

NOATAK RIVER SONAR 1990 PROGRESS REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Noatak River chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*) and arctic char (*Salvelinus alpinus*) support commercial and subsistence harvests in Kotzebue Sound and the lower Noatak River. Effective management of the fisheries resource requires knowledge of wild stock escapement. Two indices of escapement are currently available: catch per unit effort (CPUE) data from a test-netting project near the river mouth, and results from aerial surveys of clear-water spawning areas. Silty water and the wide, multi-channel river mouth preclude visual counts of migrating fish.

This project was designed to assess the feasibility of using hydroacoustic (sonar) techniques to count migrating Noatak River chum salmon and char. Sonar estimates of daily fish passage would provide timely escapement information to fishery managers. In addition, sonar estimates of annual escapement would enable prediction of future year run strength and could eventually be used to establish escapement goals.

The Noatak River flows approximately 680 km from its headwaters in the Schwatka Mountains to Kotzebue Sound. The lower 50 km of the river was surveyed for possible sonar sites on 6-7 August 1988. Multiple channels, slow current and/or unstable banks characterize the lower 30 km. The lower Noatak River canyon (km 39, Figure 1) was chosen for sonar deployment because of the single, narrow channel; stable banks; proximity to the mouth; and favorable bottom profile. At km 39, the river is approximately 200 m wide and 20 m deep, and the river bottom has a relatively constant slope from both banks.

A camp was constructed and sonar first deployed at this location during July and August 1989 (Fleischman and Huttunen 1990). Unusually high and turbid water during summer 1989 had adverse effects on sonar performance, and we also had several equipment-related problems. Nevertheless the site itself appeared to be a favorable one. Test-netting at the site suggested that chum salmon might be spatially segregated from other fish species. If real, such segregation would minimize the usually difficult problem of apportioning sonar estimates of total fish passage to species; neither dual-beam sonar nor extensive test-netting would

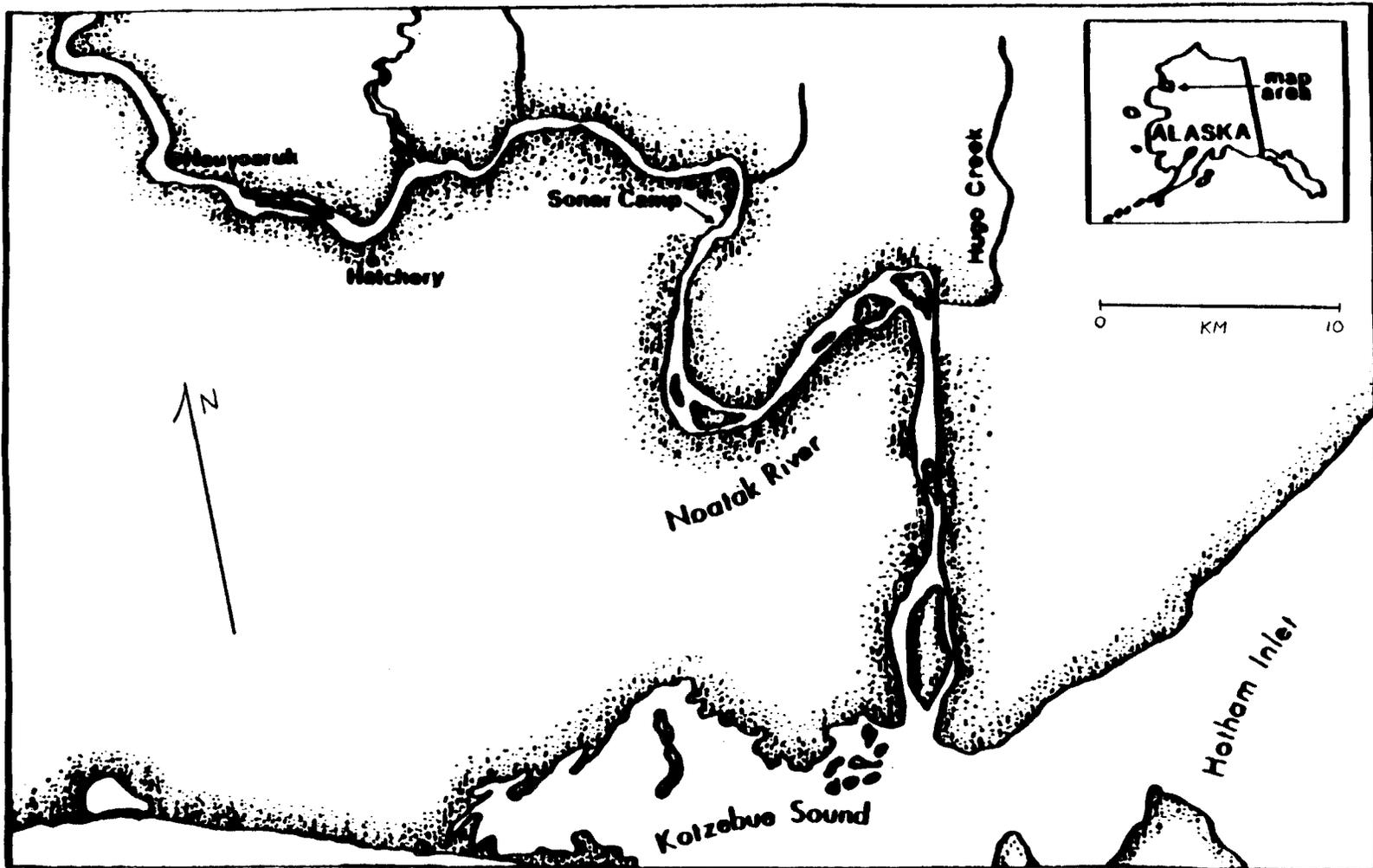


Figure 1. Location of Noatak River sonar, 1989 and 1990.

be needed to differentiate between chum salmon and other, smaller species.

This report summarizes preliminary results of the 1990 field season. Objectives for 1990, in order of priority, were as follows.

- (1) To continue to assess the physical and biological characteristics of the Noatak River as they affect our ability to count migrating chum salmon with sonar.
- (2) To begin to implement a one-bank single-beam sonar system, with gill-netting for species apportionment and fathometer transects for spatial expansion, to count migrating (right bank only) chum salmon.
- (3) To continue to collect dual-beam sonar data.

METHODS

Sonar Data Acquisition

Sonar equipment included a Biosonics model 102 echo sounder; International Transducer Company (I.T.C.) $4^{\circ} \times 10^{\circ}$ elliptical dual-beam transducer; Biosonics model 111 thermal chart recorder; Biosonics Echo Signal Processor (ESP), with associated software, installed in a Compaq 386/20 personal computer; and a Hewlett Packard model 54501A digital-storage oscilloscope. The transducer was mounted on a metal tripod placed 3-10 m offshore, and was aimed with a remote-controlled dual-axis rotator manufactured by Remote Ocean Systems (R.O.S.). Clutch-like detents were removed from the rotator to enable more rigid attachment of the transducer to the tripod.

Sound pulses were generated by the sounder at 420 kHz with a pulse width of 0.4 ms. Pulse repetition rate was 4 sec^{-1} or 5 sec^{-1} ; effective range was 100 m. The narrow beam signal was routed to the chart recorder, which ran continuously at a paper speed of 1/8 mm per pulse. Chart recorder threshold was adjusted as conditions and aim dictated; threshold settings ranged from 0.20 V to 0.45 V. Prohibitive amounts of electrical interference on the wide-beam channel, from an unknown source, prevented collection of dual-beam data in 1990.

The sonar equipment was first installed on 18 July and was fully operational by 22 July; collection of sonar data continued through 28 August. The sonar equipment ran continuously, 24 hours per day, seven days per week, excluding half-hour periods at noon and midnight for generator refueling and maintenance. Data acquisition was occasionally interrupted when changing river conditions necessitated moving the tripod or re-aiming the transducer. Continuous monitoring of the sonar, as was done 16 hours per day in 1989, was suspended in 1990 to free project personnel for greater test-fishing efforts. Sonar operation was instead checked periodically throughout the day.

Fish traces were tallied daily on the chart recordings by 10 m range intervals every 15 minutes. Individual differences in interpretation of chart recordings are a potential problem when personnel are inexperienced. To minimize those differences, fish-counting "workshops" were held periodically and frequent consultation between counters was encouraged.

Water level, read from a staff gauge in the river, was recorded opportunistically 5-20 times daily. Water temperature and secchi disk readings were taken twice daily, while test-fishing; and water samples (500 cc) were collected every other day. A log was maintained of sonar operations, and of water and weather conditions. We used a Beckman Model RS5-3 Salinometer to measure water conductivity.

We used a Lowrance X-16 fathometer to run transects of downward-looking sonar across the river, with the objective of estimating cross-sectional distribution of fish in the Noatak.

Test-netting

Gill nets were used to estimate species composition of passing fish. The following nets, all 45.7 m (25 fathoms) long, were deployed a total of 249 times from 10 July through 28 August.

- 1) 76 mm (3") mesh monofilament gill net, 80 meshes deep
- 2) 117 mm (4-5/8") mesh multi-mono (#1.5 x 6 strand) gill net, 40.5 meshes deep

- 3) 130 mm (5-1/8") mesh multi-mono (#1.5 x 8 strand) gill net, 45.5 meshes deep
- 4) 149 mm (5-7/8") mesh multi-mono (#1.5 x 10 strand) gill net, 45.5 meshes deep
- 5) 140 mm (5-1/2") mesh multifilament gill net, 55 meshes deep

We test-netted seven days per week from 22 July through 28 August, usually twice daily at 1000 and 1700. Nets were either set, with one end fixed to shore, or drifted. During drifts, one end of the net was controlled from a boat and the other attached to a rope which was walked along shore. We varied the length of the rope to control the range at which the net drifted, but always (after 25 July) kept the far end of the net within the 100 m effective range of the sonar. Set nets were located immediately (<20 m) downstream of the sonar tripod/transducer, and drifts originated within 100 m downstream from the tripod. From 22 July through 28 August, an average of 6.2 drifts/sets were made per day; on 28 of 38 days, nets 1-4 were drifted at least once each. When time or logistics restricted us to drifting with three nets, either the 4-5/8" or the 5-1/8" net was not fished.

Data Processing

Estimating Total Fish Passage

Periodic set-netting from shore revealed moderate numbers of humpback whitefish (*Coregonus pidschian*) but very few upriver-bound chum salmon within 20 m of the tripod. Sonar counts and testnet results were therefore stratified into nearshore (0-20 m range, set nets), and offshore (20-100 m range, drift nets) strata. Since our objective was to estimate chum salmon escapement, and very few chum salmon were found in the nearshore stratum, only data from the offshore stratum were processed. Fifteen-minute sonar counts from 20 m to 100 m range were averaged by day, then multiplied by 96 (number of 15-minute periods in 24 hours) to generate daily estimates of total (offshore) fish passage.

Species Apportionment

Relative test-netting catch per unit effort (CPUE), adjusted for net selectivity, was used to generate daily estimates of species proportions. Set nets were used primarily to monitor near-shore species composition, which included almost no upriver-bound chum salmon at 0-20 m range. Therefore only drifted nets, deployed between 20 m and 100 m range, were used to apportion offshore fish passage. Because of the size selectivity of gill nets, catches from several nets were used to estimate the relative abundance of most species. Relative abundance of chum salmon was estimated from catches in 4-5/8, 5-1/8" and 5-7/8" mesh nets; of char from 3", 4-5/8", 5-1/8", and 5-7/8" nets; of humpback whitefish from 3" nets; and of pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) from 3", 4-5/8", and 5-1/8" nets.

Size selectivity of gill nets for chum salmon and char was estimated post-season from 1990 Noatak test-netting data, following the methods of Peterson (1966). Peterson's method assumes that net selectivity is approximated by a normal curve function; estimates of means and standard deviations for these normal curves, for nets used on the Noatak River in 1990, are listed in Appendix C. We caught too few pink salmon and whitefish to calculate net selectivity for these species on the Noatak. Net selectivity parameters for pink salmon were calculated from 1986-1989 Yukon River sonar data and converted to Noatak net sizes. Yukon sonar net selectivity means for broad whitefish (*Coregonus nasus*) did not appear to be correct for Noatak River humpback whitefish, so whitefish catches on the Noatak were not adjusted for net selectivity.

Selectivity curves were used to adjust catches for differential probability of capture. The normal curves were scaled so that the probability of capture (height of the curve) was 1.0 for fish of length equal to the net selectivity mean. Catches of fish of each length were divided by the height of the scaled curve at that length. For instance, the estimated selectivity mean for chum salmon in 5-7/8" gear was 642 mm, the estimated standard deviation 60.5 mm. A 600 mm chum salmon caught in 5-7/8" gear is $z = 42/60.5 = 0.69$ standard deviations away from the net mean. The height of the normal curve is 77% of its maximum at $z = -0.69$, so the estimated (relative) probability of capture is 0.77. Therefore catches of 600 mm chum salmon in the 5-7/8" net would be adjusted

upward by a factor of $1/0.77 = 1.3$. In reality, due for example to tangling of large fish in small meshes, net selectivity functions probably are not normal (Hamley 1978). Furthermore, the effect of departures from normality grow larger with distance from the mean, where a normal function would predict low probability of capture and therefore high adjustment factors. Therefore, to be conservative and minimize inclusion of tangled fish, fish whose lengths were very different from the selectivity mean for that net were ignored. An arbitrary z value of 1.66, equivalent to an adjustment factor of 4.0, was chosen as the cutoff point; i.e., fish more than 1.66 standard deviations shorter or longer than the net selectivity mean were excluded from analysis.

After adjustment for capture probability, the new catch numbers were divided by effort (i.e., fathom-hours corrected for differences in net depth) to calculate CPUE. If fish of a given size were susceptible to capture by more than one mesh size (criterion: fish length less than 1.66 standard deviations from the selectivity mean for that net), adjusted catch was divided by the total effort expended for all mesh sizes meeting that criterion.

Adjusted CPUE was then summed over all length classes for each species, and species proportions were calculated as species CPUE divided by total (all species) CPUE. Species proportions were then multiplied by (sonar-estimated) total fish passage to estimate species passage.

Two or more estimates of species proportions per day are necessary to calculate daily variance estimates (see below), requiring that nets which effectively sample the entire range of species and size classes be fished twice daily. We were not always able to accomplish this, so data were pooled into two-day "reporting periods". I.e., two days of test-netting data were pooled to generate estimated species proportions, which were then multiplied by the two-day sonar count.

Estimating Variance

There are at least two components that contribute to the variance of species passage estimates: (1) the sonar estimate of total fish passage, and (2) the test-netting estimates of species proportions. On the Yukon River Sonar Project, where gill nets are also used to apportion sonar counts, the first (sonar) component is of relatively minor importance (Fleischman, unpublished ADF&G memo), even though the Yukon sonar is operational for only 7-8 hours per day (i.e., primary sampling fraction = 0.3). The Noatak sonar operates ca. 23 hours per day (sampling fraction > 0.9), so the sonar contribution to species passage variance on the Noatak is almost certainly negligible. In other words, errors in Noatak species passage estimates are due almost solely to estimation of species proportions, rather than to estimation of total fish passage. For purposes of variance calculations, the sonar component of variance (#1 above) was therefore assumed to be zero.

To estimate variance of species proportions during a given reporting period (Equation 1), we treated each day's test-netting catch as a replicate cluster sample and weighted each sample by relative total (adjusted) CPUE for that day (Cochran 1977:64). Variance of species passage estimates was then simply variance of the proportions multiplied by the square of the total fish passage estimate (Equation 2). Species passage variance estimates were calculated for each two-day reporting period, then summed to get variances of the season totals (Equation 3).

$$(1) \quad \text{Spp proportions } (\hat{p}_i) \quad \text{var}(\hat{p}_i) = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum \left(\frac{m_k}{\bar{m}_i} \right)^2 \frac{(p_k - \hat{p}_i)^2}{n_i - 1}$$

where: \hat{p}_i = estimated proportion of one species (say chum salmon) out of total fish passage during reporting period i
 n_i = number of test-net samples (i.e., days) in reporting period i
 m_k = test-netting CPUE (all species) on day k
 \bar{m}_i = mean daily test-netting CPUE during reporting period i
 p_k = estimated proportion of one species during day k
 k = 1 to n_i days

$$(2) \quad \text{Spp passage } (\hat{z}_i - \hat{y}_i * \hat{\rho}) \quad \text{var}(\hat{z}_i) - \hat{y}_i^2 \text{var}(\hat{\rho})$$

where: \hat{z}_i = estimated passage of one species during reporting period i
 \hat{y}_i = estimated total fish passage during reporting period i

$$(3) \quad \text{Seasonal spp. passage } (\hat{Z}) \quad \text{var}(\hat{Z}) - \sum \text{var}(\hat{z}_i)$$

Sonar and test-netting data were entered into Lotus 1-2-3 worksheets and an Rbase for DOS database, respectively. Data processing was done with SAS (Release 6.03, see Appendix B).

RESULTS

River Conditions and Their Effects

During the period from 22 July through 24 August, which encompassed the bulk of the 1990 chum salmon run, little or no rain fell and water level dropped abruptly and remained very low (Figure 2). Water clarity and water temperature were both high during this time. This was quite different from 1989, when the river remained very high and turbid for most of the summer (Fleischman and Huttunen 1990). The extended period of low and clear water in 1990 was associated with several new phenomena of note.

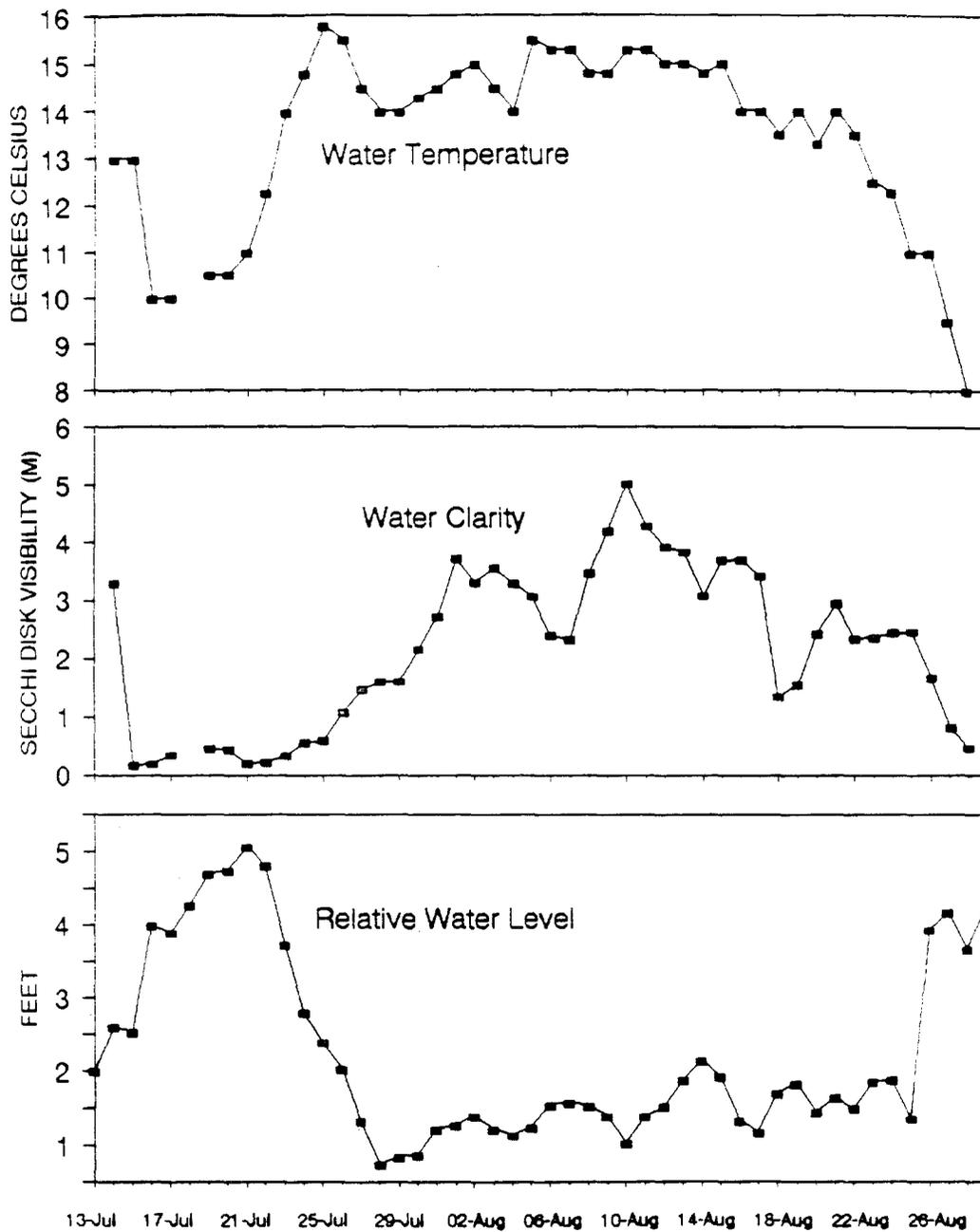


Figure 2. Mean water temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), water clarity, (meters secchi disk visibility), and water level (feet) from 13 July through 29 August 1990.

Tidal Influence

During the low-water period from 29 July through 25 August, tides caused 10-20 cm fluctuations in river level, lagged approximately 3.3 hours from those in Kotzebue Sound (Figure 3). Tidal fluctuations were not detectable at the sonar site before 29 July 1990, after 25 August 1990, nor at any time during July-August 1989.

Although tides affected river water level, we were unable to detect brackish water at the sonar site; conductivity measurements at depths from 0 to 50 feet (maximum cable length) failed to show any salinity. On 19 August, during a

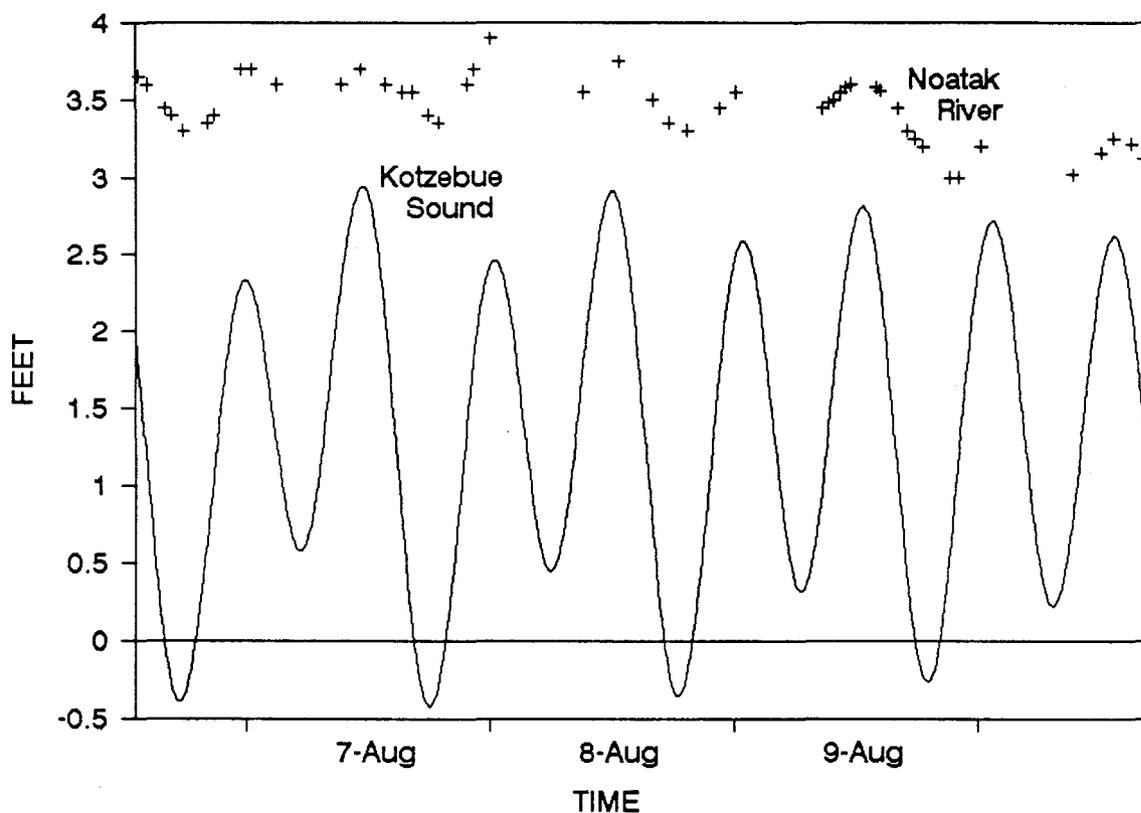


Figure 3. Predicted tides in Kotzebue Sound (NOAA 1989) and actual water level fluctuations at the Noatak River sonar site during early August 1990. Kotzebue Sound tides are shown lagged 3.3 hours.

rising tide, we measured conductivity at 2-3 km intervals downriver from the site and found no evidence of saltwater until >8 km away. Inspection of plotted tide and sonar data revealed no detectable influence of tide stage on fish migration rates.

Diel fish passage

Though apparently not affected by tides, fish passage at times exhibited a pronounced diel pattern: passage rate was often slowest during the darkest part of the day from 1:00 to 5:00 A.M. (Figure 4; no statistical test). This pattern was less pronounced when river water was turbid (i.e., secchi readings < 1.5 meters, Figure 4), and was not apparent in 1989, when secchi disk readings never exceeded 1 meter.

Schooling behavior

Water clarity also affected another aspect of fish behavior: fish began travelling in small schools as the secchi readings increased in late July. This was apparent from the manner in which chum salmon and char were captured in our test nets, and from clustering of fish traces on the chart recordings (Figure 5). Fish traces on the charts were occasionally clustered so tightly that individuals were difficult to distinguish; schools of 15-20 fish were not uncommon. This schooling behavior ceased abruptly when water clarity dropped in late August.

Fish Passage

An estimated 67,987 fish passed 20-100 m from the right bank while the sonar was in operation (22 July - 28 August). From 10 July through 28 August we caught 400 chum salmon, 174 char, 98 humpbacked whitefish, and 25 pink salmon in drift and set nets (Appendix A). Six starry flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*), two northern pike (*Esox lucius*), two least cisco (*Coregonus sardinella*), one sheefish (*Stenodus leucichthys*), and one longnose sucker (*Catostomus catostomus*) were also

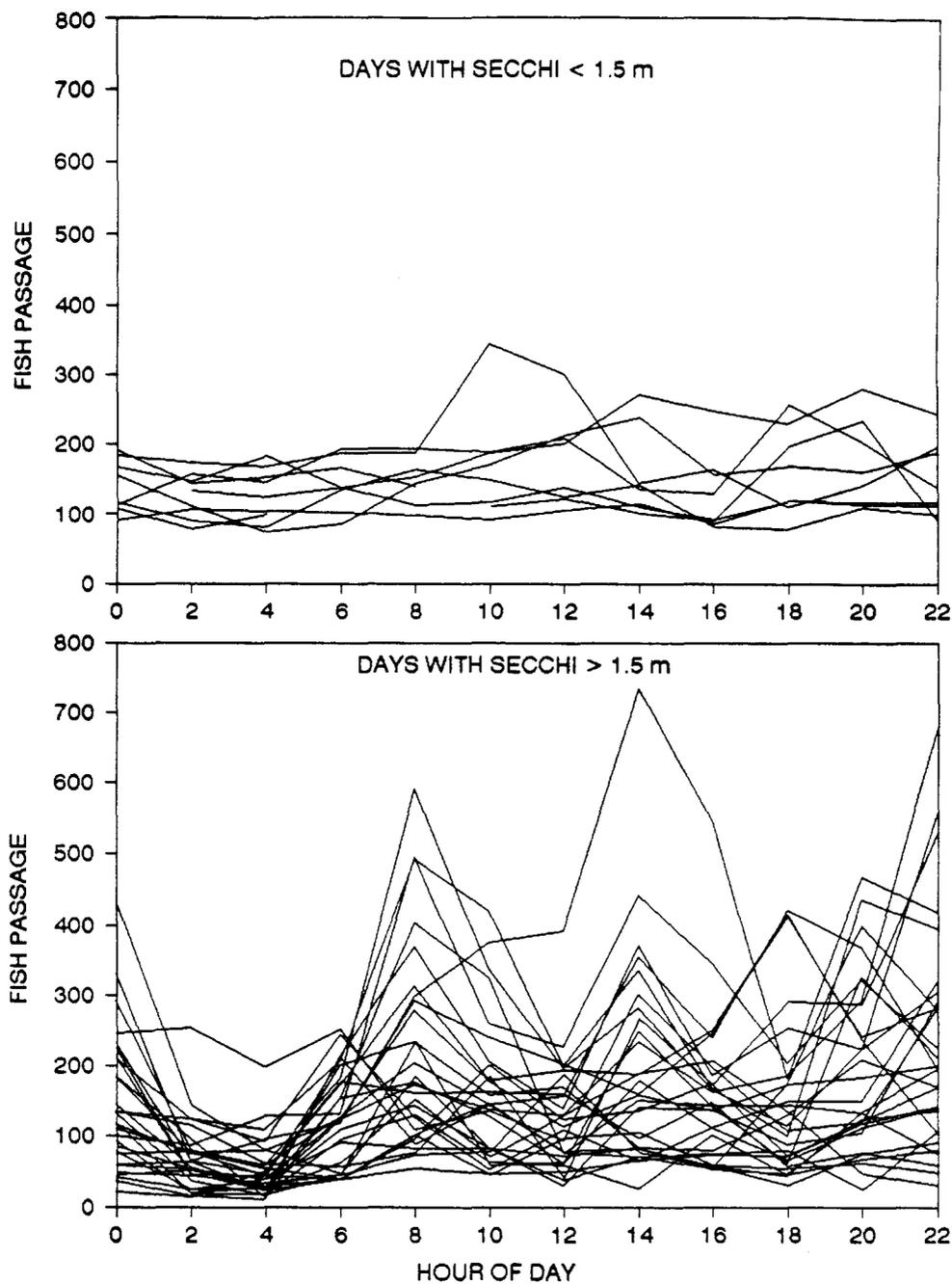


Figure 4. Fish passage 20-100 meters from the right bank, Noatak sonar, 1990. Each line represents one day and connects two-hour fish passage totals. Days are separated based on water clarity: top graph shows days with mean secchi disk visibility < 1.5 meters (22-27 July, 18 and 27-29 August); bottom graph shows days with visibility > 1.5 meters (28 July - 17 August, 19-26 August).

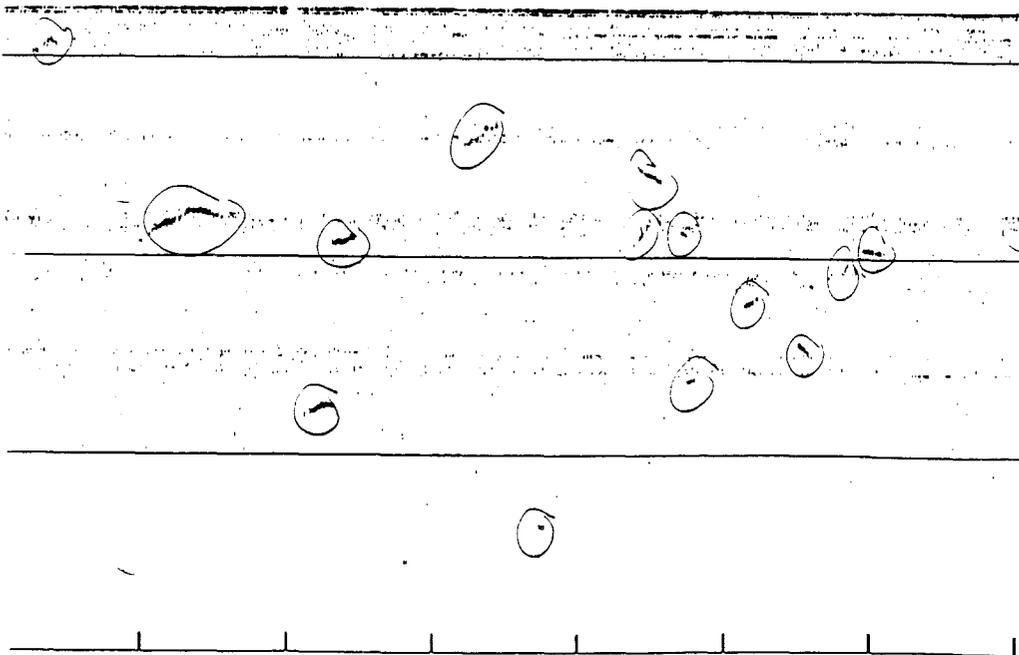
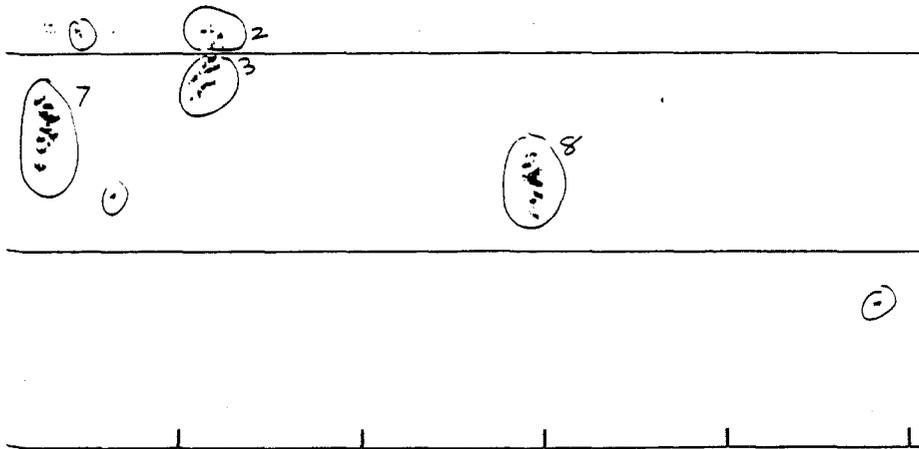


Figure 5. Sample chart recordings from when water was clear and fish were clustered (top), and when water was turbid and fish were scattered (bottom).

taken, primarily in set nets. Using driftnet data to apportion offshore sonar counts, chum salmon comprised an estimated 62% of offshore fish, along with 24% char, 9% humpback whitefish, and 5% pink salmon (Table 1). Char began to comprise substantial proportions of offshore fish in mid-August, and remained abundant until our last day of operation on 28 August (Figure 6). The char run overlapped with much of the chum salmon run.

Cross-sectional Distribution of Fish in the River

When the water was clear and fish were schooled, we had difficulty detecting fish with the Lowrance fathometer. This may have been due to boat avoidance by fish in clear water and/or the reduced probability of encountering fish clustered in schools. We observed 165 targets which were undisputedly fish; two-thirds (109) of these were observed during the few days (7 of 38) when the water was murky (secchi < 1 m). Distribution of all 165 fish, uncorrected for differential probability of detection with depth, is shown in Figure 7. Forty-seven percent (77/165) of these fish would have been within the range of the main sonar (<100 m from the right bank).

It is tempting to use this information to estimate that $67,987 / .47 = 145,686$ fish passed the sonar site (offshore, river-wide), and that $0.62 \times 145,686 = 90,325$ were chum salmon. It is important to note that these estimates may be highly inaccurate for 1990, as they are based on two very tenuous assumptions:

- (1) that distribution of fish in the river does not vary with water clarity (most of the distribution data were obtained while the river was turbid but most fish passed the site while the river was clear), and
- (2) that species proportions did not differ from bank to bank. (Almost all drift-netting for species apportionment was done within 100 meters of the right bank.) Species proportions do differ by bank at the Yukon River sonar site (D. Mesiar, ADF&G Anchorage, unpublished data).

If we elect to continue to use the above method to estimate river-wide chum salmon passage (see other alternatives, p. 21), we could test assumption 2 by drifting nets on both sides of the river. Assumption 1 may be less of a problem if we do not experience long periods of clear water during future years.

Table 1. Estimated right bank (20-100 m range) fish passage, total and by species, at the Noatak sonar site from 22 July through 28 August 1990. Fish passage and estimated species percentages are calculated by two-day reporting periods.

2-Day Period Ending	2-Day Total Passage	Estimated Percent (s.e.) of Total				Estimated 2-Day Passage			
		Chum	Char	Pink	White	Chum	Char	Pink	White
23JUL90	2111	61(37)	0	0	39(37)	1310	0	0	823
25JUL90	2704	40(32)	0	60(32)	0	1094	0	1645	0
27JUL90	3381	47(6)	0	10(10)	43(16)	1585	0	343	1467
29JUL90	1666	70(0)	30(0)	0	0	1189	508	0	0
31JUL90	3846	100(0)	0	0	0	3901	0	0	0
02AUG90	1903	100(0)	0	0	0	1929	0	0	0
04AUG90	2246	45(25)	0	23(10)	32(14)	1023	0	518	718
06AUG90	1806	60(21)	7(8)	10(9)	23(20)	1098	134	177	410
08AUG90	2534	78(17)	22(17)	0	0	2017	569	0	0
10AUG90	3846	84(19)	6(7)	10(12)	0	3275	219	399	0
12AUG90	3944	93(4)	4(2)	0	0	3674	157	0	0
14AUG90	4964	81(18)	0	0	19(18)	4052	0	0	949
16AUG90	5099	84(14)	0	0	16(14)	4317	0	0	831
18AUG90	3399	46(5)	41(17)	0	13(12)	1561	1412	0	432
20AUG90	6233	54(9)	40(6)	4(2)	2(1)	3387	2511	251	141
22AUG90	6492	33(31)	64(30)	0	2(1)	2186	4208	0	138
24AUG90	4207	26(23)	74(23)	0	0	1091	3150	0	0
26AUG90	2331	50(10)	50(10)	0	0	1188	1170	0	0
28AUG90	4655	44(7)	45(1)	0	11(6)	2073	2106	0	528
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Total	67,987					41,948	16,144	3,333	6,437
s.e.						3,095	2,377	1,093	1,668
s.e./total						0.074	0.147	0.328	0.259
Overall % (s.e.)		62(5)	24(4)	5(2)	9(2)				

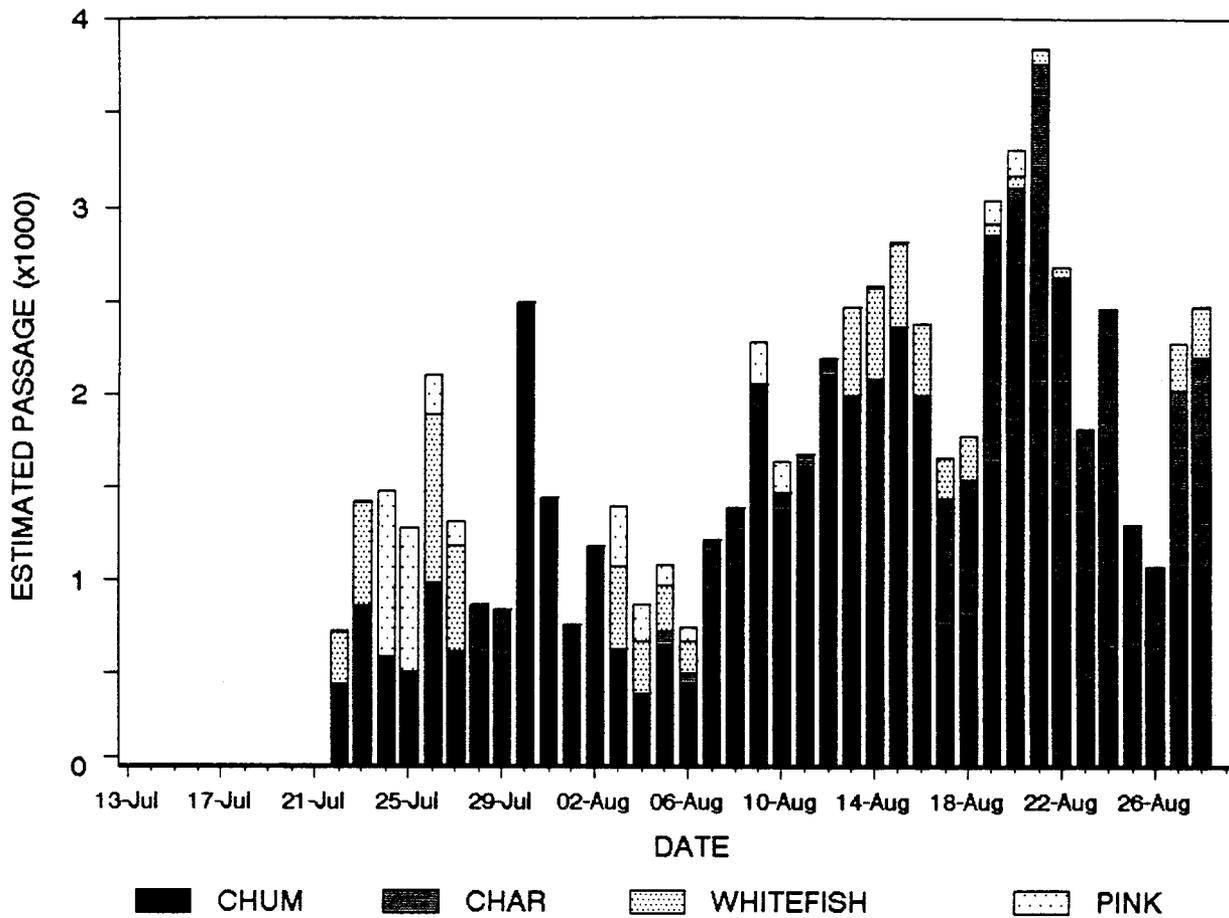


Figure 6. Daily fish passage estimates by species, Noatak sonar 1990.

DISCUSSION

Water clarity appears to exert a strong, if difficult to understand, influence on Noatak River fish behavior. Fish passage rates declined during darkness, but only when the water was clear. Perhaps clear water and high ambient light trigger social behavior (including schooling) among migrating fish, and under these circumstances darkness depresses passage rates because it inhibits social interactions. Turbid water may preclude any social interactions at all, leading fish to travel independent of light intensity.

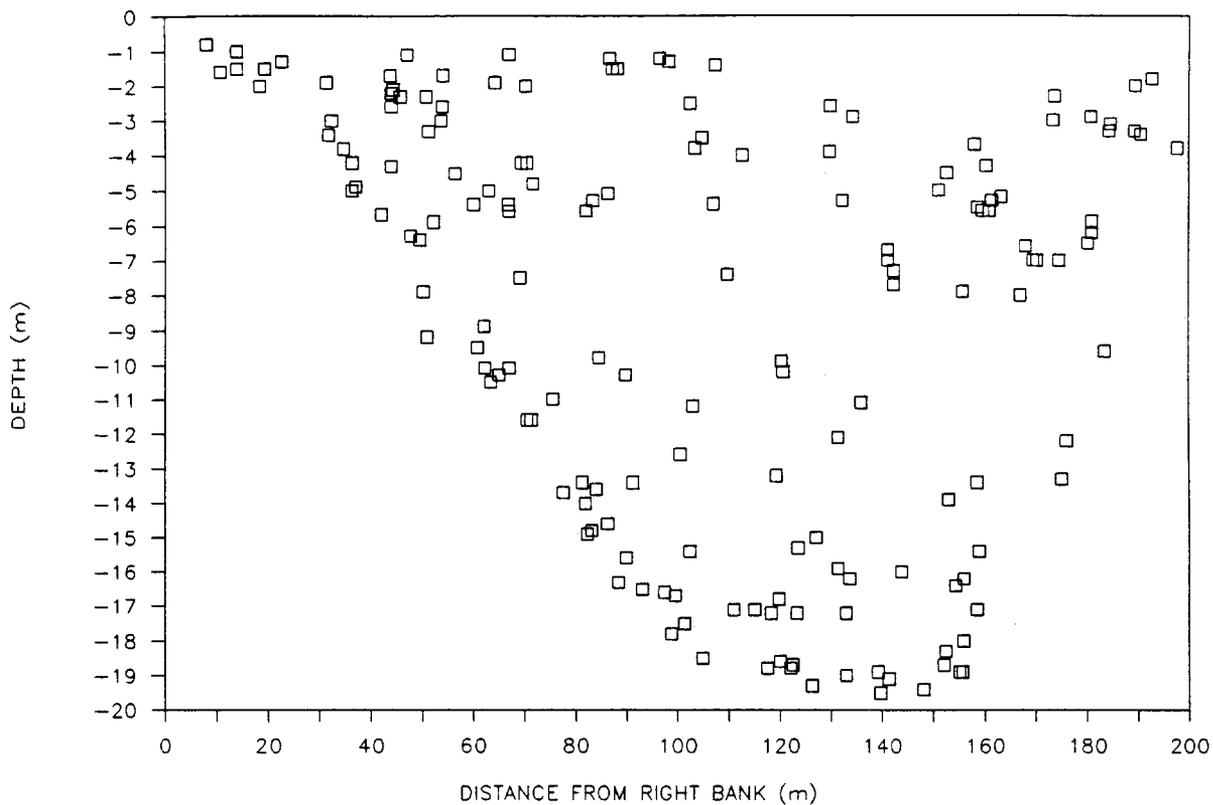


Figure 7. Distribution of fish detected with the Lowrance X16 fathometer, from horizontal transects of the Noatak River in 1990, uncorrected for differential probability of detection with depth.

In any event, we are fortunate that our first two seasons on the Noatak brought nearly opposite extremes in weather and water conditions. During the 1989 season, extremely high and turbid water was associated with inconsistencies in sonar performance. Low, clear, and warm water during the 1990 field season resulted in a tidal influence at the sonar site and the aforementioned changes in fish behavior. We've now experienced a wide range of physical and biological conditions and their implications for counting salmon with sonar; these will give us a broader perspective as new combinations of conditions occur in coming years.

Species apportionment on the Noatak will be somewhat more difficult than first perceived. After the 1989 field season, it appeared that it might be possible to apportion sonar targets to species based simply on distance from shore, since most whitefish and no salmon occurred near shore and >95% of offshore catches were chum salmon (Fleischman and Huttunen 1990). Distance from shore (range) information is available from the sonar, and therefore such an apportionment method would be extremely easy to carry out. However, we estimated that chum salmon comprised only 62% of offshore fish in 1990, much lower than 1989 (>95%). This was due primarily to a probable underestimate of 1989 char abundance. Seventy-two percent (107/149) of offshore char netted in 1990 were caught with a 3" mesh net. The smallest mesh drifted offshore in 1989 was 4"; therefore we probably missed many small char in 1989. Clearly, chum salmon on the Noatak River cannot be distinguished from other species (especially char) based solely on range, so species composition must be determined another way if we are to accurately quantify chum salmon escapement.

The test-netting method used in 1990 appears to have provided satisfactory estimates of species composition with reasonably good precision, and would be relatively easy to implement again in 1991. Relative precision of chum salmon passage estimates was poor for individual reporting periods (standard errors up to 94% of estimate), but was much better for the season total (standard error = 7% of estimate, Table 1). Precision could be improved by increasing test-fishing effort: doubling the number of drifts could be expected to improve the relative precision by approximately 29%. However such an increase in test-fishing effort would require additional labor expenditures.

Dual-beam sonar, which would apportion sonar counts to species based on target strength, has been considered as an alternative apportionment method which would not require intensive test-netting. Despite our failure to collect dual-beam data in 1990, prospects for deploying dual-beam sonar on the Noatak have improved. Recent work (P. Skvorc, ADF&G, Anchorage, unpublished data) has shown that high-frequency (420 kHz) sonar signals may attenuate substantially with range; these findings may partially explain inconsistencies in 1989 dual-beam data (Fleischman and Huttunen 1990). If attenuation can be quantified further, we possibly could adjust for its effects; alternatively we could switch to low-

frequency signals which attenuate less. Furthermore, size distribution of fish on the Noatak appears favorable for dual-beam separation of species. Length modes for whitefish, char, and pink salmon are all substantially less than that for chum salmon (Figure 8).

Outlook

We have, on the Noatak River, a workable single-beam sonar / test-net species apportionment system which satisfactorily estimates right-bank chum salmon passage. Such a system provides, at the least, a good index to total chum salmon escapement. The next step is to somehow extend the operation or extrapolate our results to include both banks and thereby estimate total escapement. To that end, several alternatives are currently being considered:

- (1) To continue attempting to expand our sonar counts to the entire river based on horizontal transects with a downward-looking fathometer. One major drawback is that it may be impossible to obtain adequate sample sizes during periods of clear water.
- (2) To deploy an additional transducer on the left bank. Technology is currently being developed which would permit radio transmission of signals across the river; however implementation of such a radio-link on the Noatak is at least two years away.
- (3) To attempt to ensonify most or all of the river from the right bank. Switching to a lower frequency (120 kHz or lower) sonar signal may reduce attenuation sufficiently to make this a possibility.

Summary / Conclusions

- (1) Opposite extremes of weather and water conditions in 1989 and 1990 have taught us much about deploying sonar in the Noatak River in a relatively short period of time.

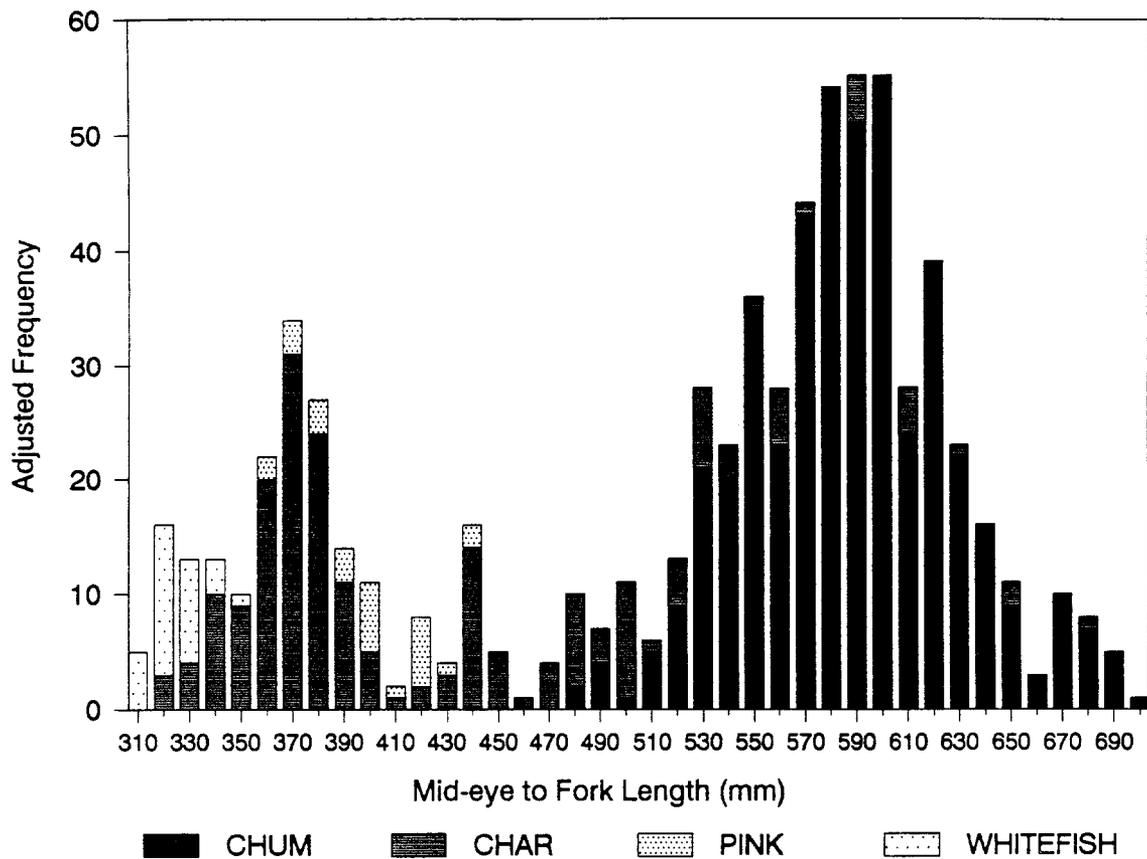


Figure 8. Length distribution of fish caught in drift nets at the Noatak sonar site, 1990. Numbers have been adjusted for unequal net effort, but not for net selectivity.

- (2) We have a workable single-beam sonar system in place which satisfactorily estimates right-bank chum salmon passage.
- (3) Prospects for deployment of dual-beam sonar on the Noatak have improved, despite failure to collect dual-beam data in 1990.
- (4) The next step in sonar development on the Noatak is to somehow expand the operation to include both river banks.

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APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF TEST-NETTING RESULTS, 10 JULY - 28 AUGUST

DATE	TIME ¹	METH ²	MESH	MIN ³ RANGE	MAX ⁴ RANGE	FATHOM ⁵ HOURS	NUMBER CAUGHT			
							CHUM	CHAR	PINK	WHITE
10JUL90	15:06	D	5.500	0	200	38.37	.	.	.	.
13JUL90	10:37	D	5.500	0	200	19.81	.	.	.	.
14JUL90	18:54	D	5.500	0	200	22.28	.	.	.	.
15JUL90	13:26	D	5.125	0	200	11.89	.	.	.	.
16JUL90	21:05	D	5.125	0	200	13.45	.	.	.	.
18JUL90	11:38	D	3.000	0	200	9.82	.	.	.	3
18JUL90	1:07	D	5.125	0	200	12.27	.	.	.	5
19JUL90	15:40	D	3.000	0	200	6.87	.	.	.	.
19JUL90	12:30	D	5.125	0	200	9.77	1	.	.	.
20JUL90	23:27	D	5.875	0	200	11.49	.	.	.	.
21JUL90	19:16	D	3.000	0	200	8.18	.	.	.	1
21JUL90	19:32	D	3.000	30	300	15.47	.	.	.	.
21JUL90	17:46	D	5.875	30	300	19.65	5	.	.	.
21JUL90	18:58	D	5.875	0	200	11.22	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	13:55	D	3.000	0	200	9.33	.	.	.	1
22JUL90	14:14	D	3.000	30	300	15.22	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	12:39	D	4.625	30	300	10.41	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	13:05	D	4.625	0	200	5.11	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	11:36	D	5.125	0	200	8.02	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	12:04	D	5.125	30	300	13.21	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	17:26	D	5.875	0	200	9.70	.	.	.	.
22JUL90	17:41	D	5.875	30	300	17.22	1	.	.	.
23JUL90	13:27	D	3.000	30	300	19.89	.	.	.	.
23JUL90	17:44	D	3.000	30	300	14.90	.	.	.	.
23JUL90	18:27	D	4.625	30	300	13.18	.	.	.	.
23JUL90	11:17	D	5.125	30	300	11.91	.	.	.	.
23JUL90	10:35	D	5.875	30	300	20.15	1	.	.	.
23JUL90	18:54	D	5.875	30	300	16.41	2	.	.	.
24JUL90	11:06	D	3.000	30	200	7.69	.	.	.	.
24JUL90	10:28	D	4.625	30	200	4.92	.	.	1	.
24JUL90	11:26	D	4.625	30	200	7.19	.	.	2	.
24JUL90	18:31	D	5.125	40	200	12.03	.	.	.	.
24JUL90	13:36	D	5.875	30	200	9.87	.	.	.	.
24JUL90	19:03	D	5.875	40	200	8.65	.	.	.	.
24JUL90	17:58	S	3.000	0	40	102.63	.	.	1	12
24JUL90	18:22	S	4.625	0	40	56.78	.	.	2	.
24JUL90	10:17	S	5.875	0	30	88.71	1	.	1	.
25JUL90	18:21	D	3.000	25	70	12.28	.	1	4	.
25JUL90	11:48	D	4.625	0	130	9.46	.	.	.	.
25JUL90	17:43	D	4.625	25	70	11.36	.	.	2	.
25JUL90	11:00	D	5.500	0	130	27.85	2	.	.	.
25JUL90	10:25	D	5.875	50	130	20.55	4	.	.	.
25JUL90	18:51	D	5.875	25	70	15.15	3	.	.	.
26JUL90	10:41	D	3.000	25	70	12.28	.	.	.	.
26JUL90	18:22	D	3.000	25	70	15.22	.	.	.	2
26JUL90	11:14	D	5.125	25	70	15.70	.	.	1	.
26JUL90	19:03	D	5.875	25	70	15.78	5	.	.	.
26JUL90	10:21	S	5.500	0	30	102.95	.	.	1	.
26JUL90	18:04	S	5.500	0	30	121.41	.	.	1	.
27JUL90	10:53	D	3.000	0	70	12.77	.	2	1	3
27JUL90	18:15	D	3.000	25	70	17.31	.	.	1	2
27JUL90	11:30	D	4.625	0	70	10.47	.	.	.	.
27JUL90	18:53	D	5.125	25	70	12.27	3	.	.	.
27JUL90	10:25	D	5.875	25	70	14.69	1	.	.	.
27JUL90	17:45	D	5.875	0	70	13.52

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DATE	TIME ¹	METH ²	MESH	MIN ³ RANGE	MAX ⁴ RANGE	FATHOM ⁵ HOURS	NUMBER CAUGHT			
							CHUM	CHAR	PINK	WHITE
28JUL90	11:23	D	5.125	25	70	13.29	.	.	.	.
28JUL90	10:48	S	5.500	0	40	83.81	.	.	.	1
29JUL90	18:31	D	3.000	25	70	12.28	.	.	.	.
29JUL90	19:04	D	4.625	25	70	9.84	.	1	.	.
29JUL90	12:40	D	5.125	25	70	15.78	.	.	.	.
29JUL90	11:48	D	5.875	25	70	25.87	3	.	.	.
29JUL90	17:46	D	5.875	25	70	13.71	1	.	.	.
30JUL90	11:39	D	3.000	25	70	13.38	.	.	.	.
30JUL90	18:06	D	4.625	25	70	10.91	1	.	.	.
30JUL90	18:45	D	5.125	25	70	13.68	8	.	.	.
30JUL90	10:27	D	5.875	25	70	15.28	17	.	.	.
30JUL90	17:56	S	5.500	0	35	104.29	1	.	1	.
31JUL90	19:10	D	3.000	25	70	12.52	.	.	.	.
31JUL90	12:09	D	4.625	25	70	9.53	.	.	.	.
31JUL90	17:46	D	5.125	25	70	11.80	.	.	.	.
31JUL90	10:30	D	5.875	25	70	14.60	12	.	.	.
31JUL90	18:10	D	5.875	25	70	13.79	5	.	.	.
31JUL90	10:23	S	3.000	0	35	55.00	.	.	.	14
01AUG90	10:42	D	3.000	25	70	12.60	.	.	.	.
01AUG90	18:51	D	3.000	25	70	20.62	.	.	.	.
01AUG90	17:41	D	4.625	25	70	14.76	3	.	.	.
01AUG90	11:04	D	5.125	25	70	11.80	.	.	.	.
01AUG90	18:19	D	5.875	25	70	16.77	.	.	.	.
01AUG90	19:22	D	5.875	25	70	27.05	.	.	.	.
01AUG90	10:37	S	5.500	0	35	60.83	.	.	.	.
02AUG90	10:54	D	3.000	25	70	27.66	.	.	.	.
02AUG90	11:35	D	5.125	25	70	19.70	4	.	.	.
02AUG90	18:00	D	5.500	35	80	36.52	.	.	.	.
02AUG90	10:22	D	5.875	25	70	27.05	1	.	.	.
02AUG90	18:42	D	5.875	25	70	30.02	.	.	.	.
02AUG90	17:43	S	3.000	0	45	9.33	.	.	.	1
03AUG90	11:22	D	3.000	25	70	12.60	.	.	.	.
03AUG90	17:42	D	3.000	25	70	22.02	.	.	.	2
03AUG90	10:56	D	4.625	25	70	10.88	.	.	.	.
03AUG90	18:21	D	5.125	25	70	23.83	.	.	1	.
03AUG90	10:22	D	5.875	25	70	14.51	1	.	.	.
03AUG90	18:59	D	5.875	25	70	27.59	2	.	.	.
04AUG90	10:53	D	3.000	25	70	11.29	.	.	.	.
04AUG90	10:20	D	5.125	25	70	19.07	1	.	.	.
04AUG90	10:16	S	5.500	0	45	76.33	.	.	.	.
05AUG90	17:50	D	3.000	25	70	14.49	.	.	.	.
05AUG90	11:15	D	4.625	25	70	13.25	.	1	.	.
05AUG90	18:14	D	5.125	25	70	12.98	2	.	.	.
05AUG90	10:35	D	5.875	25	70	23.44	.	.	.	.
05AUG90	18:48	D	5.875	25	70	12.13	6	.	.	.
05AUG90	10:33	S	3.000	0	40	68.99	.	1	.	9
06AUG90	18:52	D	3.000	25	70	24.92	.	.	.	2
06AUG90	10:27	D	4.625	25	70	13.94	.	.	.	.
06AUG90	18:18	D	5.125	25	70	20.92	.	.	1	.
06AUG90	10:56	D	5.875	25	70	20.01	.	.	.	.
06AUG90	17:36	D	5.875	25	70	24.79	6	.	.	.
06AUG90	10:13	S	5.500	0	30	92.79	.	.	.	.
07AUG90	19:03	D	3.000	25	70	21.11
07AUG90	11:30	D	4.625	25	70	15.99
07AUG90	11:00	D	5.125	25	70	17.34	1	.	.	.

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DATE	TIME ¹	METH ²	MESH	MIN ³ RANGE	MAX ⁴ RANGE	FATHOM ⁵ HOURS	NUMBER CAUGHT			
							CHUM	CHAR	PINK	WHITE
07AUG90	17:35	D	5.125	25	70	21.23	1	1	.	.
07AUG90	18:22	D	5.875	25	70	23.80	1	.	.	.
07AUG90	10:55	S	5.500	0	35	90.78	1	.	.	.
08AUG90	11:36	D	3.000	25	70	21.07	.	.	.	.
08AUG90	17:42	D	3.000	25	70	22.10	.	.	.	.
08AUG90	18:14	D	4.625	25	70	17.03	.	.	.	.
08AUG90	10:53	D	5.125	25	70	21.23	2	.	.	.
08AUG90	9:27	D	5.875	25	70	24.66	5	.	.	.
08AUG90	18:44	D	5.875	25	70	24.88	.	1	.	.
09AUG90	18:09	D	3.000	25	70	15.26	.	.	.	.
09AUG90	10:26	D	4.625	25	70	15.87	.	1	2	.
09AUG90	19:12	D	4.625	25	70	12.49	.	.	.	.
09AUG90	11:05	D	5.125	25	70	21.39	.	.	.	.
09AUG90	18:35	D	5.125	25	70	17.22	3	.	.	.
09AUG90	17:39	D	5.875	25	70	18.93	.	.	.	.
09AUG90	10:22	S	5.500	0	40	94.18	.	.	.	.
10AUG90	11:25	D	3.000	25	70	16.86	.	1	.	.
10AUG90	17:49	D	3.000	25	70	15.80	.	.	.	.
10AUG90	10:19	D	4.625	25	70	14.26	.	.	.	.
10AUG90	18:16	D	5.125	25	70	15.81	3	.	.	.
10AUG90	10:50	D	5.875	25	70	17.40	1	.	.	.
10AUG90	18:53	D	5.875	25	70	18.39	3	.	.	.
11AUG90	12:12	D	4.625	25	70	12.30	1	.	.	.
11AUG90	20:10	D	4.625	25	70	8.14	.	.	.	.
11AUG90	11:28	D	5.125	25	70	16.99	1	.	.	.
11AUG90	19:36	D	5.125	25	70	15.45	4	.	.	.
11AUG90	10:55	D	5.875	25	70	19.38	1	.	.	.
11AUG90	19:05	D	5.875	25	70	12.31	3	.	.	.
11AUG90	10:39	S	3.000	0	40	141.91	.	1	.	11
11AUG90	10:26	S	5.500	0	40	166.49	.	.	.	.
12AUG90	11:58	D	3.000	25	70	18.17	.	.	.	.
12AUG90	17:43	D	3.000	25	70	21.36	.	.	.	.
12AUG90	10:16	D	4.625	25	70	11.36	.	1	.	.
12AUG90	10:48	D	5.125	25	70	15.81	.	.	.	.
12AUG90	19:03	D	5.125	25	70	20.53	16	.	.	.
12AUG90	11:18	D	5.875	25	70	19.02	1	.	.	.
12AUG90	18:17	D	5.875	25	70	22.49	5	.	.	.
13AUG90	11:49	D	3.000	25	70	17.23	.	.	.	1
13AUG90	11:11	D	4.625	25	70	13.85	1	.	.	.
13AUG90	17:58	D	4.625	50	95	16.75	1	.	.	.
13AUG90	17:04	D	5.125	40	85	24.07	.	.	.	.
13AUG90	10:31	D	5.875	25	70	19.74	3	.	1	.
13AUG90	16:45	S	3.000	0	40	53.20	.	2	1	5
13AUG90	10:25	S	5.500	0	30	135.34	3	.	.	.
14AUG90	12:47	D	3.000	25	70	17.43	1	.	.	.
14AUG90	10:35	D	4.625	50	95	14.10	.	.	.	.
14AUG90	16:28	D	4.625	25	70	12.49	1	.	.	.
14AUG90	11:56	D	5.125	25	70	16.87	5	.	.	.
14AUG90	17:05	D	5.125	25	70	15.10	1	.	.	.
14AUG90	11:02	D	5.875	50	95	19.20	3	.	.	.
14AUG90	16:07	S	3.000	0	40	89.62	3	.	.	4
14AUG90	16:21	S	5.500	0	40	86.03	.	.	.	.
15AUG90	12:24	D	3.000	25	70	16.70	1	.	.	1
15AUG90	11:16	D	4.625	50	95	11.99
15AUG90	17:35	D	4.625	25	70	13.56	1	.	.	.

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							CHUM	CHAR	PINK	WHITE
15AUG90	10:23	D	5.125	25	70	16.55	9	.	.	.
15AUG90	16:31	D	5.125	50	95	16.99	1	.	.	.
15AUG90	11:46	D	5.875	50	95	18.57	.	.	.	.
15AUG90	16:23	S	3.000	0	40	54.92	1	.	.	6
15AUG90	17:29	S	5.500	0	40	46.88	1	.	.	.
16AUG90	11:31	D	3.000	40	85	15.22	.	.	.	.
16AUG90	10:30	D	4.625	40	85	11.95	.	.	.	.
16AUG90	10:53	D	5.875	40	85	17.53	4	.	.	.
16AUG90	10:08	S	5.500	20	40	53.60	1	.	1	.
16AUG90	19:19	S	5.500	20	40	35.90	7	.	.	.
17AUG90	11:10	D	3.000	50	95	17.19	.	.	.	.
17AUG90	11:43	D	5.125	50	95	14.63	1	.	.	.
17AUG90	16:18	D	5.125	40	85	16.52	2	9	.	.
17AUG90	17:29	D	5.875	40	85	20.01	7	.	.	.
17AUG90	11:04	S	5.500	0	40	84.17	1	.	.	1
18AUG90	17:39	D	3.000	25	70	16.94	.	2	.	2
18AUG90	17:09	D	4.625	25	70	14.57	.	.	.	.
18AUG90	10:47	D	5.125	40	85	17.03	5	.	.	.
18AUG90	11:37	D	5.875	40	85	19.38	5	.	.	.
18AUG90	16:23	D	5.875	25	70	18.44	8	1	.	.
18AUG90	10:35	S	5.500	20	35	54.42	14	.	.	.
19AUG90	10:38	D	3.000	25	70	16.25	.	.	.	.
19AUG90	17:10	D	3.000	25	70	15.08	.	11	.	1
19AUG90	11:17	D	4.625	25	70	12.87	5	1	.	.
19AUG90	16:17	D	4.625	25	70	13.25	5	5	1	.
19AUG90	17:51	D	5.125	25	70	12.50	1	4	.	.
19AUG90	12:25	D	5.875	25	70	19.47	16	2	.	.
19AUG90	10:32	S	5.500	0	40	111.30	12	.	.	.
20AUG90	11:05	D	3.000	20	65	11.54	.	.	.	.
20AUG90	17:05	D	3.000	20	65	12.28	.	1	.	.
20AUG90	10:35	D	4.625	20	65	8.52	.	1	.	.
20AUG90	17:27	D	4.625	20	65	9.40	4	.	.	.
20AUG90	12:03	D	5.125	20	65	11.32	1	3	.	.
20AUG90	16:26	D	5.125	20	65	11.56	6	.	.	.
20AUG90	11:25	D	5.875	20	65	14.60	2	.	.	.
20AUG90	18:02	D	5.875	20	65	12.85	3	.	.	.
21AUG90	10:26	D	3.000	20	65	13.01	.	1	.	1
21AUG90	18:11	D	3.000	20	65	13.26	1	34	.	.
21AUG90	11:47	D	4.625	20	65	8.67	1	.	.	.
21AUG90	16:26	D	4.625	20	65	9.46	1	.	.	.
21AUG90	16:54	D	5.125	20	65	11.17	2	.	.	.
21AUG90	11:05	D	5.875	20	65	12.94	2	3	.	.
21AUG90	17:28	D	5.875	20	65	14.06	5	.	.	.
21AUG90	10:58	S	3.000	20	40	31.17	.	.	.	.
21AUG90	10:58	S	3.000	20	40	31.17	2	21	.	5
22AUG90	11:02	D	3.000	20	65	11.29	.	.	.	.
22AUG90	18:16	D	3.000	50	95	13.63	.	.	.	.
22AUG90	16:53	D	4.625	50	95	9.12	5	.	.	.
22AUG90	10:27	D	5.125	20	65	12.03	4	.	.	.
22AUG90	11:29	D	5.875	50	95	16.14	5	.	.	.
22AUG90	17:34	D	5.875	20	65	12.62	7	.	.	.
23AUG90	10:34	D	3.000	50	95	11.58	1	.	.	.
23AUG90	17:46	D	3.000	20	65	11.54
23AUG90	11:29	D	4.625	20	65	9.65	.	6	.	.
23AUG90	17:20	D	4.625	35	80	7.82	1	.	.	.

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							CHUM	CHAR	PINK	WHITE
23AUG90	11:00	D	5.125	50	95	11.95	2	.	.	.
23AUG90	12:03	D	5.875	20	65	13.52	1	.	.	.
23AUG90	16:29	D	5.875	35	80	12.17	11	.	.	.
24AUG90	10:28	D	3.000	20	65	12.28	.	14	.	.
24AUG90	17:38	D	3.000	35	80	11.54	.	14	.	.
24AUG90	11:34	D	4.625	20	65	10.03	.	1	.	.
24AUG90	11:11	D	5.125	20	65	11.09	.	.	.	.
24AUG90	16:29	D	5.125	20	65	12.50	4	.	.	.
24AUG90	17:11	D	5.875	35	80	12.71	.	.	.	.
25AUG90	12:09	D	3.000	20	65	10.35	.	10	.	.
25AUG90	17:17	D	3.000	20	65	11.70	.	.	.	.
25AUG90	17:42	D	5.125	35	65	11.32	11	.	.	.
25AUG90	12:49	D	5.875	20	65	12.80	1	.	.	.
25AUG90	16:50	D	5.875	35	80	14.33	.	.	.	.
26AUG90	12:20	D	3.000	20	65	11.54	.	1	.	.
26AUG90	16:18	D	3.000	45	90	12.28	1	3	.	.
26AUG90	12:55	D	4.625	45	90	8.52	5	.	.	.
26AUG90	17:15	D	5.125	20	65	13.53	.	.	.	.
26AUG90	11:41	D	5.875	20	65	12.80	5	.	.	.
26AUG90	16:56	D	5.875	45	90	15.42	.	.	.	.
27AUG90	12:50	D	3.000	20	65	13.26	.	7	.	1
27AUG90	13:44	D	4.625	50	95	8.33	4	.	.	.
27AUG90	12:10	D	5.125	20	65	10.85	9	.	.	.
27AUG90	14:15	D	5.875	50	95	15.06	3	.	.	.
28AUG90	12:35	D	3.000	20	65	14.36	2	3	.	1
28AUG90	11:55	D	5.125	20	65	18.64	2	.	.	.
						=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
						5810.98	400	174	25	98

- (1) Start of net deployment.
(2) Method: S = set, D = drift.
(3,4) Minimum and maximum distance of net from right bank. On 21-23 July several drifts were made approx. 1 km upstream from the sonar site, where the river is 300+ meters wide.
(5) Area of net in square fathoms X hours deployed.

APPENDIX B: SAS DATA PROCESSING PROGRAM

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title1 'Noatak Sonar In-Season Data Processing Program';

*SET PAGE LENGTH AND WIDTH FOR OUTPUT;
options linesize=79;
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*READ IN RAW DATA FROM FILE PRINTED FROM LOTUS 123;
*CALCULATE DURATION OF COUNTS IN HOURS;
*CALCULATE 15 MINUTE PASSAGE ESTIMATE;
data save.sonarcts;
  infile 'f:\n90\counts\n0counts.prn';
  length counter $3;
  informat starttime endtime time5.;
  input month 1 day 3-4 year 6-7 @9 starttime @15 endtime @21 counter $
  count1 27-29 count2 33-35 count3 39-41 count4 45-47 count5 51-53;
  count=sum(of count2-count5);
  date=mdy(month,day,year);
  hour=hour(starttime);
  dstime=dhms(date,hour(starttime),minute(starttime),0);
  detime=dhms(date+DATEPART(ENDTIME),hour(endtime),minute(endtime),0);
  hrsdur=(detime-dstime)/3600;
  hourpsg=count/hrsdur;
  min15psg=hourpsg/4;
  dst2hr=round(dstime,7200);
  dst6hr=round(dstime,21600);
  format starttime endtime time5. date date7. dst2hr dst6hr
  datetime10.;
  label hour ='HOURLY STARTING AT:' hourpsg='HOURLY PASSAGE';          run;

*NOTE:  MINI15PSG= ESTIMATED COUNT FOR 15 MINUTES;

*OPTIONAL BAR CHARTS OF HOURLY SONAR COUNTS BY DAY;
/*proc chart data=save.sonarcts;
  vbar hour / type=mean sumvar=hourpsg discrete;
  by date;          run;
*/

*CALCULATE MEAN ESTIMATED 15 MIN PASSAGE RATES OVER 2, 6, AND 24 HOUR PERIODS;
proc summary data=save.sonarcts;
  var min15psg;
  by dst2hr;
  output out=pass2hr mean=meanpass;          run;

proc summary data=save.sonarcts;
  var min15psg;
  by dst6hr;
  output out=pass6hr mean=meanpass;          run;

proc summary data=save.sonarcts;
  var min15psg;
  by date;
  output out=pass24hr mean=meanpass;          run;

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*CREATE FILES OF ESTIMATED PASSAGE EVERY 2 AND 6 HOURS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
GRAPHS IN LOTUS 123;
data print; set pass2hr;
file 'f:\n90\counts\n02hrcts.out';
    sumpass=8*meanpass;
    month=month(datepart(dst2hr));
    year=year(datepart(dst2hr));
    day=day(datepart(dst2hr));
    hour=hour(dst2hr);
    put year month day hour sumpass;
    format sumpass 9.0;          run;

data print; set pass6hr;
file 'f:\n90\counts\n06hrcts.out';
    sumpass=24*meanpass;
    year=year(datepart(dst6hr));
    month=month(datepart(dst6hr));
    day=day(datepart(dst6hr));
    hour=hour(dst6hr);
    format sumpass 9.0;
    put year month day hour sumpass;          run;

title2 'Sonar estimates of daily fish passage';
title3 'beyond 20m range';
data dailypsg; set pass24hr (drop= type _ _freq_);
    reportno=round(date-1,2)-11159;
    dailypsg=96*meanpass;
    format meanpass 8.1 dailypsg 9.0;
    label meanpass='MEAN 15 MIN PASSAGE RATE' dailypsg='DAILY PASSAGE';
    run;
proc print label noobs;
    var reportno date meanpass;
    sum dailypsg;          run;

proc summary data=dailypsg;
    by reportno;
    var dailypsg;
    output out=reptpsg sum=passage;          run;

*
*
*THIS CONCLUDES CALCULATIONS FOR THE SONAR DATA, NOW BEGIN TESTFISH DATA
PROCESSING;
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*
*READ DATA FROM RBASE EXPORT FILE, ONE LINE FOR EACH FISH, PLUS ONE LINE FOR
ANY DRIFTS DURING WHICH NO FISH WERE CAUGHT;
*CALCULATE EFFORT IN FATHOM HOURS;
*NOTE THERE IS NO CONTINGENCY FOR DRIFTS SPANNING MIDNIGHT;
data save.n0tfish;
    length qmeth qsex $3;
    length meth sex $1;
    length species $8;
    infile 'f:\rbfiles\n0tfish.dlm' delimiter=',';          *PATH;
    informat date mmdyy. startout fullout startin fullin time8.;
    format date date7. startout fullout startin fullin time5.;

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input date tperiod site mesh netlngth qmeth rangel range2
      startout fullout startin fullin spcode qsex length;
reportno=round(date-1,2)-11159;
IF REPORTNO LT 0 THEN DELETE;
meth=substr(qmeth,2,1);
if meth='d' then meth='D';
if meth='s' then meth='S';
if mesh=3.0 then meshdeep=80;
if mesh=4.625 then meshdeep=40;
if mesh=5.125 then meshdeep=45;
if mesh=5.5 then meshdeep=55;
if mesh=5.875 then meshdeep=45;
netdepfm=(mesh/sqrt(2))*meshdeep/72;
suarfms=netlngth*netdepfm;
sex=substr(qsex,2,1);
if sex='f' then sex='F';
if sex='m' then sex='M';
drifsecs = (startin-fullout) + (fullout-startout)/2 + (fullin-startin)/2;
fathhrs= suarfms*drifsecs/3600;
catch=1;
if spcode=0 then catch=0;
drop qmeth qsex fullout startin fullin drifsecs;
if spcode = 1 then species = 'CHINOOK ';
if spcode = 2 then species = 'CHUM';
if spcode = 3 then species = 'CHARR';
if spcode = 4 then species = 'PIKE';
if spcode = 5 then species = 'PINK';
if spcode = 6 then species = 'SHEEFISH';
if spcode = 7 then species = 'WHITE';
if spcode = 8 then species = 'FLOUNDER';
if spcode = 9 then species = 'OTHER';
if spcode = 10 then species = 'CISCO';
if mesh=3.0 then meshcode=1;
if mesh=4.625 or mesh=4.5 then meshcode=2;
if mesh=5.125 then meshcode=3;
if mesh=5.5 then meshcode=4;
if mesh=5.875 then meshcode=5; run;

*GENERATE CPUE DATA FOR COMPARISON WITH DOWNRIVER TESTFISH PROJECT;
data tfishrpt; set save.n0tfish;
  if spcode eq 1 then delete;
  if spcode gt 2 then delete;
  if meshcode eq 5 or meshcode eq 3; run;

proc sort data=tfishrpt; by mesh date startout;
proc summary data=tfishrpt;
  var fathhrs catch;
  output out=drifcpue mean(fathhrs)=drifteff sum(catch)=drifctch;
  by mesh date startout; run;

proc summary data=drifcpue;
  var drifteff drifctch;
  output out=daycpue sum=dayeff daycatch;
  by mesh date; run;

data daycpue; set daycpue;
  if dayeff gt 0 then daycpue=daycatch/dayeff;
  else daycpue=0;
  format date date7. dayeff daycpue 7.2 daycatch 7.0;
  label dayeff='FATHOM HOURS' daycatch='NUMBER CAUGHT' daycpue='CPUE';

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title2 'DAILY CHUM SALMON CATCH, EFFORT, AND CPUE, BY MESH';
title3 'no adjustments made for net selectivity';
proc print data=daycpue noobs label;
  var date daycatch dayeff daycpue;
  by mesh; run;

*CALCULATE EFFORT PER MESH;
proc sort data=save.n0tfish; by date tfperiod mesh startout species;
proc summary data=save.n0tfish;
  var fathhrs; id meth rangel range2;
  output out=drifsets mean(fathhrs)=effort;
  by date tfperiod mesh startout; run;

*AND CATCH PER MESH PER SPECIES;
proc summary data=save.n0tfish;
  var catch; id meth rangel range2;
  output out=ds2 sum(catch)=sppcatch;
  by date tfperiod mesh startout species; run;

proc sort data=ds2; by date tfperiod mesh startout meth rangel range2; run;
proc transpose data=ds2 out=tfsummar;
  by date tfperiod mesh startout meth rangel range2;
  var sppcatch;
  id species; run;

data tfsummar; merge tfsummar drifsets; by date tfperiod mesh startout; run;

data tfsummar; set tfsummar (drop= type freq );
  format date date7. startout time5. effort 8.2;
  label effort='FATHOM HOURS'; run;

proc sort data=tfsummar; by date meth mesh startout; run;
title2 'SUMMARY OF TESTFISH RESULTS';
title3 'major species listed only';
proc print data=tfsummar label;
  var date startout meth mesh rangel range2;
  sum effort chum charr pink white; run;

*AND THEN BY SUMMING EFFORT FOR ALL DRIFTS IN A TFPERIOD WITH A GIVEN MESH;
data drifsets; set drifsets; if meth='D'; run;
proc sort data=drifsets; by date tfperiod mesh; run;
proc summary data=drifsets;
  var effort;
  output out=effort1 sum=meffort; *(MESH EFFORT);
  by date tfperiod mesh; run;

*FINALLY, REARRANGE DATA TO PUT EFFORTS FOR ALL MESHES ON A SINGLE LINE;
proc transpose data=effort1 out=effort2;
  var meffort; id mesh;
  by date tfperiod; run;

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data effort; merge effort1 effort2; by date tfperiod;
  drop name type freq;
  rename 3 -- =effort1;
  rename -4d625 =effort2;
  rename -5d125 =effort3;
  rename -5d5 =effort4;
  rename -5d875 =effort5;
  format date date7.; run;

*READ IN AN EXTERNAL FILE WHICH SETS WHICH MESHES WILL BE USED TO ESTIMATE
CPU FOR EACH SPECIES, AND WHICH SPECIES CATCHES WILL BE ADJUSTED FOR NET
SELECTIVITY;
data specmesh;
  infile 'f:\n90\sas\n0spmesh.dat' firstobs=17; *PATH;
  length species $ 8;
  length adjust $ 3;
  input species usemesh1-usemesh5 adjust; run;

*READ NET SELECTIVITY CURVE PARAMETERS (MEAN, STD) FROM AN EXTERNAL FILE;
*REARRANGE NET SELECTIVITY DATA SO THAT ALL THE INFORMATION FOR EACH SPECIES
IS LOCATED ON EACH LINE;
data nsnormal;
  infile 'f:\n90\sas\n0nsnorm.dat' firstobs=10; *PATH;
  input species $ mesh selmean stddev; run;
proc transpose data=nsnormal out=sm;
  var selmean; id mesh;
  by species; run;
data sm; set sm;
  drop name;
  rename 3 -- =sm1;
  rename -4d625 =sm2;
  rename -5d125 =sm3;
  rename -5d5 =sm4;
  rename -5d875 =sm5; run;
proc transpose data=nsnormal out=std;
  var stddev; id mesh;
  by species; run;
data std; set std;
  drop name;
  rename 3 -- =std1;
  rename -4d625 =std2;
  rename -5d125 =std3;
  rename -5d5 =std4;
  rename -5d875 =std5;
  run;
data nsnormal; merge nsnormal sm std; by species; run;

*MERGE SPECIES-MESH PAIRING DATA INTO TESTFISH DATA SET;
*DELETE FISH WHICH WERE NOT CAUGHT IN MESHES TARGETING THAT SPECIES;
proc sort data=save.n0tfish; by species; run;
proc sort data=specmesh; by species; run;

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data tfsm;
  merge save.n0tfish(in=a) specmesh;
  by species;
  if a;
  array usemesh{5} usemesh1-usemesh5;
  if usemesh{meshcode}=0 then delete; run;

*MERGE NET SELECTIVITY CURVE DATA INTO TESTFISH (+SM) DATA SET;
proc sort data=tfsm; by species mesh; run;
data tfsmns; merge tfsm(in=b) nsnormal; by species mesh;
  if b; run;

*MERGE EFFORT DATA INTO TESTFISH (+SM+NS) DATA SET;
*DECLARE ARRAYS;
data tfsmns; set tfsmns; drop fathhrs; run;
proc sort data=tfsmns; by date tfperiod mesh; run;
data save.tfsmnsef; merge tfsmns(in=c) effort; by date tfperiod mesh;
  if meth='D';
  if c;
  if length=0 then length=selmean;
  array usemesh{5} usemesh1-usemesh5;
  array sm{5} sm1-sm5;
  array zother{5} zother1-zother5;
  array std{5} std1-std5;
  array effort{5} effort1-effort5;
  *FOR MAJOR SPECIES, ADJUST CATCH (I.E., 1 FISH) FOR NET SELECTIVITY;
  *IF FISH WAS VERY UNLIKELY TO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THIS MESH,
  THEN DO NOT INCLUDE IT;
  zcutoff=1.66;
  meanpdf=(probnorm(zcutoff)-0.5)/zcutoff;
  adjcatch=0.399/meanpdf;
  if adjust='Y' then do;
    z=(length-selmean)/stddev;
    if abs(z)<zcutoff then do;
      pdf=(1/sqrt(2*3.141592654))*exp(-z**2/2);
      adjcatch = 0.399 / pdf;
    end;
  else adjcatch=4;
  end;
*THEN SUM EFFORT FOR ALL MESHES TARGETING THIS SPECIES DURING THIS TF PERIOD;

*IF SPECIES IS ADJUSTED FOR NET SELECTIVITY, THEN DO NOT CONSIDER THOSE
MESHES IN WHICH THIS LENGTH FISH IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO HAVE BEEN
CAUGHT;
*FINALLY, CALCULATE ADJUSTED CPUE FOR EACH FISH;
sumeff=0;
do imesh=1 to 5;
  if adjust='Y' then do;
    zother{imesh}=(length-sm{imesh})/std{imesh};
    if abs(zother{imesh})>zcutoff then usemesh{imesh}=0;
  end;
  if effort{imesh}=. then effort{imesh}=0;
  sumeff=sumeff+effort{imesh}*usemesh{imesh};
end;
adjcpue=adjcatch/sumeff;
format date date7. startout time5.
  z zother1-zother5 5.2 meffort effort1-effort5 sumeff adjcatch 4.1; run;

```

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```
*OPTIONAL PRINTOUT FOLLOWS: SHOWS INTERMEDIARY CALCULATIONS ON TESTFISH DATA;
options linesize=120;
data print; set save.tfsmnsef;
title2 'PART OF DATA SET SAVE.TFSMNSEF';
title3 'ONE LINE PER FISH, EACH LINE ALSO HAS INFORMATION ON NET SELECTIVITY';
title4 'CURVE PARAMETERS AND EFFORT FOR EACH MESH DRIFTED DURING THAT PERIOD';
proc print data=print;
  var date startout mesh species length
      z pdf adjcatch
      zother1-zother5 sumeff adjcpue; run;

*SUM ADJUSTED CPUE FOR EACH SPECIES DURING EACH TESTFISH PERIOD;
proc sort data=save.tfsmnsef; by reportno date tfperiod spcode;
proc summary data=save.tfsmnsef;
  var adjcpue adjcatch; id startout species;
  output out=spcpue sum=spcpue spcatch;
  by reportno date tfperiod spcode; run;

*TRANSPOSE BY ALL BUT SPECIES (CODE), CREATING A SEPARATE VARIABLE FOR CPUE OF
EACH SPECIES;
proc transpose data=spcpue out=spcpwide;
  by reportno date tfperiod;
  var spcpue;
  id spcode; run;

proc summary data=spcpue;
  by reportno date tfperiod;
  var spcatch startout;
  output out=catch sum(spcatch)=adjcatch mean(startout)=avestart; run;

*SUM CPUE'S FOR ALL SPECIES DURING A GIVEN TESTFISH PERIOD;
data spcpwide; merge spcpwide catch; by reportno date tfperiod;
  array cpue{10} _1-_10;
  sumcpue=0;
  do i=1 to 10;
    if cpue{i} = . then cpue{i} = 0;
    sumcpue= sumcpue + cpue{i};
  end;
  format date date7. avestart time5. _1-_10 adjcatch sumcpue 6.2; run;

*CREATE OPTIONAL BAR CHART OF SPECIES CPUE BY TESTFISH PERIOD;
data chartcp; merge spcpue catch; by reportno date tfperiod;
  datetime=dhms(date,hour(avestart),minute(avestart),0);
  format datetime datetime10.;
  label datetime='DATE AND HOUR';
  if spcode<2 or spcode=4 or spcode=6 or spcode>7 then delete; run;

title2 'TESTFISH CPUE, BY SPECIES, IN ALL TESTFISH PERIODS';
proc chart data=chartcp;
  vbar datetime / sumvar=spcpue subgroup=species discrete; run;
```

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*SUM CPUE, FOR EACH SPECIES AND FOR ALL SPECIES, ACROSS ALL TESTFISH PERIODS WITHIN EACH REPORTING PERIOD;

*CALCULATE THE AVERAGE TOTAL (ALL SPECIES) CPUE IN EACH REPORT PERIOD;

*COUNT THE NUMBER OF TESTFISH PERIODS IN EACH REPORT PERIOD;

```
proc sort data=spcpwide; by reportno; run;
proc summary data=spcpwide;
  var 1-10 sumcpue;
  output out=rncpue sum=rnspcp1-rnspcp10 rns MCP
          mean(sumcpue)=rnm MCP
          n=n;
  by reportno; run;
```

*MERGE THE ORIGINAL DATA SET WITH THE SUMMARIZED DATA SET, THEN CALCULATE: ESTIMATED PROPORTION OF EACH SPECIES DURING EACH TESTFISH PERIOD, ESTIMATED PROPORTION OF EACH SPECIES DURING EACH REPORT PERIOD, AND A WEIGHTED SQUARED DEVIATION OF THE TESTFISH PERIOD PROPORTION FROM THE REPORT PERIOD PROPORTION;

```
data varcalc;
  merge spcpwide rncpue;
  by reportno;
  array cpue{10} 1-10;
  array rnspcp{10} rnspcp1-rnspcp10;
  array phatpr{10} phatpr1-phatpr10;
  array phatrp{10} phatrp1-phatrp10;
  array sqrdev{10} sqrdev1-sqrdev10;
  weight=sumcpue/rnm MCP;
  do i=1 to 10;
    phatpr{i}=cpue{i}/sumcpue;
    phatrp{i}=rnspcp{i}/rns MCP;
    sqrdev{i}=(weight**2)*(phatpr{i}-phatrp{i])**2;
  end;
  label phatpr1='CHINOOK' phatpr2='CHUM' phatpr3='CHARR' phatpr4='PIKE'
  phatpr5='PINK' phatpr6='SHEEFISH' phatpr7='WHITE' phatpr8='FLOUNDER'
  phatpr9='OTHER' phatpr10='CISCO';
  format phatpr1-phatpr10 3.2;
  format adjcatch 5.0;
  format date date7. avestart time5.; run;
```

*OPTIONAL PRINTOUT OF SPECIES PROPORTIONS BY TESTFISH PERIOD;

```
proc sort data=varcalc; by reportno date tfperiod;
title2 'ESTIMATED SPECIES PROPORTIONS AND TOTAL ADJUSTED CATCH BY TESTFISH PERIOD';
```

```
proc print label data=varcalc;
  var reportno date adjcatch
  phatpr1 phatpr2 phatpr3 phatpr4 phatpr5
  phatpr6 phatpr7 phatpr8 phatpr9 phatpr10; run;
```

*SUM THE SQUARED DEVIATIONS BY REPORT PERIOD;

```
proc sort data=varcalc; by reportno; run;
proc summary data=varcalc;
  var sqrdev1-sqrdev10 adjcatch;
  id phatpr1-phatpr10 n date;
  output out=varprop sum=smsqdv1-smsqdv10 adjcatch;
  by reportno; run;
```

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*AND CALCULATE THE VARIANCE OF THE REPORT PERIOD PROPORTION (COCHRAN 1977);

```
data varprop; set varprop (drop = type freq);
  phatoh=phatrp1+phatrp4+phatrp6+phatrp8+phatrp10+phatrp9;
  format phatrp1-phatrp10 phatoh stdprp1-stdprp10 3.2;
  format adjcatch 4.0 date date7.;
  label phatrp1='CHINOOK' phatrp2='CHUM' phatrp3='CHARR' phatrp4='PIKE'
        phatrp5='PINK' phatrp6='SHEEFISH' phatrp7='WHITE' phatrp8='FLOUNDER'
        phatrp9='OTHER' phatrp10='CISCO' phatoh='OTHER';
  label stdprp2='CHUM S.E.' stdprp3='CHARR S.E.' stdprp5='PINK S.E.'
        stdprp7='WHITE S.E.';
  array varprp{10} varprp1-varprp10;
  array smsqdv{10} smsqdv1-smsqdv10;
  array stdprp{10} stdprp1-stdprp10;
  array cvprop{10} cvprop1-cvprop10;
  array phatrp{10} phatrp1-phatrp10;
  do i = 1 to 10;
    varprp{i}=smsqdv{i}/(n*(n-1));
    stdprp{i}=sqrt(varprp{i});
    if phatrp{i} gt 0 then cvprop{i}=stdprp{i}/phatrp{i};
    else cvprop{i}=0;
  end; run;
```

title2 'ESTIMATED SPECIES PROPORTIONS AND STANDARD ERRORS';

title3 'BY REPORT PERIOD';

title4 'major species only';

proc print label data=varprop noobs;

```
  var reportno date adjcatch phatrp2 phatrp3 phatrp5 phatrp7 phatoh
    stdprp2 stdprp3 stdprp5 stdprp7; run;
```

*

*

*NOW MERGE DATA SET CONTAINING COUNTS WITH DATA SET CONTAINING PROPORTIONS,
AND CALCULATE SPECIES PASSAGE ESTIMATES AND THEIR ESTIMATED VARIANCE;

*

*;

data save.reptstat;

```
  merge varprop reptpsg;
```

```
  by reportno;
```

```
  array phatrp{10} phatrp1-phatrp10;
```

```
  array varpsg{10} varpsg1-varpsg10;
```

```
  array varprp{10} varprp1-varprp10;
```

```
  array psg{10} psg1-psg10;
```

```
  do i=1 to 10;
```

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    psg{i}=phatrp{i}*passage;
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    varpsg{i}=(passage**2)*varprp{i};
```

```
  end;
```

```
  format passage psg1-psg10 8. varprp1-varprp10
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```
    varpsg1-varpsg10 e9. phatrp1-phatrp10 5.3; run;
```

data save.reptstat; set save.reptstat (drop = _type_ _freq_);

```
  file 'f:\n90\sas\n0repsht.dat';
```

*PATH;

```
  label reportno='REPORTING PERIOD' date='ENDING ON';
```

```
  label psg1='CHINOOK' psg2='CHUM' psg3='CHARR' psg4='PIKE' psg5='PINK'
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    psg6='SHEEFISH' psg7='WHITE' psg8='FLOUNDER' psg9='OTHER' psg10='CISCO';
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```
  format psg1-psg10 7. varpsg1-varpsg10 e9.;
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```
  put reportno date psg1-psg10 / varpsg1-varpsg10; run;
```

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```

title2 'ESTIMATED FISH SPECIES PASSAGE BY REPORTING PERIOD';
proc print label noobs data=save.reptstat;
  var reportno date;
  sum psg2 psg3 psg5 psg7 psg1 psg4 psg6 psg8 psg10 psg9; run;

proc summary data=save.reptstat;
  var psg1-psg10 varpsg1-varpsg10 date;
  output out=cumstat sum(psg1-psg10)=cumpsg1-cumpsg10
    sum(varpsg1-varpsg10)=varcpl-varcpl0
    max(date)=enddate; run;

data cumstat; set cumstat (drop=_type_);
  rename _freq_ nreports; run;

proc transpose data=cumstat out=cs1;
  by nreports;
  var cumpsg1-cumpsg10; run;
data cs1; set cs1;
  label coll='PASSAGE TO DATE';
  rename coll=cumulpsg;
  length species $ 11;
  if name = 'CUMPSG1' then species = ' 9 CHINOOK ';
  if name = 'CUMPSG2' then species = ' 1 CHUM';
  if name = 'CUMPSG3' then species = ' 2 CHARR';
  if name = 'CUMPSG4' then species = ' 8 PIKE';
  if name = 'CUMPSG5' then species = ' 3 PINK';
  if name = 'CUMPSG6' then species = ' 6 SHEEFISH';
  if name = 'CUMPSG7' then species = ' 4 WHITE';
  if name = 'CUMPSG8' then species = ' 7 FLOUNDER';
  if name = 'CUMPSG9' then species = '10 OTHER';
  if name = 'CUMPSG10' then species = ' 5 CISCO';
  drop _name_; run;

proc transpose data=cumstat out=cs2;
  var varcpl-varcpl0; run;
data cs2; set cs2;
  rename coll=variance; run;

data cumstat2; merge cs1 cs2;
  stderr=sqrt(variance);
  cv=stderr/cumulpsg;
  * df=nreports-1;
  * l90ci=cumulpsg-tinv(.95,df)*stderr;
  * if l90ci < 0 then l90ci = 0;
  * u90ci=cumulpsg+tinv(.95,df)*stderr;
  format cumulpsg /*l90ci u90ci*/ 8. variance e10. stderr 7. cv 4.3;
  label nreports='REPORTS TO DATE' /*df='DEGREES OF FREEDOM'*/
  stderr='ESTIMATED STANDARD ERROR' cv='COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION'
  /*l90ci='LOWER LIMIT 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL'
  u90ci='UPPER LIMIT 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL'*/; run;

proc sort data=cumstat2; by species; run;
title2 'CUMULATIVE STATISTICS BY SPECIES';
proc print noobs label;
  var nreports /*df*/ species cumulpsg stderr cv /*l90ci u90ci*/; run;

```

APPENDIX C: NET SELECTIVITY PARAMETER FILE USED BY SAS PROGRAM

NSNORMAL.DAT: these values were generated from 1990 Noatak data by running NOselect.sas on 31 Oct 1990, excluding all fish which were not caught in one of the following mesh pairs for that species: chum 5.125, 5.875; charr 4.625, 5.125; pink 4.0 5.0 (from yukon 86-89 data: gilled fish only). Then selectivity curve means (SCM's) for other mesh sizes were calculated by assuming that SCM's were proportional to the mesh sizes themselves. Standard deviations were assumed to be the same for all mesh sizes within a species. Minimum fish per 2 bins was 5 for chum, 3 for charr. Bin size was 20mm for chum, 40mm for charr.

CHARR	3.0	330.4	55.4
CHARR	4.625	509.3	55.4
CHARR	5.125	564.3	55.4
CHARR	5.875	646.9	55.4
CHUM	4.625	506.5	60.5
CHUM	5.125	561.3	60.5
CHUM	5.875	643.4	60.5
PINK	3.0	274.9	50.2
PINK	4.625	423.8	50.2
PINK	5.125	469.6	50.2

