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ABSTRACT

Samples of adult coho salmon in 2002, in conjunction with recoveries of coded wire tags (CWTs) from smolt tagging efforts the previous year, were used to estimate smolt abundance, harvest, exploitation rate, and production of coho salmon *Oncorhynchus kisutch* from Slippery Creek in central Southeast Alaska. A smolt trap was operated below the outlet of Slippery Lake from 15 April through 29 May 2001. During this period, 19,193 coho salmon smolt ≥ 70 mm fork length were finclipped, tagged with coded wire tags, and released alive. The following year, 252 adult coho salmon bearing valid CWTs of Slippery Creek origin were recovered in samples of marine fisheries representing an estimated total harvest of 2,089 (SE = 155) fish. Harvest in the troll, net, and recreational fisheries was 62.5%, 33.3%, and 4.2%, respectively, representing an exploitation rate of 28.1 % (SE = 1.5%).

Escapement of adults past the fish pass trap from 16 August to 12 October 2002 was 5,341; thus, the estimated total run of adult coho salmon was 7,430 (SE = 155). The estimated smolt abundance in 2001 was 42,533 (SE = 595) and marine survival was estimated at 17.5% (SE = 0.4%).

Key words: coho salmon, *Oncorhynchus kisutch*, Slippery Creek, fish pass, harvest, troll fishery, drift gillnet fishery, recreational fishery, seine fishery, escapement, migratory timing, production, exploitation rate, marine survival.

INTRODUCTION

The Slippery Creek watershed, located on Kuiu Island in central Southeast Alaska (SEAK), was enhanced by fish pass construction and stocking to allow coho salmon *Oncorhynchus kisutch* production in the late 1980's (Figure 1). In 1987, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) constructed an Alaska steppass (Ziemer 1962) past an 18-foot barrier waterfall located approximately 0.5 mi from tidewater. In 1987, the USFS, ADF&G and Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) released coho salmon into the system using wild stock obtained from nearby systems (Wright et al. 1997).

The USFS and ADF&G continued to stock the system with coho salmon using brood stock from Crystal Lake hatchery, 1988 to 1990. Continued annual maintenance by the USFS and monitoring by ADF&G staff documented entry and colonization by coho salmon and other anadromous fish populations into previously inaccessible habitat populated exclusively by cutthroat trout *O. clarki*. Wild populations of steelhead trout *O. mykiss*, pink salmon *O. gorbuscha* and chum salmon *O. keta*, and Dolly Varden *Salvelinus malma* have since become established and now utilize the upper watershed.

Starting in 1997, the USFS constructed and operated a weir and smolt trap below the lake outlet and placed coded wire tags (CWTs) in 33,077 juvenile coho salmon. ADF&G utilized this weir in cooperation with the USFS to

enumerate adults the following season. A cabin and smolt trapping facility were also constructed by the USFS, and ADF&G has utilized these facilities each year while performing stock assessment designed to estimate smolt production, adult escapement, harvest, exploitation, and marine survival annually (Table 1). Since original enhancement efforts, production studies suggest that Slippery Creek produces around 4,000 adult coho salmon annually. Results from the first three years of monitoring indicate that most adult coho salmon produced in Slippery Creek are eventually caught in commercial troll and seine fisheries operated throughout central SEAK. CWT data has indicated Slippery Creek coho salmon traveled primarily along the outer coast and enter inside waters around the southern tip of Baranof Island and into Chatham Strait before entering Port Camden during their spawning migration (Figure 2). The central-inside geographic location of Slipper Creek and the demonstrated ability to collect comprehensive stock assessment supports regionwide efforts by ADF&G to gather information on coho salmon stocks for inseason management. As such, the Slippery Creek stock serves as an important coho salmon indicator stock for central-inside production.

This report documents the results of field operations that included smolt tagging/marketing during April and May 2001, escapement enumeration of the same tagged cohort during fall 2002, and data analysis to estimate harvest and production statistics for this tagging cohort.

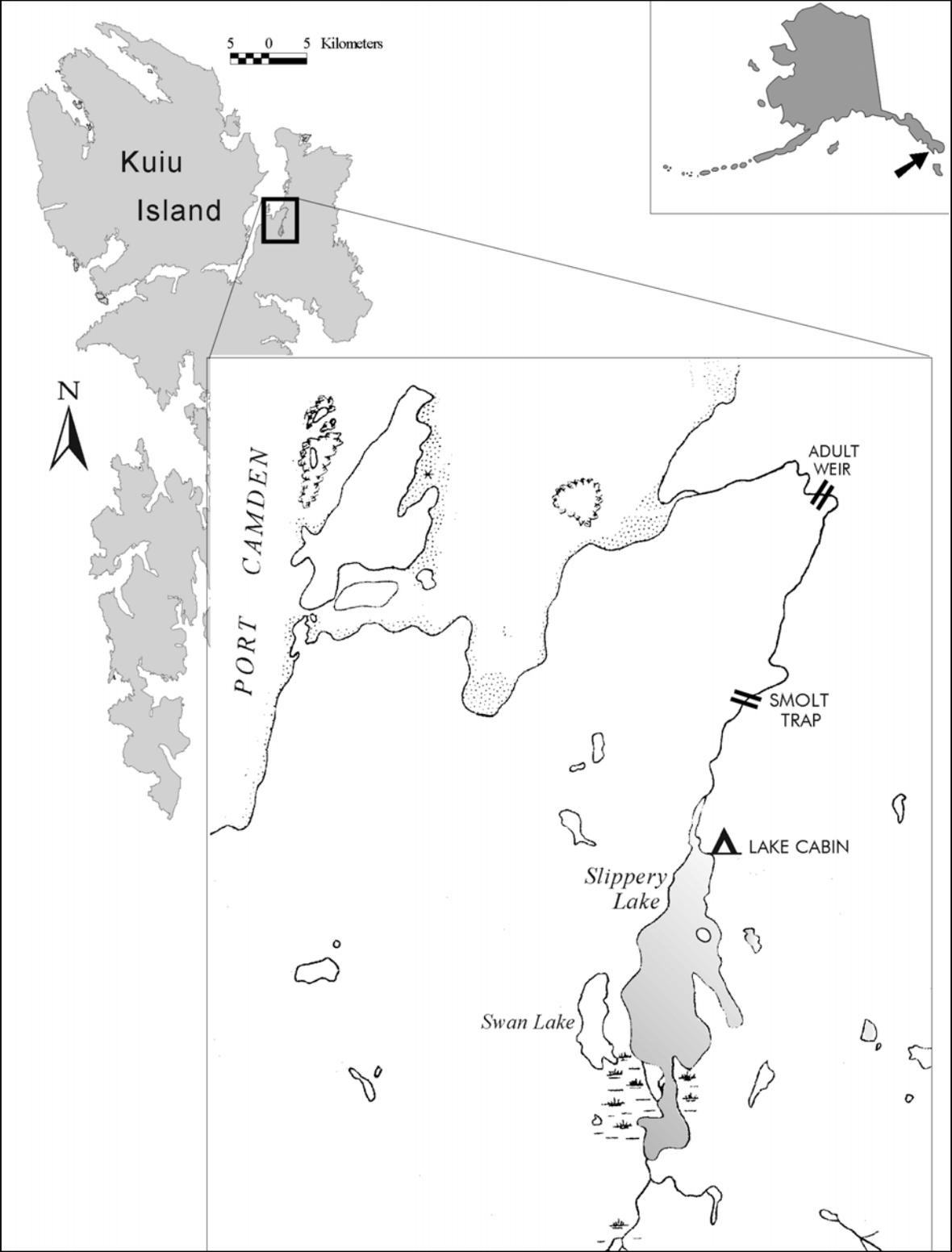


Figure 1.— Map of Slippy Creek drainage on Kuiu Island, Southeast Alaska.

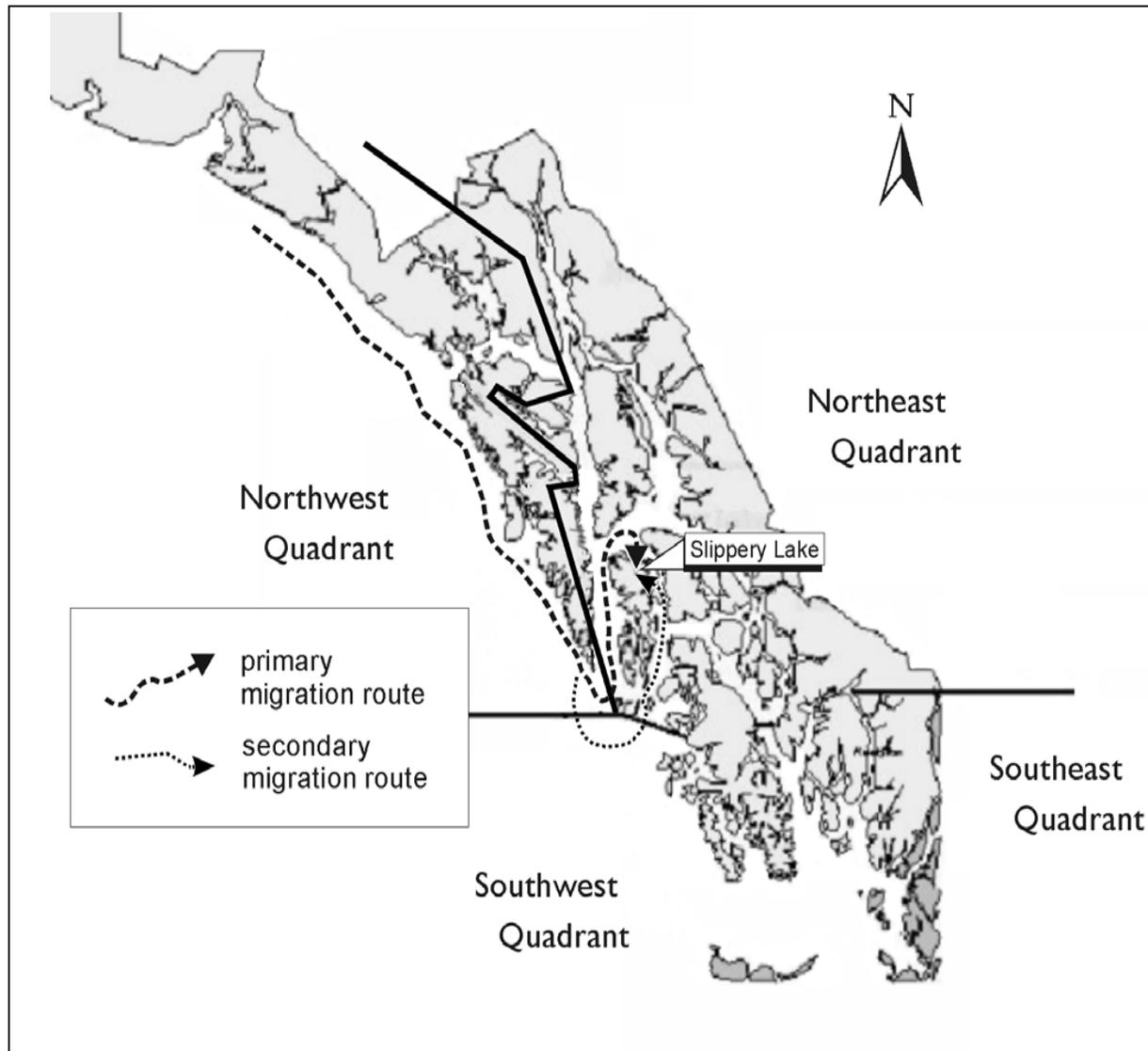


Figure 2.– Map showing migration routes through Southeast Alaska of coho salmon bound for Slippy Creek.

Table 1. –Estimated coho salmon smolt production (\hat{N}_s), number of valid CWTs released (n_s), fraction of adults carrying CWTs ($\hat{\theta}_a$), adult harvest(\hat{H}) and exploitation rate($\hat{\mu}$), smolt-to-adult survival(\hat{S}), total adult return(\hat{N}_r) and escapement (N_e) at Slippery Creek, 1997–98, 1999–2000, and 2000-2001.

Smolt/adult year	\hat{N}_s	n_s	$\hat{\theta}_a$	\hat{H}	$\hat{\mu}$	\hat{S}	\hat{N}_r	N_e
1997–1998 ^a	43,544	33,077	75.9%	2,932	82.3%	8.2%	3,564	632
1999–2000 ^b	31,015	12,956	36.3%	2,193	84.2%	8.4%	2,604	411
2000–2001 ^c	36,057	12,391	34.3%	2,839	50.6%	15.6%	5,611	2,772

^a Beers(1999)

^b Beers(2001)

^c Beers(2003)

Objectives of this study were to estimate: (1) 2002 escapement; (2) 2002 ocean harvest; (3) 2001 smolt abundance; and (4) age, sex, and length compositions of the 2001 emigrant smolt population and the 2002 escapement.

METHODS

SMOLT CAPTURE AND CODED-WIRE TAGGING

Emigrating smolt were captured between 15 April and 29 May 2001 using a smolt trap styled after a “Wolf Trap” design (Wolf 1951) that is fished as a passive gear type. The trap was located about ½ mile below the lake outlet. A series of wooden-framed mesh panels (four foot by eight foot dimension) faced with polypropylene 0.26 inch Vexar™ mesh were used as leads to direct and concentrate emigrating fish to the heart of the trap, which is a large dewatering table anchored to bedrock in the middle of the creek (Figure 3). The dewatering table’s perforated aluminum panels, coupled with its sloped configuration, allow most of the flowing water to pass through. The remaining water and concentrated emigrant smolt are directed along a marginal gutter into a baffled live box, through a submerged five-inch connecting hose and into a submerged four-foot holding pen located below the structure.

Captured fish were removed from the holding pen and sorted each morning. Dolly Varden, cutthroat trout, and steelhead trout were counted and released back to Slippery Creek. Additionally, adult steelhead were temporarily blocked from moving upstream by the mesh panels. The sampling crew dipnetted these prespawning

steelhead and passed them upstream of the wolf trap. Captured smolt were removed from the submerged holding pen and transported to staked, in-stream holding pens prior to tagging. Coho smolt were separated by inspection from other species of salmon, trout and Dolly Varden using a combination of external morphological characteristics (McConnell and Snyder 1972). All live coho salmon smolt ≥ 70 mm FL were tranquilized in a solution of tricain methane sulfonate (MS-222). The solution was buffered with sodium bicarbonate until the pH was neutral. All smolt were tagged with a full-length coded wire tag injected by a Northwest Marine Technology Mark IV tagging machine. Each tagged smolt was also given a secondary mark by excision of the adipose fin following methods in Koerner (1977). Marked smolt were allowed to recover in aerated stream water, then held overnight in enclosed, instream holding pens to assess short-term tag retention and tagging mortality.

The following morning, all mortalities were identified and one hundred live coho salmon smolts were checked for retention of CWTs using a Northwest Marine Technology detector.¹ The number of fish tagged, number of tagging-related mortalities, and number of fish that had shed their tags were compiled and recorded on *ADF&G CWT Tagging Summary and Release Information Forms* which were submitted to the Commercial Fisheries Division Tag Lab in Juneau when field work ended.

¹ Product names used in this report are included for scientific completeness, but do not constitute a product endorsement.

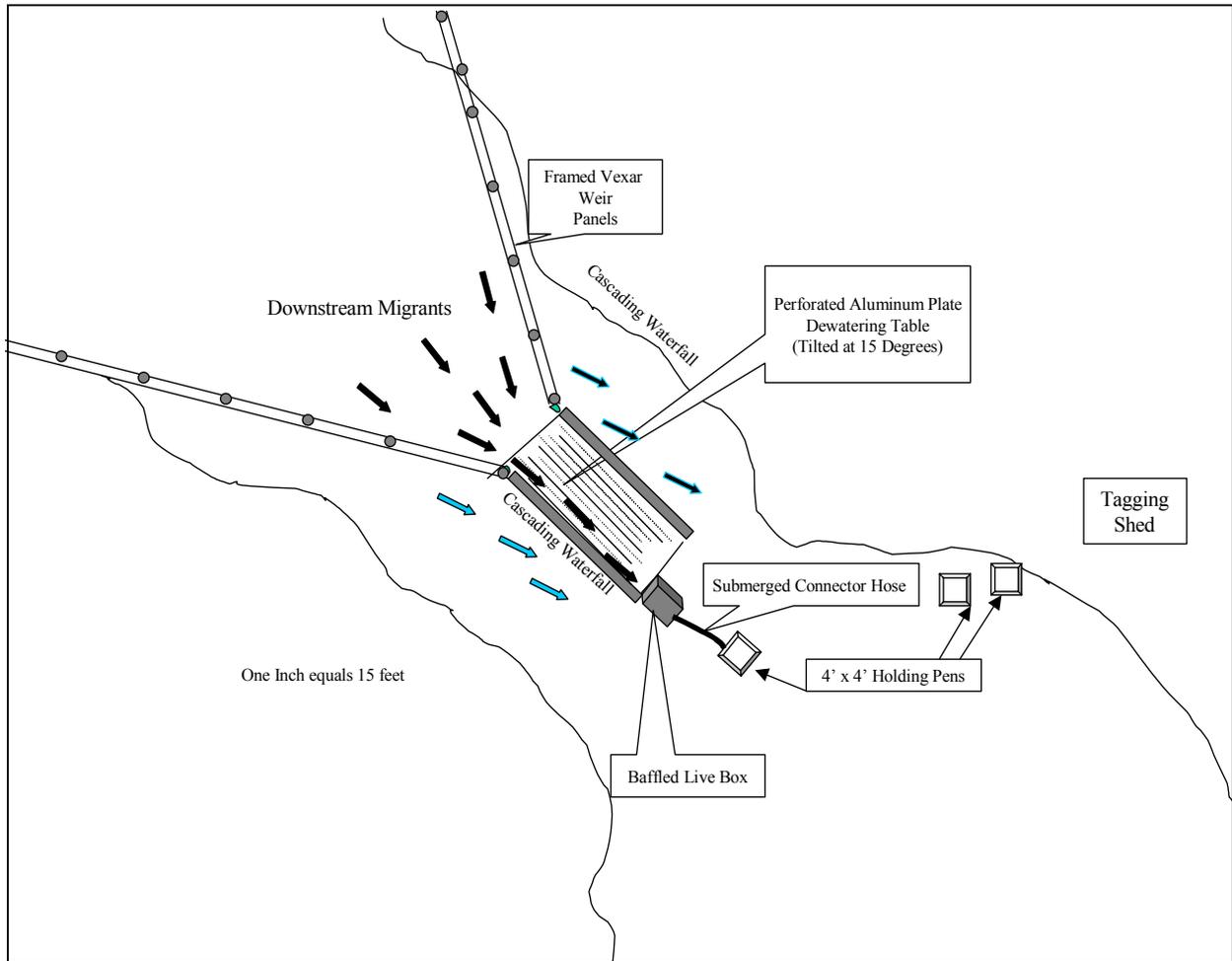


Figure 3.– Design of Slippery Creek smolt trapping and tagging operation.

SMOLT ABUNDANCE

Based on previous stock assessment results from Slippery Creek, several diagnostic tests were used to determine the extent of sampling bias prior to estimating smolt abundance (Beers 2001). Two contingency tables (Chi-square tests) were used to determine if the capture of smolt at the smolt trap (and tagging) was size/age selective. One test compared the number of smolt sampled by freshwater age class (marked smolt age-1. or age-2.) with the numbers of adults recaptured bearing CWTs by their freshwater age, to determine if survival differed by age. A second test compared freshwater age compositions taken from smolt (first sampling event) and adults (second sampling event) to determine if the capture and tagging of smolt was size/age selective.

The estimated abundance of coho salmon smolt emigrating from Slippery Creek in 2001 was then calculated using either an unstratified or age-stratified estimator, depending on the extent of selectivity bias. Chapman's modified Petersen estimator for a closed population (Seber 1982):

$$\hat{N} = \frac{(n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 1)}{(m_2 + 1)} - 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{N}] = \frac{(n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 1)(n_1 - m_2)(n_2 - m_2)}{(m_2 + 1)^2(m_2 + 2)} \quad (2)$$

where n_1 is the number of smolt tagged in 2001, n_2 is the number of returning coho salmon from the escapement that were inspected for marks in 2002 at the adult trap, and m_2 is the number of adults

inspected in 2002 at the adult trap that were missing their adipose fin.

AGE, WEIGHT, AND LENGTH COMPOSITION, AND MEAN LENGTH ESTIMATES FOR SMOLT IN 2001

A systematically drawn sample of 482 coho salmon smolt was taken to estimate age composition, and mean length and weight at age. Each day, the first smolt handled was sampled, and every 40th smolt after that was sampled. Every sampled coho salmon smolt was measured for fork length (FL) to the nearest 1 mm, sampled for scales and weighed to the nearest 0.1 g with a digital balance. From 12 to 15 scales were removed from the preferred area (Scarnecchia 1979) on the left side of the smolt. Scales were sandwiched between two 1×3" microscope slides, and the slides were taped together with frosted scotch tape. Scales were numbered consecutively for each sampled smolt, and the number of each smolt was written on the frosted portion of the bottom slide in accordance with the position of the scales on the slide along with the location, date, species, and slide number. Ages of each sampled smolt were later determined from interpretation of circuli patterns (70X magnification).

Composition of emigrating smolt by age, length, and sex was estimated:

$$\hat{p}_i = \frac{w_i}{w} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{\pi}_l] = \left[1 - \frac{\omega}{\hat{N}} \right] \frac{\pi_l(1-\pi_l)}{\omega-1} \quad (4)$$

where w is the number aged, and w_i is the subset of w that belong to age, length, or sex group i . Estimates of mean length at age and its variance were calculated using standard procedures.

HARVEST

Harvest of adult coho salmon in 2002 originating from Slippery Creek in 2001 was estimated by sampling catches in commercial and recreational fisheries and from the escapement into Slippery Creek. ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division annually samples landings from commercial drift

gillnet, set gillnet, purse seine, and troll fisheries throughout Southeast Alaska and Yakutat. During summer and early fall, samplers are stationed at processors in Ketchikan, Craig, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Pelican, Port Alexander, Elfin Cove, Excursion Inlet and Juneau. The sample goal has been to inspect at least 20% of the total catch of Chinook and coho salmon for missing adipose fins, indicating the possible presence of a coded wire tag. Heads are removed from fish missing their adipose fin and sent on a weekly basis to the ADF&G Coded Wire Tag and Otolith Laboratory in Juneau to test for presence of a valid coded wire. Data from CWTs is decoded and entered into a coastwide database.

Because fisheries take place over several months, harvest must be estimated over several strata, each a combination of time, area, and type of fishery. In 2002, statistics from the commercial troll fishery were stratified by fishing period and by fishing quadrant (Figure 2). Statistics from commercial net fisheries were stratified by week and by fishing district. Statistics from the recreational fishery were stratified biweekly (Hubartt and Jaenicke, 2004). Hubartt et al. (1999) present details of sampling the recreational fisheries. The unpublished annual Commercial Fisheries Port Sampling Manual provides detailed instructions on sampling, logistics and an explanation of the analytical process by which sampling data and tag recoveries are used to estimate exploitation rates in the commercial fisheries.

Estimates of harvest \hat{r}_i were calculated for each stratum, then summed across strata and across fisheries to obtain an estimate of the total harvest \hat{T} :

$$\hat{r}_i = \hat{H}_i \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{\lambda_i k_i} \right) \theta^{-1} \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{T} = \sum_i \hat{r}_i \quad (6)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{T}] = \sum_i \text{var}[\hat{r}_i] \quad (7)$$

where \hat{H}_i is the estimated harvest in stratum i , θ is the fraction of the cohort marked with CWTs (from sampling adults at the trap), k_i is the subset of \hat{H}_i examined for missing adipose fins, m_i is the number of decoded CWTs recovered, and $\lambda_i = (a'_i t'_i) / (a_i t_i)$ is the decoding rate for CWTs from recovered salmon, which adjusts the sample size of fish collected with missing adipose fins to only those fish that have recoverable tags and which are successfully decoded (Bernard and Clark 1996).

a_i = number of fish missing adipose fins in the sample from stratum i ,

a'_i = subset of a_i that have their heads removed and sent to the laboratory for decoding,

t_i = number of heads sampled from stratum i that actually have CWTs detected magnetically at the laboratory

t'_i = subset of t_i for which CWTs are decoded

Variance of \hat{r}_i was estimated using the appropriate large-sample formulations in Bernard and Clark (1996, their Table 1) for a wild stock harvested in recreational and commercial fisheries. Variance of the sum of estimates was estimated as the sum of variances because sampling was independent across strata and fisheries.

ESCAPEMENT SAMPLING

A two-person crew operated an adult coho trap at Slippery Creek from 16 August to 12 October 2002 to count the escapement of adult coho salmon. Although it is possible for coho to enter later than these dates, it was assumed that 95% or more of the escapement immigration would occur between these dates. Escapement was determined by counting each dip-netted coho salmon past an aluminum-fabricated trap positioned at the top of Slippery Creek fish pass. Every captured coho salmon was counted, visually inspected for the presence the adipose fin, and tested using a Northwest Marine Technology detector to determine if the snout of the fish contained a valid CWT. Fish that were missing their adipose fin but had no indication of CWT in their snout were

subsequently sacrificed by removal of the head, which was preserved in salt and shipped to the ADF&G Tag and Otolith Lab in Juneau.

During the first month of sampling, every fifth coho salmon was sampled for scales, sex (visual examination of secondary maturation characteristics), and length (nearest 5 mm MEF). The sampling frequency was adjusted to every 15th fish on 18 September after it was apparent that the escapement was vastly larger than expected. Five scales were removed from the preferred area, three from 2 or 3 rows above the lateral line and taken 1" apart, and two from 4 or 5 rows up, 1/2" from one of the lower three on the left side (Scarnecchia 1979). The preferred area on the right side of the fish was sampled when the preferred area on the left side of the fish was lacking scales. Scales were mounted on scale gum cards, five per row, using methods described in Heineman (unpublished 1991) and were labeled completely at the time of sampling. Ages were later determined from interpretation of circuli patterns as seen with a microfiche viewer and scale impressions pressed onto clear acetate slides.

The proportions by age, sex, or length were estimated as:

$$\hat{p}_j = \frac{n_j}{n} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{p}_j] = \left[1 - \frac{n}{N}\right] \frac{\hat{p}_j(1 - \hat{p}_j)}{n-1} \quad (9)$$

where p_j is the proportion of the population in group j , n is the sample size, and n_j is the subset of n belonging to group j .

RUN SIZE, EXPLOITATION RATE, MARINE SURVIVAL

Estimates of total run size (harvest plus escapement of coho salmon returning to Slippery Creek above the trap in 2002) is the sum of the estimated harvest (T) and escapement (N_e):

$$\hat{N}_R = \hat{T} + N_e \quad (10)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{N}_R] = \text{var}[\hat{T}] \quad (11)$$

where $\text{var}(N_e) = 0$, because N_e was an exact count.

The estimated fishery exploitation rate was calculated:

$$\hat{E} = \frac{\hat{T}}{\hat{N}_R} \quad (12)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{E}] \approx \frac{N_e^2}{\hat{N}_R^4} \text{var}[\hat{T}] \quad (13)$$

The estimated survival rate of smolts to adults was calculated:

$$\hat{S} = \frac{\hat{N}_R}{\hat{N}_S} \quad (14)$$

$$\text{var}[\hat{S}] \approx \hat{S}^2 \left[\frac{\text{var}[\hat{N}_R]}{\hat{N}_R^2} + \frac{\text{var}[\hat{N}_S]}{\hat{N}_S^2} \right] \quad (15)$$

The variances in equations 13 and 15 are approximations using the delta method (Seber 1982).

RESULTS

SMOLT TAGGING, AGE, LENGTH AND WEIGHT

Between 16 April and 29 May 2001 a total of 21,262 coho salmon smolt ≥ 70 mm FL from the 1998 and 1999 brood years were initially captured (Table 2). The smolt trap was “fish tight” on 33 of 44 days, as the trap could not be maintained and effectively fished during a number of high water events in late April and early May. Water conditions coupled with debris loading led to the capture mortality of 966 smolt, which either became stuck in the mesh panels, or overly stressed by high turbulence and debris loads before reaching the holding pen. Following these trapping losses, the crew implanted 20,296 coho smolt (Table 2) from the 2001 emigration with full length CWTs bearing tag code 040286 or 040287. There were an additional 932 post-tagging mortalities documented from the overnight holding pens. The overall sampling mortality rate (from initial capture to final release of tagged smolt) was 8.9%. The short-term tag

retention rate was 99.1%, which left a total valid release of 19,193 tagged smolts. Age-1. coho smolt (1999 Brood year) composed 72.5% (SE = 0.02) of sampled smolt and averaged 104.7 mm FL (SD = 12.4) and 8.6 g (SD = 2.8) in weight. Age-2. fish (1998 Brood year) comprised the remaining 27.5% (SE = 0.02), averaged 129.4 mm FL (SD = 15.4) and 15.4 g (SD = 5.1) in weight.

CODED WIRE TAG RECOVERY

During random sampling among sport and commercial fisheries in 2002, there were 252 CWTs recovered from adult coho salmon originating from 2001 tagging operations at Slippery Creek (Appendix A1). Of these, 195 CWTs were recovered from the commercial troll fishery. The greatest number of tags (106) was recovered from the troll fishery in the Northeast (NE) Quadrant on the inside coastal waters (Figure 2). Purse seine fisheries in the NE Quadrant, that target pink salmon, accounted for 46 CWTs, with 74% of these recoveries along the migration route (Figure 2 and Table 3). The SE Alaska marine recreational fishery accounted for the recovery of 11 tags, of which nine were recovered in the Northwest (NW) Quadrant near Sitka, between late June and mid-September (Tables 3 and 4).

HARVEST, EXPLOITATION AND ESCAPEMENT IN 2002

An estimated 2,089 (SE = 155) coho salmon originating from Slippery Creek were harvested in marine commercial and sport fisheries in 2002 (Tables 3 and 4). Harvests in these fisheries occurred from the end of June through mid-September. Harvests from the commercial troll fishery accounted for 62.5% of the overall harvest of Slippery Creek coho salmon. Within the troll fishery, the highest harvest contributions came from the NE and NW Quadrants (Table 4); 33.7% and 26.9% of total harvest, respectively. Seine fisheries accounted for 33.3% of the overall harvest, with all harvests in the NE Quadrant, primarily along the migration route (Figure 2).

Table 2. –Daily counts of coho salmon smolt caught and tagged at the Slippery Creek smolt trap during 2001.

Date	Total captured	Total tagged	Overnight mortality	Live tagged	Retention rate	Valid tags	Date	Total captured	Total tagged	Overnight mortality	Live tagged	Retention rate	Valid tags
15-Apr	0	0	0	0	nd	0	9-May	589	525	56	469	100%	469
16-Apr	7	7	1	6	100%	6	10-May	695	566	19	547	100%	547
17-Apr	39	39	1	38	100%	38	11-May	639	633	26	607	100%	607
18-Apr	10	10	2	8	100%	8	12-May	1,712	1,670	40	1,630	100%	1,630
19-Apr	33	31	6	25	100%	25	13-May	1,949	1,894	47	1,847	99%	1,829
20-Apr	107	107	1	106	100%	106	14-May	579	572	23	549	100%	549
21-Apr	57	57	2	55	100%	55	15-May	1,904	1,864	35	1,829	99%	1,822
22-Apr	59	59	0	59	100%	59	16-May	1,606	1,531	28	1,503	100%	1,503
23-Apr	77	77	2	75	100%	75	17-May	1,349	1,325	48	1,277	100%	1,277
24-Apr	0	0	0	0	nd	0	18-May	1,495	1,485	95	1,390	99%	1,376
25-Apr	543	351	17	334	100%	334	19-May	675	630	85	545	100%	545
26-Apr	164	164	3	161	100%	161	20-May	841	803	57	746	100%	746
27-Apr	0	0	0	0	nd	0	21-May	366	352	20	332	100%	332
28-Apr	213	199	13	186	100%	186	22-May	387	367	34	333	94%	313
29-Apr	109	109	0	109	100%	109	23-May	366	340	12	328	96%	315
30-Apr	77	73	3	70	100%	70	24-May	399	383	26	357	92%	328
1-May	97	93	2	91	100%	91	25-May	253	248	47	201	98%	197
2-May	533	530	26	504	100%	504	26-May	237	234	17	217	91%	197
3-May	0	0	0	0	nd	0	27-May	266	258	9	249	96%	239
4-May	944	859	38	821	100%	821	28-May	308	303	16	287	94%	270
5-May	555	554	11	543	100%	543	29-May	321	319	7	312	94%	293
6-May	105	105	3	102	100%	102							
7-May	127	126	4	122	100%	122	TOTAL	21,262	20,296	932	19,364	99%	19,193
8-May	470	444	50	394	100%	394							

Table 3. –Estimated marine harvest of adult coho salmon bound for Slippery Creek in 2002.

TROLL FISHERY														
Stat. week	Dates	Per.	Quad.	H	$\text{var}[\hat{H}]$	k	a	a'	t	t'	m_i	\hat{r}	$\text{SE}[\hat{r}]$	$\text{RP}[\hat{r}]$
27-32	6/30-8/10	3	NW	341,306	0	113,254	2,224	2,210	1,845	1,844	56	375	47	24.0%
27-32	6/30-8/10	3	NE	102,015	0	35,428	1,363	1,351	1,200	1,197	60	386	46	23.0%
27-32	6/30-8/10	3	SW	89,753	0	58,581	612	604	460	460	7	24	8	62.0%
27-32	6/30-8/10	3	SE	65,133	0	24,561	475	469	372	372	1	6	5	179.0%
33-40	8/11-10/5	4	NW	461,263	0	125,974	3,234	3,201	2,819	2,817	23	188	37	38.0%
33-40	8/11-10/5	4	NE	82,886	0	26,757	866	857	739	737	46	319	44	27.0%
33-40	8/11-10/5	4	SW	50,368	0	35,540	518	511	407	407	1	3	3	162.0%
33-40	8/11-10/5	4	SE	115,925	0	53,402	1,092	1,075	876	875	1	5	4	175.0%
Total troll fishery				1,308,649	0	473,497	10,384	10,278	8,718	8,709	195	1,306	88	13.1%
SPORT FISHERY														
Biweek	Dates	Derby	Area	H	$\text{var}[\hat{H}]$	k	a	a'	t	t'	m_i	\hat{r}	$\text{SE}[\hat{r}]$	$\text{RP}[\hat{r}]$
13	6/24-7/7	No	Sitka	4,226	397,717	1,023	45	43	34	34	1	10	9	186%
14	7/8-7/21	No	Ketchikan	1,080	35,457	192	15	15	13	13	1	12	12	188%
14	7/8-7/21	No	Sitka	9,614	11,525,161	2,327	36	36	33	33	2	18	13	141%
15	7/22-8/4	No	Sitka	2,803	474,928	895	43	42	38	38	2	14	10	134%
16	9/2-9/15	No	Sitka	2,622	331,157	743	65	65	52	52	4	31	16	99%
16	7/22-9/15	No	Elfin	324	-	324	10	10	7	7	1	2	2	145%
Total sport fishery				20,669	12,764,420	5,504	214	211	177	177	11	87	27	61%
SEINE FISHERY														
Stat. week	Dates	District	H	$\text{var}[\hat{H}]$	k	a	a'	t	t'	m_i	\hat{r}	$\text{SE}[\hat{r}]$	$\text{RP}[\hat{r}]$	
30	7/21-7/27	110	6,946	0	2,230	12	12	11	11	1	7	6	181.0%	
30	7/21-7/27	112	4,661	0	560	9	9	7	7	1	18	18	191.0%	
31	7/28-8/3	109	44,672	0	5,731	62	62	52	51	17	298	70	46.0%	
31	7/28-8/3	114	6,377	0	3,366	65	65	53	52	1	4	4	171.0%	
32	8/04-8/10	109	22,818	0	3,745	35	35	30	30	11	148	43	57.0%	
33	8/11-8/17	109	12,089	0	2,022	40	40	35	35	4	53	25	94.0%	
33	8/11-8/17	112	6,536	0	685	14	14	14	14	1	21	21	191.0%	
33	8/11-8/17	114	6,172	0	2,571	69	69	59	59	1	5	5	177.0%	
34	8/18-8/24	114	1,505	0	1,438	52	52	47	47	5	12	4	66.0%	
34	8/18-8/24	109	11,784	0	1,190	6	6	5	5	2	44	30	135.0%	
34	8/18-8/24	112	8,409	0	233	6	6	6	6	1	80	79	195.0%	
35	8/25-8/31	112	7,055	0	2,730	67	67	64	64	1	6	5	178.0%	
Total seine fishery				139,024	0	26,501	437	437	383	381	46	696	124	35.0%
TOTAL All fisheries				1,468,342		505,502	11,035	10,926	9,278	9,267	252	2,089	155	14.5%

In fishing periods and fishing quadrants for which no CWT was recovered with the appropriate code, harvest was assumed to be zero. See text for an explanation of the notation.

Table 4. –Estimated harvest, exploitation, and total run of Slippery Creek coho salmon in 2002.

Fishery	Area	Estimated harvest	SE	Percent of marine harvest	Percent of total run	Removal rate ^a
U.S. troll fishery	NE Quad	705	64	33.7	9.4	
	NW Quad	563	59	26.9	7.5	
	SW Quad	27	8	1.2	0.3	
	SE Quad	11	7	0.5	0.1	
	Subtotal	1,306	88	62.5	17.5	17.5%
Recreational	Sitka	73	24	3.5	1.0	
	Ketchikan	13	12	0.5	0.2	
	Elfin Cove	2	2	0.1	<0.1	
	Subtotal	88	27	4.2	1.1	1.4%
Seine fishery	Dist. 109	543	91	25.9	7.3	
	Dist. 110	7	6	0.3	<0.1	
	Dist. 112	125	84	5.9	1.7	
	Dist. 114	21	7	1.0	0.3	
	Subtotal	696	24	33.3	9.3	11.5%
Total marine harvest		2,089	155	100.0	28.1	
Escapement		5,341	0		71.9	
TOTAL RUN		7,430	155		100.0	

^a Percent of available population harvested by a fishery.

The estimated sport harvest contribution from Slippery Creek in the marine recreational fishery was 87 fish, representing 4.2% of the total harvest, using harvest and sampling data from Hubartt and Jaenicke (2004).

The enumerated escapement passing the fish ladder between 16 August and 12 October included 5,341 adult coho salmon (Appendix A2) and 402 jack coho. Within the adult escapement, a total of 2,431 fin clipped coho yielded 2,419 valid CWT-marked fish, indicating the fraction of the 2001 smolt cohort tagged with CWTs (θ) was 45.3%. The total run (harvest plus escapement) was estimated to be 7,430 (SE = 155) adult coho salmon (Table 4). The estimated marine survival rate was 17.6% (SE = 0.4%) and the estimated marine fishery exploitation rate was 28.1% (SE = 1.5%).

As mentioned previously, the Age-Sex-Length (ASL) sampling frequency changed from 1:5 to 1:15 on 18 September, in response to the larger than expected return. We considered omitting two-thirds of the early samples (before the

change) to eliminate any bias resulting from unequal weighting of the sample. However we found no difference in age composition before and after 18 September ($\chi^2 = 0.33$, $df=1$, $p=0.57$). Age 1.1 coho represented 71.5% (SE = 0.02) of the adult escapement with a mean length of 594 (SD = 44) mm mid-eye to fork (MEF). Age 2.1 coho represented 28.5% (SE = 0.02), and had a mean length of 611 (SD = 42) mm MEF. The observed female- to- male sex ratio in the 2002 escapement was 1.26: 1.

SMOLT ABUNDANCE IN 2001

Prior to estimating smolt abundance we tested whether capture and tagging in the first sampling event were size-selective, which could bias abundance and age/size composition estimates. The age composition of tagged adults did not differ from that of tagged smolt ($\chi^2 = 0.83$, $df=1$, $p=0.36$), which rules out age-dependent survival. Furthermore, the age composition of all adults (tagged or not) did not differ from that of tagged

smolt ($\chi^2 = 0.13$, $df=1$, $p=0.71$), which rules out age dependent smolt sampling.

Therefore the abundance of smolt was estimated without stratification. In 2001, an estimated 42,533 coho salmon smolt ($SE = 595$) ≥ 70 mm outmigrated from Slippery Creek. This estimate was based on the number of marked smolt released in the first sampling event (19,364 smolt), and the subsequent recovery of 2,431 marked (missing adipose fins) adult coho salmon out of the 5,341 inspected in 2002.

DISCUSSION

The total run of coho salmon in 2002 represents the highest gauged return and escapement in the four years where total run was estimated at Slippery Creek. Additionally, this is the first year of the Slippery Creek project where escapement and resulting production in numbers of smolt and returning adults taken from past and current assessments could be tabulated. There were approximately 30,595 emigrating smolt (19,002 in 2000 and 11,593 in 2001) produced by the 632 adult coho escapement in 1998 (Beers 1999, 2003). Many of these smolt survived to produce estimated total returns of 8,269 adult coho salmon (based on age composition: 2,957 in 2001 and 5,312 in 2002) that entered common property fisheries and low-level sport harvests. Eventually 5,280 adults produced from the 1998 brood year were included in the counted escapements in 2001 and 2002 (1,461 adults escaped in 2001, and 3,819 adults in 2002). Initially this appears to indicate a high return per spawner for the one completed generation which has been monitored at Slippery Creek. However, these returns corresponded to 2001 and 2002, when the return and escapements were maximal.

Furthermore, the future smolt production from the large escapements in 2001 and 2002 will be valuable to the understanding of coho production and possible limitations imposed by the overall quantity of habitat and food resources in the Slippery Creek drainage. It may be possible to contrast the effect of such large escapements on smolt production by 2005, and adult returns in 2006. Similar information gathered from other brood years will be relevant if future efforts include the determination of escapement goals for

the Slippery Creek stock, or a better understanding of coho production of this previously enhanced watershed.

Although much of the 2002 return was not exploited at levels previously seen in the harvesting sector (Table 1), the large number of escaping adults provides a large input of marine-based nutrients to be utilized directly and indirectly by various fauna inhabiting the Slippery Creek watershed. It is likely that the return size in 2002 was influenced by high levels of marine survival, which was also observed in many of the other 2002 returns. In addition to increased marine survival, declining numbers of trollers fishing in the NW Quadrant during 2002 might help to explain the shift to higher levels of escapement and lower rates of exploitation (Table 4). It is apparent that the level of participation by trollers in the NW Quadrant has a significant effect, as this fishery has exploited between 7.5 and nearly 40% of monitored total returns since 1998 (Beers 1999, 2001, 2003). For the first time in four years of Slippery Creek harvest estimation, the estimated harvests in the NE Quadrant exceeded those of the NW Quadrant. Changing fleet dynamics, such as in the NW Quadrant, or trip limits for pink salmon seiners, described by Beers (2003), could impact the ability to relate CWT recoveries to inseason run strengths or run timing, particularly with small stocks of coho, like Slippery Creek.

Smolt sampling efforts in 2001 marked sufficient numbers to yield precise estimates based on the marked fraction of smolt. However, several problems came about that have since been remedied. Due to budgetary constraints, smolt tagging was suspended on 29 May, when significant catches of smolt were still occurring. If tagging had continued into June 2001, it is likely that the marked fraction would increase somewhat, and improve certainty about the assumptions for the mark-recapture experiment. During the smolt tagging project, there were periods when the smolt trap was overwhelmed by high water and not fishing effectively, and corresponding times when significant mortalities (pre- and post-tagging) occurred. The 966 smolt trapping mortalities together with 932 overnight holding mortalities represented a 4.4% loss to the

emigrating smolt population in 2001, based on an estimated 42,533 smolt. Although these did not jeopardize the project's ability to yield precise results, it represents an undesired impact on the population and loss of efficiency for the project.

Since the 2001 smolt tagging, several changes have occurred to improve the overall project operation. Increased project budgeting has allowed smolt tagging to continue into early June, when the smolt emigration recedes, so that individuals from all segments of the migration may be marked and tagged with CWT. Additionally, improvements to the Wolf trap and baffled live box have included the substitution of perforated aluminum "smolt-plate" for much of the Vexar™ mesh, which can entrap smolt in some situations or lead to abrasive damage and resulting mortality among the trapped smolt.

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APPENDIX A

Appendix A1.—Random recoveries of coded wire tagged coho salmon bound for Slippery Creek by date sampled in 2002.

Survey Site	Sample	Head	Sampling Type		Stat Week			Quadrant	District	Tag Code
			Code	Gear Class	Date (CWT)	(CWT)	Period			
SITKA	2035306	228160	R	SPORT	7/2/2002	27		NW	113	40287
SITKA	2030635	185542	R	TROLL	7/3/2002	27	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030725	214034	R	TROLL	7/5/2002	27	3	NW	113	40286
PETERSBURG	2050252	505227	R	TROLL	7/5/2002	27	3			40286
EXCURSION INLET	2100021	31015	R	TROLL	7/7/2002	28	3	NW		40287
SITKA	2030752	211192	R	TROLL	7/8/2002	28	3	NW	113	40286
KETCHIKAN	2065236	172766	R	SPORT	7/8/2002	28		SE	101	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080006	169069	R	TROLL	7/9/2002	28	3	NE	109	40250
HOONAH	2110150	218364	R	TROLL	7/9/2002	28	3	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2030758	211280	R	TROLL	7/10/2002	28	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030758	211284	R	TROLL	7/10/2002	28	3	NW	113	40286
EXCURSION INLET	2100027	38959	R	TROLL	7/10/2002	28	3	NW		40286
HOONAH	2110152	218386	R	TROLL	7/11/2002	28	3	NW	113	40286
PETERSBURG	2050333	207581	R	TROLL	7/12/2002	28	3	NE	109	40287
SITKA	2030794	211365	R	TROLL	7/13/2002	28	3	NW	113	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080014	169096	R	TROLL	7/14/2002	29	3	NE	109	40287
SITKA	2035353	228484	R	SPORT	7/15/2002	29		NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030824	213038	R	TROLL	7/15/2002	29	3	NW	113	40287
PELICAN	2010197	209662	R	TROLL	7/16/2002	29	3	NW	113	40286
EXCURSION INLET	2100035	31139	R	TROLL	7/16/2002	29	3	NW		40287
SITKA	2035362	228497	R	SPORT	7/17/2002	29		NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030841	213277	R	TROLL	7/17/2002	29	3	NW	113	40287
EXCURSION INLET	2100037	31148	R	TROLL	7/18/2002	29	3	NW		40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080021	169127	R	TROLL	7/18/2002	29	3	NE	109	40287
SITKA	2030861	213094	R	TROLL	7/18/2002	29	3	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2030861	213099	R	TROLL	7/18/2002	29	3	NW	113	40287
EXCURSION INLET	2100037	31178	R	TROLL	7/18/2002	29	3	NW		40287
SITKA	2030879	211576	R	TROLL	7/19/2002	29	3	SW	104	40286
SITKA	2030885	213142	R	TROLL	7/19/2002	29	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030874	214093	R	TROLL	7/19/2002	29	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030874	214091	R	TROLL	7/19/2002	29	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030880	211597	R	TROLL	7/19/2002	29	3	NW	113	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080028	169203	R	TROLL	7/20/2002	29	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080029	169224	R	TROLL	7/21/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080029	169226	R	TROLL	7/21/2002	30	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080032	169266	R	TROLL	7/22/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050454	506125	R	PURSE	7/22/2002	30		NE	112	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080032	169269	R	TROLL	7/22/2002	30	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080036	169355	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080035	169327	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
SITKA	2030909	211988	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NW	113	40286

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PORT ALEXANDER	2080034	169299	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080035	169338	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080035	169340	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080035	169344	R	TROLL	7/23/2002	30	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080037	169360	R	TROLL	7/24/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080037	169381	R	TROLL	7/24/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080037	169361	R	TROLL	7/24/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
SITKA	2030917	213184	R	TROLL	7/24/2002	30	3	NW	113	40286
HOONAH	2110176	218571	R	TROLL	7/24/2002	30	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030926	213419	R	TROLL	7/25/2002	30	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2035411	228535	R	SPORT	7/25/2002	30		NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030926	213416	R	TROLL	7/25/2002	30	3	NW	113	40287
PELICAN	2010212	209858	R	TROLL	7/25/2002	30	3	NW	114	40287
PETERSBURG	2050511	506384	R	PURSE	7/26/2002	30		NE	110	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080045	231279	R	TROLL	7/26/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080045	231280	R	TROLL	7/26/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050501	506507	R	TROLL	7/26/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050501	506502	R	TROLL	7/26/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080051	231395	R	TROLL	7/27/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080050	231365	R	TROLL	7/27/2002	30	3	NE	109	40286
CRAIG	2070224	69186	R	TROLL	7/28/2002	31	3	SW	104	40286
CRAIG	2070222	79058	R	TROLL	7/28/2002	31	3			40286
SITKA	2030947	213477	R	TROLL	7/28/2002	31	3	NW	113	40287
CRAIG	2070222	79054	R	TROLL	7/28/2002	31	3			40287
CRAIG	2070227	56807	R	TROLL	7/29/2002	31	3	SW	152	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080053	231448	R	TROLL	7/29/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050567	506527	R	PURSE	7/30/2002	31		NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080056	231549	R	TROLL	7/30/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080056	231569	R	TROLL	7/30/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050552	506311	R	PURSE	7/30/2002	31		NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050567	506528	R	PURSE	7/30/2002	31		NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050565	506525	R	PURSE	7/30/2002	31		NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080056	231563	R	TROLL	7/30/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080060	216836	R	TROLL	7/30/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
SITKA	2030957	213530	R	TROLL	7/30/2002	31	3	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2030957	213520	R	TROLL	7/30/2002	31	3	NW	113	40287
PETERSBURG	2050582	506481	R	TROLL	7/31/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050582	506480	R	TROLL	7/31/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
CRAIG	2070237	79820	R	TROLL	7/31/2002	31	3	SW	152	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080064	216885	R	TROLL	7/31/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080065	216917	R	TROLL	7/31/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050582	506479	R	TROLL	7/31/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050590	506607	R	PURSE	8/1/2002	31		NE	109	40286

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PETERSBURG	2050590	506608	R	PURSE	8/1/2002	31		NE	109	40286
CRAIG	2070244	79385	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	SW	104	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080069	216965	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080070	216984	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080070	216982	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050588	506585	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
EXCURSION INLET	2100070	31215	R	PURSE	8/1/2002	31		NW	114	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080066	216926	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080068	216960	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050588	506445	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NE	109	40287
HOONAH	2110189	218684	R	TROLL	8/1/2002	31	3	NW	114	40287
PETERSBURG	2050596	506624	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050620	506643	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050619	506648	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050619	506650	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050603	506543	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050611	506732	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE		40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080078	232906	R	TROLL	8/3/2002	31	3	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080079	232925	R	TROLL	8/3/2002	31	3			40286
SITKA	2030983	213609	R	TROLL	8/3/2002	31	3			40286
PETERSBURG	2050608	506537	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050620	506642	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050597	506627	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40287
SITKA	2030983	213611	R	TROLL	8/3/2002	31	3			40287
CRAIG	2070258	56825	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	SW	104	40286
SITKA	2030991	213712	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050596	506624	R	PURSE	8/3/2002	31		NE	109	40286
SITKA	2030993	213626	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030993	213630	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030988	214570	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2030986	214550	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NW	154	40286
SITKA	2030989	214596	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2030987	214567	R	TROLL	8/4/2002	32	3	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2030994	212293	R	TROLL	8/5/2002	32	3	NW	113	40286
PETERSBURG	2050624	506733	R	TROLL	8/5/2002	32	3			40286
PETERSBURG	2050624	506735	R	TROLL	8/5/2002	32	3			40286
PETERSBURG	2050644	506864	R	PURSE	8/6/2002	32		NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050628	506858	R	PURSE	8/6/2002	32		NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080082	232940	R	TROLL	8/6/2002	32	3			40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080083	232949	R	TROLL	8/6/2002	32	3	NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2050635	506655	R	TROLL	8/6/2002	32	3	NE	110	40287
SITKA	2031003	213639	R	TROLL	8/6/2002	32	3	NW	113	40287

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PETERSBURG	2050664	506331	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050671	506869	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050662	506333	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE		40286	
CRAIG	2070277	79940	R	TROLL	8/7/2002	32	3	SE	105	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080084	232976	R	TROLL	8/7/2002	32	3	NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2031010	214149	R	TROLL	8/7/2002	32	3	NW	113	40286	
SITKA	2035525	233903	R	SPORT	8/7/2002	32		NW	113	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050669	506879	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050672	506886	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050664	506327	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050664	506328	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050662	506332	R	PURSE	8/7/2002	32		NE		40287	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080086	232989	R	TROLL	8/7/2002	32	3	NE	109	40287	
SITKA	2031008	213672	R	TROLL	8/7/2002	32	3	NW	113	40287	
PELICAN	2010238	210002	R	TROLL	8/7/2002	32	3	NW	114	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050685	506341	R	PURSE	8/8/2002	32		NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2031011	213687	R	TROLL	8/8/2002	32	3	NW	113	40286	
SITKA	2035533	233917	R	SPORT	8/8/2002	32		NW	113	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050689	506700	R	TROLL	8/9/2002	32	3	NE	109	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080091	234030	R	TROLL	8/9/2002	32	3	NE	109	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080088	234009	R	TROLL	8/9/2002	32	3			40286	
SITKA	2035491	228194	R	SPORT	8/9/2002	32		NW	113	40286	
SITKA	2031020	212469	R	TROLL	8/9/2002	32	3	NW	154	40287	
SITKA	2031024	212491	R	TROLL	8/10/2002	32	3	NW	154	40287	
EXCURSION INLET	2100093	31431	R	TROLL	8/10/2002	32	3	NW		40287	
EXCURSION INLET	2100093	31446	R	TROLL	8/10/2002	32	3	NW		40287	
ELFIN COVE	2025011	96964	R	SPORT	8/10/2002	32		NW	114	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050708	506897	R	PURSE	8/11/2002	33		NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050708	506900	R	PURSE	8/11/2002	33		NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050707	506344	R	PURSE	8/11/2002	33		NE	112	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050705	506772	R	TROLL	8/11/2002	33	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050705	506771	R	TROLL	8/11/2002	33	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050705	506765	R	TROLL	8/11/2002	33	4	NE	109	40287	
EXCURSION INLET	2100097	31511	R	PURSE	8/16/2002	33		NW	114	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050791	89151	R	PURSE	8/17/2002	33		NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050784	89118	R	PURSE	8/17/2002	33		NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2035605	225932	R	SPORT	8/17/2002	33		NW	113	40287	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080103	234133	R	TROLL	8/18/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2031093	214476	R	TROLL	8/18/2002	34	4	NW		40286	
SITKA	2031084	214424	R	TROLL	8/18/2002	34	4	NW	113	40287	
SITKA	2031099	215020	R	TROLL	8/19/2002	34	4	NW	113	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080114	234219	R	TROLL	8/20/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	

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PORT ALEXANDER	2080110	234185	R	TROLL	8/20/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050804	89188	R	TROLL	8/20/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2031113	215221	R	TROLL	8/20/2002	34	4	NW	113	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080110	234186	R	TROLL	8/20/2002	34	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050843	89121	R	PURSE	8/21/2002	34		NE	109	40286	
KETCHIKAN	2060397	77645	R	TROLL	8/21/2002	34	4	SE	105	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050846	89328	R	TROLL	8/21/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2031123	216082	R	TROLL	8/21/2002	34	4	NW	113	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050846	89330	R	TROLL	8/21/2002	34	4	NE	109	40287	
EXCURSION INLET	2100104	31680	R	TROLL	8/22/2002	34	4	NW		40250	
PETERSBURG	2050861	89128	R	PURSE	8/22/2002	34		NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050860	89124	R	PURSE	8/22/2002	34		NE	112	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050866	89260	R	TROLL	8/24/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050866	89256	R	TROLL	8/24/2002	34	4	NE	109	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080118	234256	R	TROLL	8/25/2002	35	4	NE	109	40287	
SITKA	2031143	214947	R	TROLL	8/26/2002	35	4	NW	113	40286	
YAKUTAT	2140055	195276	R	TROLL	8/26/2002	35	4	NW		40287	
CRAIG	2070383	68216	R	TROLL	8/27/2002	35	4	SW	104	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050881	89233	R	TROLL	8/27/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PELICAN	2010276	210408	R	TROLL	8/27/2002	35	4	NW	113	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050890	89298	R	TROLL	8/28/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050890	89299	R	TROLL	8/28/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050890	89297	R	TROLL	8/28/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050890	89249	R	TROLL	8/28/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050890	89353	R	TROLL	8/28/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
SITKA	2031173	214772	R	TROLL	8/28/2002	35	4	NW	154	40286	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080124	216109	R	TROLL	8/29/2002	35	4	NE	109	40287	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080124	216101	R	TROLL	8/29/2002	35	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050917	506926	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40250	
PETERSBURG	2050917	506923	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050917	506919	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050917	506928	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050919	506904	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050917	506921	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050919	506909	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050917	506922	R	TROLL	8/30/2002	35	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050980	89144	R	PURSE	8/31/2002	35		NE	112	40286	
SITKA	2031187	215740	R	TROLL	9/1/2002	36	4	NW	113	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050973	506947	R	TROLL	9/2/2002	36	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050972	89502	R	TROLL	9/2/2002	36	4	NE	109	40286	
PETERSBURG	2050973	506949	R	TROLL	9/2/2002	36	4	NE	109	40287	
PETERSBURG	2050974	89505	R	TROLL	9/2/2002	36	4	NE	109	40287	
PORT ALEXANDER	2080138	216263	R	TROLL	9/2/2002	36	4	NE	109	40287	

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PORT ALEXANDER	2080137	216245	R	TROLL	9/2/2002	36	4	NE	109	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080139	216265	R	TROLL	9/3/2002	36	4	NE	109	40286
SITKA	2031198	213825	R	TROLL	9/3/2002	36	4	NW	113	40286
PETERSBURG	2050968	89518	R	TROLL	9/3/2002	36	4			40286
SITKA	2031208	215908	R	TROLL	9/3/2002	36	4	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2031208	215916	R	TROLL	9/3/2002	36	4	NW	113	40287
PETERSBURG	2050968	89521	R	TROLL	9/3/2002	36	4			40287
SITKA	2031218	216523	R	TROLL	9/4/2002	36	4	NW	113	40286
SITKA	2031229	215997	R	TROLL	9/4/2002	36	4	NW	113	40287
SITKA	2031221	216544	R	TROLL	9/4/2002	36	4	NW	113	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080148	216310	R	TROLL	9/5/2002	36	4	NE	109	40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080157	216403	R	TROLL	9/7/2002	36	4	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2050986	89575	R	TROLL	9/9/2002	37	4	NE		40286
SITKA	2031250	216596	R	TROLL	9/10/2002	37	4	NW	113	40287
PORT ALEXANDER	2080159	216420	R	TROLL	9/11/2002	37	4	NW	113	40287
EXCURSION INLET	2100117	11400	R	TROLL	9/12/2002	37	4	NW		40286
PORT ALEXANDER	2080162	216450	R	TROLL	9/12/2002	37	4	NE	109	40287
PETERSBURG	2051027	89894	R	TROLL	9/13/2002	37	4	NE	109	40287
SITKA	2031259	237113	R	TROLL	9/13/2002	37	4	NW	113	40287
PETERSBURG	2051028	89952	R	TROLL	9/14/2002	37	4	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2051028	89897	R	TROLL	9/14/2002	37	4	NE	109	40286
PETERSBURG	2051028	89898	R	TROLL	9/14/2002	37	4	NE	109	40287
CRAIG	2070428	68777	R	TROLL	9/16/2002	38	4	NW	113	40287

Appendix A2.—Daily and cumulative counts of adult coho salmon and those bearing adipose finclips passing the 2002 Slippery Creek coho salmon adult escapement weir.

Date	Daily count of large coho ^a	Cumulative count of large coho ^a	Daily adipose finclips	Cumulative adipose finclips	Percent adipose clipped
15-Aug	Trap installed	0	0	0	-
16-Aug	0	0	0	0	-
17-Aug	0	0	0	0	-
18-Aug	0	0	0	0	-
19-Aug	2	2	2	2	100.0%
20-Aug	0	2	0	2	100.0%
21-Aug	4	6	2	4	66.7%
22-Aug	73	79	26	30	38.0%
23-Aug	5	84	3	33	39.3%
24-Aug	44	128	18	51	39.8%
25-Aug	11	139	4	55	39.6%
26-Aug	64	203	32	87	42.9%
27-Aug	55	258	22	109	42.2%
28-Aug	37	295	20	129	43.7%
29-Aug	65	360	19	148	41.1%
30-Aug	93	453	43	191	42.2%
31-Aug	80	533	30	221	41.5%
1-Sep	44	577	18	239	41.4%
2-Sep	59	636	17	256	40.3%
3-Sep	115	751	48	304	40.5%
4-Sep	105	856	40	344	40.2%
5-Sep	276	1,132	124	468	41.3%
6-Sep	164	1,296	82	550	42.4%
7-Sep	253	1,549	119	669	43.2%
8-Sep	277	1,826	119	788	43.2%
9-Sep	287	2,113	126	914	43.3%
10-Sep	350	2,463	167	1,081	43.9%
11-Sep	291	2,754	137	1,218	44.2%
12-Sep	48	2,802	25	1,243	44.4%
13-Sep	48	2,850	21	1,264	44.4%
14-Sep	5	2,855	1	1,265	44.3%
15-Sep	346	3,201	155	1,420	44.4%
16-Sep	146	3,347	50	1,470	43.9%
17-Sep	20	3,367	11	1,481	44.0%
18-Sep	347	3,714	176	1,657	44.6%
19-Sep	283	3,997	143	1,800	45.0%
20-Sep	267	4,264	107	1,907	44.7%
21-Sep	120	4,384	86	1,993	45.5%
22-Sep	89	4,473	35	2,028	45.3%
23-Sep	153	4,626	60	2,088	45.1%
24-Sep	70	4,696	28	2,116	45.1%
25-Sep	7	4,703	3	2,119	45.1%
26-Sep	112	4,815	63	2,182	45.3%
27-Sep	131	4,946	60	2,242	45.3%
28-Sep	84	5,030	33	2,275	45.2%
29-Sep	23	5,053	10	2,285	45.2%
30-Sep	10	5,063	0	2,285	45.1%
1-Oct	15	5,078	7	2,292	45.1%
2-Oct	26	5,104	20	2,312	45.3%
3-Oct	13	5,117	9	2,321	45.4%
4-Oct	15	5,132	11	2,332	45.4%
5-Oct	53	5,185	25	2,357	45.5%

a >16 inches total length.

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Date	Daily count of large coho ^a	Cumulative count of large coho ^a	Daily adipose finclips	Cumulative adipose finclips	Percent adipose clipped
6-Oct	104	5,289	50	2,407	45.5%
7-Oct	39	5,328	17	2,424	45.5%
8-Oct	12	5,340	6	2,430	45.5%
9-Oct	1	5,341	1	2,431	45.5%
10-Oct	0	5,341	0	2,431	45.5%
11-Oct	0	5,341	0	2,431	45.5%
12-Oct	0	5,341	0	2,431	45.5%

a >16 inches total length.