estimate	6	0	0	0	369	8,949	13,393	35,124	2,625	0	17	0	290	0	0	0	60,773		
SE	6	0	0	0	131	827	1,030	1,293	523	0	10	0	177	0	0	0	778		
2000																			
Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest																			
Estimate	2	0	2	0	17	30	327	660	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,052		
SE	2	0	2	0	7	9	52	98	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152		
Commercial Harvest																			
Estimate	0	4	0	0	400	533	1,689	1,643	34	0	38	14	12	4	0	0	4,370		
SE	0	2	0	0	21	24	35	35	6	0	7	4	4	2	0	0	0		
Sport Harvest Below Sonar																			
Estimate	2	0	2	0	14	24	258	521	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	831		
SE	10	0	10	0	30	35	106	115	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165		
Inriver Run																			
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	1,743	13,948	27,663	1,162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,517		
SE	0	0	0	0	0	443	1,077	1,180	364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211		
Total Run																			
Estimate	4	4	4	0	431	2,331	16,222	30,488	1,219	0	38	14	12	4	0	0	50,770		
SE	10	2	10	0	37	445	1,084	1,190	365	0	7	4	4	2	0	0	308		

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		Age Class																
		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	All
<b>2004</b>																		
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	20	148	456	985	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,660
SE	0	0	0	0	3	20	60	130	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	1,329	5,811	10,378	6,237	204	0	34	0	17	0	0	0	0	24,011
SE	0	0	0	0	146	274	317	281	59	0	24	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sport Harvest Below Sonar</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	31	219	673	1,393	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,386
SE	0	0	0	0	6	18	57	167	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	268
<b>Inriver Run</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	579	7,877	13,847	33,116	722	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	56,205
SE	0	0	0	0	182	630	869	1,509	209	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	1,735
<b>Total Run</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	1,960	14,054	25,354	41,731	1,048	0	34	0	81	0	0	0	0	84,262
SE	0	0	0	0	234	687	929	1,549	218	0	24	0	67	0	0	0	0	1,770
<b>2005</b>																		
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	4	26	190	791	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,040
SE	0	0	0	0	1	4	32	132	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	173
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																		
Estimate	50	0	0	0	700	6,499	4,849	11,449	400	0	0	100	0	50	0	0	0	24,097
SE	50	0	0	0	185	488	441	549	140	0	0	71	0	50	0	0	0	0
<b>Sport Harvest Below Sonar</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	9	58	417	1,742	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,287
SE	0	0	0	0	6	18	57	167	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210
<b>Inriver Run</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	2,980	7,994	30,470	1,795	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,240
SE	0	0	0	0	0	499	782	1,358	385	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,370
<b>Total Run</b>																		
Estimate	50	0	0	0	713	9,564	13,451	44,452	2,284	0	0	100	0	50	0	0	0	70,664
SE	50	0	0	0	185	698	900	1,480	410	0	0	71	0	50	0	0	0	1,397
<b>2006</b>																		
<b>Deep Creek Marine Sport Harvest</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	5	103	193	584	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	938
SE	0	0	0	0	1	15	28	86	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138
<b>Commercial Harvest</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	1,388	3,816	2,370	2,929	270	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	10,792
SE	0	0	0	0	153	218	189	203	71	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sport Harvest Below Sonar</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	14	349	689	2,080	191	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,322
SE	0	0	0	0	6	18	57	167	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	509
<b>Inriver Run</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	500	10,028	5,074	18,448	3,693	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,743
SE	0	0	0	0	176	661	508	806	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	719
<b>Total Run</b>																		
Estimate	0	0	0	0	1,906	14,296	8,327	24,041	4,206	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	52,795
SE	0	0	0	0	233	697	546	852	429	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	891