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## ABSTRACT

Since 1979 the Anvik River sonar project has estimated daily passage of summer chum salmon *Oncorhynchus keta* using side-scanning sonar counters. During the period 21 June through 25 July 1992, an estimated 775,626 summer chum salmon passed the sonar site on the Anvik River. This estimate is 55% above the minimum escapement objective of 500,000 salmon. The 1992 summer chum salmon run started very late, was very compressed, and had the highest daily passage proportions during the first two quartiles of the run. Timing of the 1992 run was mixed in relation to the long-term mean (1979–1990 excluding 1986) timing statistics of the run. Although the first quartile passage day of the run was 2 d later than the long-term first quartile day, the median and third quartile passage day indicated a run of average timing. Female chum salmon composed an estimated 56.6% of the summer chum salmon passage. Age-5 fish composed an estimated 69.0% of the passage; age-4 fish accounted for 26.5%. Older-age salmon dominated the first two sampling strata: 29 June to 7 July and 8 to 15 July. Female salmon dominated the first and final stratum. A total of 931 chinook salmon *O. tshawytscha* were enumerated on an aerial survey of the index area within Anvik River drainage. This count is 86% above the minimal escapement objective of 500 chinook salmon for this index area. Age-6 salmon accounted for 50.8% of the escapement; age-5 salmon accounted for 38.1% based on carcass samples. Male chinook salmon dominated the escapement, accounting for 58.7% of the sample.

## INTRODUCTION

Two distinct runs of chum salmon, summer and fall, spawn in the Yukon River drainage. The Anvik River (Figure 1) is the largest producer of summer chum salmon in the Yukon River drainage. Buklis (1982a) estimated that the Anvik River alone accounts for 35% of the total production. Other known major spawning populations occur in the Andreafsky, Rodo, Nulato, Gisasa, Hogatza, Melozitna, Tozitna, Chena, and Salcha Rivers (Figure 1). Summer chum salmon spawn in lesser numbers in other tributaries of the Yukon River. Chinook *O. tshawytscha* and pink *O. gorbuscha* salmon occur in the Anvik River coincidentally with summer chum salmon. Coho salmon *O. kisutch* spawn in the Anvik River drainage during the fall.

### *Harvest of Anvik River Salmon*

Commercial and subsistence harvests of Anvik River summer chum salmon occur throughout the mainstem Yukon River from the coast of the delta to the mouth of this tributary stream at river kilometer (rkm) 513. This section of river includes Districts 1, 2, 3 in total and the extreme lower portion of District 4 (Figure 1). Set and drift gillnets are the legal fishing gear in Districts 1, 2, and 3; set gillnets and fish wheels are used in District 4. Most of the effort and harvest on the Anvik River stock occurs in Districts 1 and 2 and in the extreme lower portion of District 4 below the confluence of the Anvik and Yukon Rivers. Fish taken commercially in the lower three districts are sold in the round; District 4 is primarily a roe fishery because of poor flesh quality and distance from market. Subsistence fisheries in Districts 1, 2, and 3 take summer chum salmon primarily for human consumption. Subsistence harvest of summer chum salmon in District 4 is primarily for sled dog food. Commercial and subsistence summer chum salmon fisheries in the remainder of District 4 and in District 6 are supported by stocks other than the Anvik River stock. Very few summer chum salmon are harvested in District 5 because of the lack of spawning populations in that portion of the drainage.

In the lower portion of the Yukon River (Districts 1, 2, 3), run timing of chinook and summer chum salmon greatly overlap from river-ice breakup through June or early July. During this period, management of the lower Yukon River has traditionally been directed at chinook salmon. The District 4 commercial fishery has been directed primarily at chum salmon. In the Lower Yukon Area, large-mesh gillnets (stretch mesh greater than 6 in) were employed to harvest chinook salmon. Although these were very efficient for chinook salmon, the associated harvest of summer chum salmon through 1984 was small in relation to the size of the run. Therefore, prior to the 1985 season, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, in an attempt to increase the harvest of summer chum salmon in the lower river, directed that special small-mesh (stretch mesh maximum of 6 in) fishing periods be allowed during the chinook salmon season provided that (1) the summer chum salmon run was of sufficient size to support the additional exploitation, and (2) the incidental harvest of chinook salmon during these small-mesh fishing periods did not adversely affect conservation of that species.

A poor summer chum salmon run to the Yukon River in 1987 prompted fishery managers to consider the summer chum salmon fishery as fully developed (Sandone 1991). However, strong runs during the next 2 years resulted in record commercial harvests of 1,620,269 summer chum salmon in 1988 and

1,456,928 in 1989 (Bergstrom et al. 1992). Distribution of the summer chum salmon catch among districts reflected stock distribution, market demand, and scheduled fishing time. Without harvest guidelines, increased market demand prompted allocation disputes between district fishermen. Additionally, fishery managers were perceived by some of the public as making resource-allocation decisions by scheduling fishing time. To address these problems the Alaska Board of Fisheries, in February 1990, established a river-wide guideline harvest range of 400,000 to 1,200,000 summer chum salmon (ADF&G 1990). This overall guideline was distributed by district and subdistrict based on the previous 15-year average harvests.

Based on evaluation of brood year escapements and assuming average survival, it was expected that the Anvik River summer chum salmon run in 1992 would be average to above average in magnitude. However, other stocks of Yukon River summer chum salmon were expected to be below average. As a result, the total Yukon River summer chum salmon run for 1992 was expected to be below average to average, as was the primary contributor, the Anvik River stock (ADF&G 1992). Accordingly, the river-wide commercial harvest was expected to be between 600,000 to 800,000 summer chum salmon (ADF&G 1992).

### *Stock Identification Studies*

Two stock identification studies have been conducted on Yukon River chum salmon stocks. Initially, a small-scale stock identification investigation using scale pattern analysis was conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). Results of this pilot study indicated that separation of chum salmon stocks by scale pattern analysis was probably not feasible (Wilcock 1988). A more recent stock identification study (Wilmot et al. 1992) reported success in separating Yukon River chum salmon stocks using protein electrophoresis techniques. This study was initiated in 1987 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and continued through the 1991 season. Preliminary results indicated that among all represented chum salmon stocks of the Yukon River, two major groups were apparent, a summer-run group and a fall-run group. These investigators also reported that within the summer-run group, two major subdivisions were apparent, those of the lower river below rkm 800 and those of the mid river (rkm 800–1,150). Wilmot et al. reported that estimated stock compositions of samples collected from District 1 commercial and test net fisheries during 1987 to 1990 indicated that the lower river summer-run chum salmon stocks contributed 75–100% to the catch until mid-July.

During the 1987 and 1988 field season, chum salmon genetic stock identification (GSI) collections were obtained at the mainstem Anvik River sonar site. Interestingly, these two collections were significantly different genetically (Wilmot et al. 1992). Although the collection obtained in 1987 was genetically similar to the lower river summer-run group, the collection obtained in 1988 was reported to be a separate group within the summer-run group and genetically distinct from the lower and mid-river groups (Wilmot et al. 1992). These investigators speculated that because the Anvik River is a large, productive river system that probably supports numerous spawning stocks, the mainstem collections at the sonar site in 1987 and 1988 most likely included different combinations of upriver, genetically distinct stocks. This apparent under-representation of Anvik River subpopulations in the genetic baseline data set was

identified as one of the limitations of the study (Wilmot et al. 1992). Future studies will attempt to sample tributary populations of chum salmon within the Anvik River drainage in order to expand the chum salmon baseline.

### *Escapement Assessment*

Accurate salmon escapement counts on Yukon River tributaries are important for regulating fishery harvests, determining escapement objectives, evaluating the effectiveness of management programs, and providing information for use in projecting subsequent returns. However, because of the vast size of the Yukon River drainage, 853,000 km<sup>2</sup>, enumerating escapements to more than a few tributaries is economically infeasible. Consequently, most escapements are instead assessed using low-level aerial surveys conducted from single-engine, fixed-wing aircraft. These aerial surveys are subject to counting errors and year-to-year variability associated with weather, stream conditions, timing of the survey relative to spawning stage, and observer subjectivity and experience. The counts obtained are only indices of abundance because the entire escapement is not present on the day of the survey and not all the fish present are seen and counted. Attempts to standardize the conditions under which these indices are conducted improves their usefulness in monitoring the relative abundance of spawning escapements.

Chinook salmon escapements to the major spawning areas in the Yukon River drainage have been estimated by aerial survey from fixed-wing aircraft on a consistent basis since the early 1960s, and chum salmon *O. keta* escapements since the early 1970s. Escapement objectives based on aerial surveys have been established for both chinook and chum salmon in selected tributary streams for which there is a sufficient historical database (Bergstrom et al. 1991).

Comprehensive escapement enumeration studies have been conducted on only a few selected spawning streams for each run of chum salmon in the Yukon River drainage. The Anvik River was chosen for summer chum salmon research studies in 1972 and the Andreafsky and Melozitna Rivers (Figure 1) in 1981. However, because of budget restrictions, the Melozitna River project was discontinued in 1984, and the Andreafsky River project was discontinued in 1989.

### **Study Area**

The Anvik River originates at an elevation of 400 m and flows in a southerly direction approximately 200 km to its mouth at rkm 513 of the Yukon River. It is a narrow runoff stream with a substrate mainly of gravel and cobble. However, bedrock is exposed in some of the upper reaches. The Yellow River (Figure 2), a major tributary of the Anvik, is located approximately 100 km upstream from the mouth of the Anvik River. Downstream of the confluence of the Yellow and Anvik Rivers, the Anvik River changes from a moderate gradient system to a low gradient system meandering through a much broader flood plain. Turbid waters from the Yellow River also greatly reduce the water clarity of the Anvik River below this confluence. Numerous oxbows, old channel, cutoffs and sloughs are found throughout the lower river.

Anvik River salmon escapement was enumerated from two counting tower sites from 1972 to 1979 above the confluence of the Anvik and Yellow Rivers (Figure 2). A site 9 km above the Yellow River on the mainstem Anvik River was used from 1972 to 1975 (Lebida 1973; Trasky 1974, 1976; Mauney 1977). From 1976 to 1979 a site on the mainstem Anvik River near the confluence of Robinhood Creek and the Anvik River was used (Figure 2; Mauney 1979, 1980; Mauney and Geiger 1977). Other than 1974, aerial surveys were flown each year in fixed-wing aircraft to estimate salmon abundance below the tower site. High and turbid water often affected the accuracy of visual salmon enumeration from counting towers, as well as from aircraft on the Anvik River.

The Electroynamics Division of the Bendix Corporation<sup>1</sup> developed a side-scanning sonar counter during the 1970s capable of detecting and counting salmon migrating along the banks of streams. A pilot study using side-scanning sonar to estimate chum salmon escapement to the Anvik River was conducted in 1979. Results of this study indicated that sonar enumeration of chum salmon escapements to the Anvik River was superior to the counting tower method (Mauney and Buklis 1980). Therefore, in 1980, sonar enumeration replaced the tower counting method for estimating summer chum salmon escapement.

The Anvik River sonar site is located approximately 76 km upstream of the confluence of the Anvik and Yukon Rivers (Figure 2). Project results for escapement studies using sonar technology on the Anvik River from 1979 to 1990 have been reported by Mauney and Buklis (1980), Buklis (1981, 1982b, 1983, 1984a, 1984b, 1985, 1986, 1987), and Sandone (1989, 1990a, 1990b, 1992). This report presents results of the Anvik River summer chum salmon escapement study for the 1992 field season.

## **Objectives**

Because the majority of the subsistence harvest and some of the commercial summer chum salmon harvest occur in the Yukon River drainage above the mouth of the Anvik River, it is important to accurately assess the strength of the upriver run so that escapement and harvest needs can be met. The information derived from this project, in conjunction with Yukon River sonar passage estimates and subsistence and commercial catch rates, has been used to assess the strength of the Yukon River summer chum salmon run above the mouth of the Anvik. The timely and accurate reporting of information from the Anvik River sonar project is a critical component of Yukon River summer chum salmon management. The primary purpose of this study is to monitor the escapement of summer chum salmon to the Anvik River. The two primary objectives of this study are to:

1. estimate the daily summer chum salmon escapement passing the Anvik River sonar site; and
2. estimate the age and sex composition of the summer chum and chinook salmon spawning escapements.

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<sup>1</sup>Use of a company's name does not constitute endorsement.

## METHODS

### *Sonar Deployment and Operation*

A sonar counter has been installed and operated on each bank of the Anvik River near Theodore Creek (Figure 2) each year since 1979. The sonar counter operates by transmitting a sonic beam along an 18-m aluminum tube, or substrate. Echoes from salmon passing through the beam are reflected back to the transducer. The system electronics interpret the strength and number of the echoes, and tally salmon counts. Criteria for strength and frequency of the echoes are designed to count salmon and minimize non-salmon counts (i.e., debris or other fish species). Aerial survey data indicate that virtually all summer chum salmon spawning activity is located upstream of this site.

During the 1992 season, a 1981-model sonar counter was deployed and operated according to guidelines described by Bendix Corporation (1981) on each bank of the Anvik River to enumerate summer chum salmon passage. Sonar counters were operated without the prescribed artificial aluminum substrate tubes throughout the season. This practice of operation without an artificial substrate has been in effect since 1986. The east and west bank sites used in previous years were probed to locate uniform river bottom gradients that would provide optimum surfaces for ensonification. Each sonar transducer was mounted on a rectangular aluminum frame. Two steel pipes were set into the river bottom on each side of the river, onto which the transducer frames were guided by side-mounted steel sleeves. Sandbags were placed on top of the transducer housing to ensure stability. Sonic beams emitted from each transducer were aimed perpendicular to shore; transducers were offset to prevent interference between units. To prevent fish passage inshore of the transducer, weirs constructed of T-stakes and rectangular mesh fencing were installed perpendicular from the shoreline and downstream of the transducer; they extended from the shore to approximately 1 m beyond the transducer. Counting towers of aluminum scaffolding material approximately 3 m in height were placed near the transducers on each bank for visual observation of salmon when water conditions permitted. As required by fluctuating water levels, transducers were moved inshore or offshore. Consequently, depth at the transducer varied throughout the season. Transducers were aimed and counting range lengths were adjusted so that echoes resulting from the stream bottom or surface interface did not register as counts by the sonar electronics.

The 1981-model counters used on the Anvik River sonar project divided the counting range, or ensonified zone, into 16 sectors of equal length. Sector length was dependent on the length of the counting range. Sectors were consecutively numbered from the west (right) to east (left) bank. Therefore, sectors 1–16 were associated with the west bank counter, and sectors 17–32 were associated with the east bank counter. Sector number 1 and 32 corresponded to the nearest sectors to each bank.

The east bank transducer was located along a cutbank approximately 60 m above the field camp site. Initial placement of the east bank transducer was approximately 1.0 m offshore and at a depth of 1 m. The west bank transducer was located along a gradually sloping gravel bar, approximately 3 m downstream of the east bank transducer. Initial placement of the west bank transducer was approximately 9.0 m offshore and was also in water about 1 m deep.

### *Sonar Calibration and Sampling*

Each sonar counter was usually calibrated four times daily by observing fish passage using an oscilloscope. Salmon passing through the sonar beam produce a distinctive oscilloscope trace or spike.

During each calibration period counts of salmon enumerated by the observer using the oscilloscope were compared to counts recorded by the sonar electronics. The fish velocity control setting on the sonar counter was adjusted immediately after a calibration if the oscilloscope:sonar counts ratio varied from 1.0 by 15% or more. The existing fish velocity setting was multiplied by this ratio to obtain the correct new setting. If adjustments were made to the sonar unit an additional calibration was made to ensure that the oscilloscope:sonar count ratio was within accepted limits,  $\pm 15\%$ , and to initialize the counting period. Each calibration lasted for at least 15 min or until 30 salmon were counted by the observer, whichever was less.

Attempts were also made to visually enumerate fish passage from 3-m counting towers during sonar calibration times as a further check on sonar accuracy and to train operators in oscilloscope monitoring. Observers wore polarizing sunglasses to reduce water surface glare. Attempts to visually enumerate salmon during calibration times were discontinued from the west bank when it became apparent that the presence of the observer on the tower interfered with the normal passage of salmon past the sonar site. Salmon passed farther offshore when the observer was on the tower.

Four daily calibration times were deemed adequate to monitor the diel timing pattern of the salmon migration. Calibrations were normally conducted during 0600, 1200, 1800, and 2400 hours. However, during the initial and last days of the project when fish passage was low, calibrations were conducted during 0800, 1300, 1800, and 2400 hours.

Bank-specific calibration periods were defined by the time between individual calibrations on each bank. An associated adjustment factor, specific to each calibration period and to each bank was derived from the following formula:

$$A_{b,n} = \frac{(OC_{b,ts} + OC_{b,te})}{(SC_{b,ts} + SC_{b,te})}, \quad \dots$$

where

A	=	periodic adjustment factor,
b	=	west or east bank,
n	=	calibration period,
ts	=	time at start of calibration period ,
te	=	time at end of calibration period,
OC	=	oscilloscope counts, and
SC	=	sonar counts.

The periodic adjustment factor was applied to the unadjusted sonar counts for each hour within the associated calibration period for each bank. The resulting corrected sonar counts for each hour within a day were summed, yielding the estimated summer chum salmon passage for that day for that bank. Corrected hourly counts were calculated and totalled for each day and bank using a portable computer. The daily passage of salmon was determined by summing the daily bank estimates. Daily adjustment or correction factors for each bank and for both banks combined were calculated by dividing the daily corrected counts by the raw sonar counts. Raw sector counts for each day were corrected by using the overall daily correction factor. Corrected hourly and sector counts were used to determine the temporal and spatial distribution of the summer chum salmon run.

Sonar counters do not distinguish between species of salmon. However, a separate escapement estimate for chinook salmon was obtained by aerial survey. This count was not subtracted from the chum salmon sonar count because we assumed that most chinook salmon were not counted by the sonar counters. This assumption was based on tower observations which indicated that most chinook salmon migrated up the middle of the stream channel beyond the ensonified zones. Additionally, the relative small numbers of chinook salmon observed during aerial survey flights have averaged less than 0.2% of the estimated sonar counts of summer chum salmon escapement from 1979–1992. Therefore, the small numbers of chinook salmon that may have been counted as summer chum salmon during 1992 were considered insignificant.

During the 1992 season pink salmon were observed from the observation tower, but they were not captured in beach seine samples for age, sex, and size sampling. Accordingly, pink salmon passage was estimated from corrected sonar counts based on the mean percentage of pink salmon observed during tower observations on each bank for each day. Tower observations were usually conducted in association with calibration periods on the east bank and immediately after calibration periods on the west bank. Observation of salmon passage on each bank was hampered by glare, which resulted from overcast skies and reflection of the sun off the water. Usually, only a few observations were possible from each observation tower site. On overcast days observation of salmon passage was not possible. When observations were possible, percentages were based on counts of at least 100 salmon on each bank. When counting was not conducted for a full day, the percent passage of pink salmon was estimated as the mean of the percentages for the day before and after. Pink salmon count estimates were used to correct the adjusted sonar counts to reflect only chum salmon passage estimates.

Missing hourly sector counts not recorded as a result of debris or printer malfunction were estimated by averaging the counts in the same sector for the hour before and after the count in question. When salmon were not counted for a large portion of a day, or a large portion of the counting range within a day, the corrected daily count total for that day was estimated by dividing the corrected partial daily count by the mean proportion of corrected counts for the corresponding hours or sectors for the first day before and after having full 24-hr counts. The estimated counts for the sectors or hours for which counts were not recorded were distributed by sector or hour based on the mean count-distribution pattern of the corresponding sectors or hours on the day before and day after. When counting was not conducted for a full day, the salmon passage for that day was estimated as the mean of the salmon passage for the day

before and after. The estimated daily counts were distributed by hour and sector based on the mean distribution pattern of corrected counts for the day before and after the missing count.

### *Age-Sex-Size Sampling*

Season strata used for the comparison of hourly and sector passage data were defined by the early, early middle, late middle and late strata for age-sex-size sampling goals. Each terminal stratum was initially defined by an approximate 2-week interval with the two middle strata defined by a 1-week period. These strata were determined pre-season based on historical run timing data; they represent an attempt to sample the escapement for age-sex-size information in relative proportion to the total run. During 1992, the early and late strata were adjusted in-season. Initiation of the early stratum was delayed until salmon passed the sonar site; the final stratum ended with the termination of sonar enumeration. Chum salmon were first observed and counted on 29 June. Because no salmon were sampled for age, sex, and size during the first stratum, and because salmon passage during 29 and 30 June accounted for <1% of the total passage estimate, the previously defined first and second strata were combined. Therefore, for 1992 the number of sampling strata was reduced to three: 29 June – 7 July; 8–15 July; and 16–26 July.

A beach seine (31 m long, 66 meshes deep, 6.35-cm mesh) was set approximately 100 m above the sonar site to capture chum and chinook salmon for age, sex, and size measurements. Chum and chinook salmon were placed in a holding pen, identified by sex, and measured in millimeters from mid-eye to fork-of-tail. One scale was taken for age determination from chum salmon. Scales were removed from an area posterior to the base of the dorsal fin and above the lateral line on the left side of the fish (Clutter and Whitesel 1956). The adipose fin was clipped on each fish before release to prevent resampling. Additionally, chinook salmon carcasses were sampled in August to supplement the beach seine sample. Three scales were taken from each chinook salmon sampled for determination of age and stock origin.

Scale samples were later pressed on acetate cards and the resulting impressions viewed on a microfiche reader for age determination. Sample size goals for each species were based on 95% precision with a 10% accuracy for each time stratum. A sample size of 152 fish per stratum (early, early middle, late middle, and late) was needed to describe the age composition of the chum salmon escapement by stratum (J. Bromaghin, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Anchorage, personal communication). This sample size is related to number of expected age classes and accounts for a 10% unageable rate. A maximum sample size of 198 per stratum was needed to describe the age and sex composition of the chinook salmon escapement based on the number of expected age classes and an assumed 10% unageable rate (J. Bromaghin, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Anchorage, personal communication). However, a sample size of 400 chinook salmon was deemed necessary for the scale pattern analysis baseline for the Anvik River chinook salmon stock.

### *Hydrological and Climatological Sampling*

A water depth profile was measured at 3-m intervals from established headpins across the width of the river by probing with a pole marked in 1-cm increments. Because the east bank sonar site was situated approximately 3 m upriver from the west bank site, one transect situated between the sites served to describe profile. Transect profile data were collected twice during the season.

Climatological data were collected at approximately 1800 hours each day at the campsite. Relative river depth was monitored by staff gauge marked in 0.01-ft increments. Change in water depth was converted to centimeters and presented as negative or positive increments from the initial reading of 0.0 cm. Water temperature was measured in degrees centigrade near shore at a depth of about 0.5 m. Daily maximum and minimum air temperatures were recorded in degrees centigrade. Subjective notes were kept by the crew describing wind speed and direction, cloud cover, and precipitation.

### *Run Timing*

Since 1986 run timing of summer chum salmon within the Yukon River drainage was monitored at three locations: the lower Yukon River test fishery (rkm 32), Yukon sonar site (rkm 197), and Anvik River sonar site, located approximately 589 km from the mouth of the Yukon River (Figure 1). During 1991, a problem with sonar beam attenuation was identified as a potentially significant problem affecting the accuracy of the salmon counts (Fleischman et al. 1992) at the mainstem Yukon sonar site (Figure 1). New equipment, purchased during 1992 and designed to alleviate the attenuation problem was tested during the 1992 field season. Consequently, salmon passage estimates were unavailable from Yukon sonar during 1992.

Run timing statistics, quartile days, were calculated for chum salmon passage at the lower Yukon test fish and Anvik sonar site and compared. Because the Anvik River is the major producer of summer chum salmon in the Yukon River drainage, comparison of run timing statistics allowed a calculation of estimated migratory rate of the salmon between the two sites.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### *Sonar Enumeration*

Two sonar counters were operated on the Anvik River from 21 June through 25 July at the same sites used in previous years. Only a small portion, approximately 16 m, of the central river channel was not ensonified on 20 June (Figure 3). Because of decreasing river water level (Figure 4) and, consequently, cross-sectional area throughout the season, the central river channel not ensonified on 9 July decreased to 9 m. Similar river ensonification was achieved during the initial placement of the transducers on 21 June and throughout the season. Because sonar beam width and height increased with distance from

the transducer, the ensonified zone also encompassed most of the vertical water column within the counting range.

The escapement count for the period 21 June through 25 July was 775,626 summer chum salmon (Table 1). In 1992 the Anvik River summer chum salmon run started on 29 June. Since inception of the project in 1979, only the 1985 run started later. In 1992, the 7-d period, 3–9 July, which included the first quartile-day of passage, 5 July, and the median-day of passage, 8 July, accounted for 55% of the total season salmon passage, or 429,153 salmon (Figure 5). Highest daily passage proportion, 0.10, occurred on the first quartile day of passage, 5 July (Table 1). The initiation of the run was the latest on record, except for 1985, and first quartile-day of passage, 5 July, was 2 d later than the overall mean; however, the median day of passage, 8 July, and the third quartile passage day, 12 July, indicated that the run was of average timing (Table 2). This mixed timing information was the result of the 1992 summer chum salmon run having started very late, being very compressed, and having the highest daily passage proportions occur during the first two quartiles of the run (Figure 6).

Buklis (1982a) expanded the season escapement estimates for 1972 through 1978, making it possible to more directly compare visual count estimates to more recent annual sonar count estimates (Figure 7). Assuming an average brood year contribution of 4% age-3, 64% age-4, 31% age-5, and 1% age-6 summer chum salmon, the 1992 escapement estimate of 775,626 summer chum salmon was 14% less than the weighted parent-year escapement from years 1986–1989 of 898,981 fish, but was 20% greater than the long term (1972–1991) average of 644,691 fish.

A total of 24.28 h of sonar calibration were conducted over a 34-d period at the west bank site. West bank sonar accuracy (sonar count/oscilloscope count) averaged 1.03 (Table 3). Sonar accuracy averaged 1.04 for 25.80 h of oscilloscope calibration at the east bank site for the same period (Table 3).

Buklis (1982b) first noticed a distinct diurnal salmon migration pattern during the 1981 season with a higher proportion of the salmon migration past the sonar site during the evening hours. A similar pattern was observed during the years 1985 through 1991 by Buklis (1985, 1986, 1987) and Sandone (1989, 1990a, 1990b, 1992). In 1992 temporal distribution of the west (Appendix A) and east (Appendix B) bank adjusted sonar counts by hour also indicated a distinct diel pattern of salmon passage (Figure 8). Based upon adjusted counts, salmon passage was lowest from 0700 to 2100 hours (averaging 3.6% of total daily passage per hour) and greatest from 2200–0600 (averaging 5.1% of total daily passage per hour). This pattern was relatively consistent throughout the season (Figure 9) and similar to the historical temporal distribution pattern of the migration.

In all years that sonar was used to estimate Anvik River summer chum salmon escapement, a majority of the escapement passage has been associated with the west bank (Mauney and Buklis 1980; Buklis 1981, 1982b, 1983, 1984a, 1984b, 1985, 1986, 1987; Sandone 1989, 1990a, 1990b, 1992). In 1992, however, only 43% of the total adjusted counts were observed on the west bank. This percentage is very dissimilar to the 1986–91 average percent counts on the west bank of 74% (SE = 10%). The appearance of a shallow bar downstream of the east bank sonar site, which extended approximately 10 m from shore, appeared to alter the spatial salmon migration pattern in 1992.

In previous years, most of the salmon migrated close to shore on both banks. During those years it was assumed that very few chum salmon migrated past the sonar site beyond the ensonified zone. In 1992, however, most of the salmon migrated offshore of the east bank (Figure 8). Because we were concerned about the possibility of salmon passing beyond the ensonified zone and not being counted, we compared tower observations of salmon passage in conjunction with oscilloscope observations within the ensonified zone. From the tower, salmon migrating along shore downstream of the transducer were observed to move off shore when the shallow water over the bar was encountered. By comparing visual counts with oscilloscope counts we determined that chum salmon were not migrating past the sonar site beyond the ensonified zone. Additionally, as the season progressed decreasing water depth and river width resulted in a larger portion of the river being ensonified. Therefore, as in previous years, we assumed that only a very small portion of the total summer chum salmon passage was not counted during the operational period.

Salmon passage along the west bank (Figure 8) was greatest in near-shore sector 2, 7.0%, and decreased in sectors farther offshore (Appendix C). Sectors 2 through 8 accounted for 36.1% of the total chum salmon passage. This distribution of salmon passage along the west bank was very similar to previous years. However, chum salmon passage along the east bank (Figure 8) differed substantially from previous years. Usually, in previous years, near-shore sectors accounted for the majority of the passage along the east bank. Although east bank near-shore sector 32 accounted for 7.1% of the total 1992 chum salmon passage, off shore east bank sectors accounted for the greatest portion of salmon passage (Appendix D). Sectors 18 through 24 accounted for 43.6% of the total season chum salmon passage (Figure 8). The remaining 13.2% of the counts were distributed across the other 16 sonar counting sectors. The sonar sector nearest the shoreline of the west bank, sonar sector 1, was low probably due to the salmon avoiding the nearby weir and transducer. Throughout the season, salmon passage along the east bank was primarily offshore, whereas passage along the west bank changed from predominantly near shore during the first two sampling stratum, to offshore during the third sampling stratum. This shift in migration pattern was probably due to continued decreasing water levels during that time (Figure 4).

Salmon passage associated with each bank changed throughout the season from a dominant east-bank migration to a west-bank migration. East-bank salmon passage dominated the first sampling stratum, 29 June – 7 July, accounting for 68% of the stratum passage. Passage was equally divided between banks during the second stratum, 8–15 July. West-bank passage dominated the final stratum, 16–25 July, accounting for 65% of the stratum passage (Figure 10). We are uncertain as to why these changes occurred, but speculate that they were at least partially the result of decreasing water levels.

Lower Yukon test net CPUE indicated that the 1992 Yukon River summer chum salmon run was below average in abundance. Because of this and the desire to protect the Andreafsky River and other less abundant upriver summer chum salmon stocks, fishing in the Lower Yukon Area was concluded on 9 July. Four restricted mesh size fishing periods were scheduled in District 1, four in District 2, and three in District 3. The 1992 harvest of summer chum salmon in the lower Yukon River fisheries at 324,523 was below the 15%-point of the combined Lower Yukon Area guideline harvest range of 257,000 to 774,000 salmon.

Inseason Anvik River passage estimates played a very minor role in the management of the Lower Yukon Area fisheries in 1992 because of the late and compressed run timing. However, they did play an important role in limiting the District 4 summer chum salmon fishery. The inseason indication of a below-average summer chum salmon run from lower Yukon test fish data, combined with the relatively high passage numbers of salmon to the Anvik River, indicated that the Yukon River summer chum salmon run above the Anvik River was below average. The summer chum salmon harvest in District 4 (Figure 1) was limited to an estimated 199,348 summer chum salmon, which is slightly above the quarter point of the guideline harvest level of 129,000 to 385,000 for this district. However, summer chum salmon escapement to most tributaries, other than the Anvik River, was poor (Table 4).

### *Age and Sex Composition*

#### **Summer Chum Salmon**

Beach seine sets were made from 5 to 21 July on 9 individual days. A total of 458 chum salmon were captured (Appendix E). Stratum sampling sizes were 149, 152, and 157 for the three sampling strata. The sampling goal of 138 ageable scales per stratum was achieved for all strata. Of the 458 chum salmon sampled for age-sex-size data, 424 (93%) had ageable scales. Age of the escapement passing the sonar site varied through time (Figure 11). Age-5 chum salmon dominated the first two sampling stratum, whereas age-4 salmon dominated the final stratum. Age composition of the escapement weighted by strata escapement counts was 0.3% age 3, 26.5% age 4, 69.0% age 5, and 4.2% age 6 (Appendix F). Age-5 chum salmon dominated the escapement in 1972, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1989, 1991 and 1992, but in all other years since 1972 the 4-year-olds dominated (Figure 12). The contribution of age-4 salmon, 26.5%, was the lowest contribution for that age class in a run since 1976. Conversely, the contribution of age-5 was the highest since 1976 and the contribution of age-6 was the highest on record (Appendix F). Because of very good summer chum salmon escapement (1,125,499) to the Anvik River in 1988, the 1992 run was anticipated to be above average and dominated by age 4. However, because age-4 salmon contributed only 26.5% to the Anvik River escapement and only 23.0% to the Lower Yukon Area commercial harvest, it appears that relatively few salmon returned as 4-year-old fish from the 1988 brood year.

Overall, female chum salmon accounted for 56.6% of the 1992 escapement to the Anvik River. Females have contributed > 50% to the escapement sample of summer chum salmon in 17 of the 20 years of record (Appendix F). Overall, the range of female contribution has ranged from 39.1% in 1974 to 69.4% in 1982. In 1989, 1990, and 1991 (Sandone 1990a, 1990b, 1992), male chum salmon dominated during the first sampling stratum. In contrast, in 1992 female salmon dominated the first sampling stratum (Figure 11). However, similar to 1989, 1990, and 1991 (Sandone 1990a, 1990b, 1992), female salmon dominated, at least, the final stratum.

Except for 1990, age class compositions of both the Anvik River escapement and the District 1 summer chum salmon commercial harvest have been very similar (Figure 13). In 1992 both escapement and harvest samples contained few age-3 salmon, few age-6 salmon, and were dominated by the age-5 component. Estimated age composition of the Anvik River escapement was 0.3% age 3, 26.5% age 4,

69.0% age 5, and 4.2% age 6 (Appendix F). Similarly, the preliminary age-class composition estimate of the total District 1 summer chum salmon harvest was 0.0% age 3, 23.0% age 4, 73.1% age 5, and 3.9% age 6 (D. Schneiderhan, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Anchorage, personal communication). Also, similar to previous years, the sex composition of the 1992 Anvik River summer chum salmon escapement was dominated by females, whereas male salmon composed the majority of the District 1 commercial catch in every year since 1982, except for 1983 (Figure 14). Male chum salmon accounted for 56.6% of the District 1 harvest (D. Schneiderhan, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Anchorage, personal communication) but accounted for only 43.4% of the Anvik River escapement. The difference in sex composition between District 1 harvest and Anvik River escapement is thought to have occurred because of size selectivity of gillnets used in the lower river fisheries.

### **Chinook and Pink Salmon**

No chinook or pink salmon were captured by beach seine. However, 396 chinook salmon carcass samples were collected by boat survey in August. Of the Anvik River chinook salmon sampled for age-sex-size data, 315 (80%) provided ageable scales. Age composition was 9.5% age 4, 38.1% age 5, 50.8% age 6, and 1.6% age 7 (Figure 15). Females accounted for 41.3% of the sample (Appendix G), slightly greater than the 40.2% long-term average (1972–1991, excluding 1974 when no samples were obtained).

Age composition of the District 1 commercial harvest was approximately 3.9% age 4, 15.6% age 5, 76.7% age 6, 3.7% age 7, and 0.0% age 8. Female chinook salmon accounted for 52.8% of the harvest (D. Schneiderhan, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Anchorage, personal communication). The District 1 commercial catch and Anvik River escapement age composition samples of chinook salmon are usually quite dissimilar (Figure 16). The Anvik River escapement has been usually composed of younger-age salmon than the District 1 commercial harvest (Figure 16). This difference is most likely due to the differences in age compositions and run strengths of the various chinook stocks present in the lower river during the harvest period and secondarily to the size-selective nature of the commercial gillnets.

An aerial survey of the Anvik River drainage, including Beaver Creek, Swift River, Canyon Creek, Otter Creek, and McDonald River, was flown on 24 July under good survey conditions. A total of 1,536 chinook salmon were enumerated. The count of 931 chinook salmon in the mainstem Anvik River between the Yellow River and McDonald Creek (Figure 2) met the aerial survey count objective of at least 500 chinook salmon for this index area. Although pink salmon were observed on this survey, counts were not conducted.

### *Hydrologic and Climatological Sampling*

River transect data collected on and 20 June and 9 July indicates that the bottom gradient was relatively smooth on both banks and free of major obstructions to the sonar beam (Figure 3). River width data collected in conjunction with the transect profiles varied from a high of approximately 70 m on 20 June to a low of 60 m on 24 July. Maximum depth and probably maximum river width, during project operations, occurred on the first full day of field operations, 19 June (Appendix H). River water level dropped approximately 57 cm between 19 June and 26 July (Figure 4). River level generally dropped in a consistent and regular manner throughout the season. This general trend in decreasing river level was only slightly interrupted a few times during the season (Figure 4).

Instantaneous water temperature ranged from a low of 12° C recorded on 21, 22, 30 June, and 21 July to a high of 18° C recorded on 9 and 25 July. Instantaneous air temperature ranged from a low daily minimum of 2° C on 20 June and 15 July to a high daily maximum of 27° C observed on 4 June (Figure 4).

### *Run Timing*

Similar to the 1985 and 1986 runs, number of days between the first and third quartile passage days, the mid-50% of the run passage, were very low in 1992 (Table 2), indicating a very compressed run. Although the 1992 run started late, similar to the 1985 run, it was more compressed prior to the median day of passage than the 1985 run, but similar to the 1986 run (Figure 5). However, the 1986 run was the earliest run on record (Table 2). Even when the 1986 run was expanded by Buklis (1986) to account for the early termination of the project, the numbers of salmon added to the final quartile did not change the median passage day, 2 July. The 1992 run was mainly composed of age-5 salmon, similar to the 1986 run, but different than the 1985 run, which was mainly composed of age-4 salmon (Appendix F). Because older-age chum salmon generally tend to arrive earlier within a run, as evidenced in 1989, 1990, and 1991 runs (Sandone 1990a, 1990b, 1992), and because the 1992 run was composed mainly of age-5 salmon, the very late starting salmon run appeared average in timing because of the very compressed nature of the first two quartiles (Figure 6). It appears that age composition probably was a major factor in determining the temporal distribution of the 1992 run.

Summer chum salmon run timing at the lower Yukon River set gillnet test fishery (rkm 32), and at the Anvik River sonar site located 589 km from the mouth of the Yukon River (Figure 1), were compared to provide a qualitative assessment of summer chum salmon migration through the lower river fisheries (Figure 17). Problems associated with sonar beam attenuation and salmon migrating beyond the ensonified zone at the mainstem Yukon sonar site (Figure 1) during previous years (Fleischman et al. 1992) prompted the installation of new, low frequency transducers. During 1992, these new transducers were tested at the Yukon sonar site. Therefore, counts of summer chum salmon passing the mainstem sonar site for run timing comparisons were unavailable.

Although there is a major spawning tributary between the lower Yukon River test fishery and the mainstem Anvik River sonar site, the Andreafsky River (Figure 1), it has been assumed that most of the unharvested salmon migrating past the lower Yukon River test fishing sites also pass the Anvik River sonar site. This assumption was probably met because of the difference in magnitude between the Andreafsky and Anvik River summer chum runs. During the years 1981–1988, excluding 1985 when sonar or tower counts of summer chum salmon escapement were available for the East Fork Andreafsky River (Table 4), escapement to the Anvik River was, on the average, approximately 9 times greater than the East Fork Andreafsky River escapement (range = 2.5 – 16.3). Because aerial survey escapement objectives for the East (109,000 salmon) and West (116,000 salmon) Fork Andreafsky River are very similar (Table 4), it was also assumed that a substantial portion, up to 50%, of the Andreafsky River escapement was represented by the East Fork for these years. Therefore, during this time, summer chum salmon escapement to the Anvik River probably averaged more than 4 times the Andreafsky River escapement. The 1992 escapement to the Andreafsky River was considered poor; escapement to the Anvik River was very good. Therefore, we believe that in 1992 most of the unharvested salmon migrating past the lower Yukon test fishing sites also passed the Anvik River sonar site.

Because we assume that a majority of the summer chum salmon pass both sites, we can subjectively assess run timing of the summer chum salmon run between these sites. The median date of the 1992 summer chum salmon passage was 23 June at the lower river test fishing sites, and 8 July at the Anvik River sonar site. Based on these data, the difference, or lag time, between the lower river test fishery and the Anvik River sonar site in 1992 was 15 d (1986–91 average = 15.0 d, SE=3.7). Based on distance and time between median days of passage, the calculated swimming speed of summer chum salmon in 1992 was approximately 37 km/d from the lower river test fishery to the Anvik River sonar site. Similarly, the 1986–91 average swimming speed, based on similar calculations, between the lower Yukon River test fishing sites and the Anvik River sonar site was 39 km/d (SE =9.8). These calculations, however, may be affected by incorrect determination of timing statistics because of fluctuations in test net efficiency, sonar accuracy, and varying run strengths and run timing differences of the various summer chum salmon stocks of the Yukon River drainage.

Inspection of the daily test fishing catch per unit effort in the lower river test fishery and the Anvik River sonar counts indicates that a pulse of fish passed this test fishery during 16–18 June but was not apparent in the Anvik River sonar counts (Figure 17). Two explanations are possible for this. The pulse of fish which appeared to pass the lower river test fishery during this time was other than Anvik River fish, or the lower test fish CPUE index overestimated the front portion of the summer chum run and indicated an earlier and larger pulse of fish than what was actually there. There is little evidence to support either scenario.

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Table 1. Anvik River summer chum salmon sonar counts by date, 1992.

Date	West Bank				East Bank				Entire River				
	Raw Daily Count	Adjust Factor <sup>a</sup>	Corrected Daily Count	Percentage of Daily Total	Raw Daily Count	Adjust Factor <sup>a</sup>	Corrected Daily Count	Percentage of Daily Total	Raw Daily Count	Corrected Daily Count	Corrected Season Count	Daily Prop.	Season Prop.
21-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
22-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
23-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
24-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
25-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
26-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
27-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
28-Jun	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
29-Jun	97	1.00	97	80.2	24	1.00	24	19.8	121	121	121	0.00	0.00
30-Jun	2,607	1.00	2,607	54.2	2,200	1.00	2,200	45.8	4,807	4,807	4,928	0.01	0.01
01-Jul	12,785	1.03	13,133	65.5	7,094	0.98	6,926	34.5	19,879	20,059	24,987	0.03	0.03
02-Jul	10,660	0.95	10,179	24.3	31,955	0.99	31,761	75.7	42,615	41,940	66,927	0.05	0.09
03-Jul	16,502	0.89	14,718	25.8	42,552	0.99	42,254	74.2	59,054	56,972	123,899	0.07	0.16
04-Jul	11,419	0.97	11,060	18.2	50,126	0.99	49,841	81.8	61,545	60,901	184,800	0.08	0.24
05-Jul	18,342	1.00	18,258	22.5	71,667	0.88	62,867	77.5	90,009	81,125	265,925	0.10	0.34
06-Jul	26,707	0.94	25,181	41.3	37,961	0.94	35,778	58.7	64,668	60,959	326,884	0.08	0.42
07-Jul	27,234	0.95	25,905	49.5	27,171	0.97	26,409	50.5	54,405	52,314	379,198	0.07	0.49
08-Jul	26,536	0.98	25,881	45.3	32,787	0.95	31,257	54.7	59,323	57,138	436,336	0.07	0.56
09-Jul	23,077	0.97	22,276	37.3	38,622	0.97	37,468	62.7	61,699	59,744	496,080	0.08	0.64
10-Jul	20,052	0.96	19,187	46.1	22,977	0.98	22,406	53.9	43,029	41,593	537,673	0.05	0.69
11-Jul	15,663	0.98	15,410	49.9	16,206	0.96	15,482	50.1	31,869	30,892	568,565	0.04	0.73
12-Jul	20,103	0.99	19,902	70.9	8,367	0.98	8,163	29.1	28,470	28,065	596,630	0.04	0.77
13-Jul	16,830	0.98	16,464	62.5	9,875	1.00	9,894	37.5	26,705	26,358	622,988	0.03	0.80
14-Jul	9,092	0.96	8,728	44.9	11,292	0.95	10,730	55.1	20,384	19,458	642,446	0.03	0.83
15-Jul	9,629	1.00	9,614	54.1	8,248	0.99	8,141	45.9	17,877	17,755	660,201	0.02	0.85
16-Jul	9,344	0.97	9,108	57.4	7,007	0.97	6,765	42.6	16,351	15,873	676,074	0.02	0.87
17-Jul	10,239	0.99	10,102	48.6	11,259	0.95	10,663	51.4	21,498	20,765	696,839	0.03	0.90
18-Jul	7,268	1.01	7,321	60.9	4,394	1.07	4,704	39.1	11,662	12,025	708,864	0.02	0.91
19-Jul	7,713	1.01	7,758	78.7	1,784	1.17	2,096	21.3	9,497	9,854	718,718	0.01	0.93
20-Jul	5,576	0.99	5,544	76.1	1,776	0.98	1,738	23.9	7,352	7,282	726,000	0.01	0.94
21-Jul	7,514	0.99	7,435	64.3	4,276	0.97	4,128	35.7	11,790	11,563	737,563	0.01	0.95
22-Jul	9,179	0.95	8,756	88.2	1,177	1.00	1,172	11.8	10,356	9,928	747,491	0.01	0.96
23-Jul	7,650	0.96	7,315	64.7	4,232	0.94	3,999	35.3	11,882	11,314	758,805	0.01	0.98
24-Jul	6,833	0.96	6,551	72.8	2,644	0.93	2,451	27.2	9,477	9,002	767,807	0.01	0.99
25-Jul	5,167	0.98	5,067	64.8	2,766	0.99	2,752	35.2	7,933	7,819	775,626	0.01	1.00
Total	343,818		333,557		460,439		442,069		804,257	775,626			
Mean		0.98		54.4		0.98		45.6					
Season adjust. factor <sup>b</sup>		0.97				0.96			0.96				

<sup>a</sup> Adjustment factor is the proportion of corrected daily sonar counts to the raw sonar counts.

<sup>b</sup> Season adjustment factor is the proportion of corrected season sonar counts to the unadjusted sonar counts.

Table 2. Annual Anvik River sonar passage estimates and associated passage timing statistics of the summer chum salmon run, 1979–1992.

Year	Sonar Passage Estimate	First Quartile Day	Median Day	Third Quartile Day	Days Between Quartile Days		
					First & Median	Median & Third	First & Third
1979	277,712	02-Jul	08-Jul	12-Jul	6	4	10
1980	482,181	06-Jul	11-Jul	16-Jul	5	5	10
1981	1,479,582	27-Jun	02-Jul	07-Jul	5	5	10
1982	444,581	07-Jul	11-Jul	14-Jul	4	3	7
1983	362,912	30-Jun	07-Jul	12-Jul	7	5	12
1984	891,028	05-Jul	09-Jul	13-Jul	4	4	8
1985	1,080,243	10-Jul	13-Jul	16-Jul	3	3	6
1986	1,085,750	29-Jun	02-Jul	06-Jul	3	4	7
1987	455,876	05-Jul	12-Jul	16-Jul	7	4	11
1988	1,125,449	01-Jul	04-Jul	09-Jul	3	5	8
1989	636,906	01-Jul	07-Jul	15-Jul	6	8	14
1990	403,627	02-Jul	07-Jul	15-Jul	5	8	13
1991	847,772	02-Jul	10-Jul	16-Jul	8	6	14
1992	775,626	05-Jul	08-Jul	12-Jul	3	4	7
Mean <sup>a</sup>		03-Jul	08-Jul	13-Jul	5.3	5.0	10.3
SE <sup>a</sup>		3.5	3.3	3.0	1.6	1.7	2.7

<sup>a</sup> Calculation of mean and SE includes estimates from years 1979–1985 and 1987–1992. In 1986 sonar passage counting was terminated early, probably resulting in the incorrect calculation of the quartile days. Therefore, 1986 run timing statistics were excluded from the calculation of the overall mean and SE.

Table 3. Sonar and corresponding oscilloscope counts of salmon at the Anvik River east and west bank sites, 1992.

Date <sup>a</sup>	West Bank Sonar Site				East Bank Sonar Site			
	Hours	Sonar Count	Scope Count	Sonar/Scope	Hours	Sonar Count	Scope Count	Sonar/Scope
30-Jun	0.97	105	101	1.04	1.00	28	35	0.80
01-Jul	1.15	312	320	0.98	1.72	469	457	1.03
02-Jul	1.15	324	324	1.00	1.20	946	941	1.01
03-Jul	1.12	758	640	1.18	1.17	674	661	1.02
04-Jul	0.92	418	410	1.02	1.03	563	582	0.97
05-Jul	0.92	591	591	1.00	0.67	970	842	1.15
06-Jul	0.73	414	384	1.08	1.00	386	363	1.06
07-Jul	0.52	433	414	1.05	1.02	604	581	1.04
08-Jul	0.68	729	709	1.03	0.80	439	419	1.05
09-Jul	0.95	695	678	1.03	0.37	295	281	1.05
10-Jul	0.77	507	478	1.06	1.23	585	566	1.03
11-Jul	0.73	284	282	1.01	0.83	87	82	1.06
12-Jul	0.65	423	419	1.01	1.12	404	391	1.03
13-Jul	0.97	541	529	1.02	0.97	345	343	1.01
14-Jul	0.88	395	380	1.04	0.60	268	254	1.06
15-Jul	0.95	348	349	1.00	0.93	270	263	1.03
16-Jul	0.83	291	282	1.03	1.02	251	248	1.01
17-Jul	1.02	246	245	1.00	1.02	468	430	1.09
18-Jul	1.38	451	455	0.99	1.02	79	87	0.91
19-Jul	0.80	390	391	1.00	1.00	81	94	0.86
20-Jul	1.00	299	300	1.00	1.25	148	142	1.04
21-Jul	1.25	486	462	1.05	1.00	55	52	1.06
22-Jul	1.25	486	462	1.05	1.00	38	40	0.95
23-Jul	0.87	420	400	1.05	1.00	200	191	1.05
24-Jul	1.00	395	381	1.04	1.02	245	228	1.07
25-Jul	0.83	255	249	1.02	0.83	92	92	1.00
Total	24.28	10,996	10,635	1.03	25.80	8,990	8,665	1.04

<sup>a</sup> Although sonar counters and oscilloscopes were monitored during the period 21–29 June, no fish were observed. During this period observation times were not recorded but probably varied between 0.50 and 1.00 h per day.

Table 4. Summer chum salmon escapement counts for selected spawning areas in the Yukon River drainage, 1973–1992.

Year	Andreafsky River										
	East Fork			Anvik River		Nulato River <sup>a</sup>		Hogatza River <sup>a</sup>	Chena River <sup>a</sup>	Salcha River <sup>a</sup>	
	Aerial	Sonar or Tower	West Fork <sup>a</sup>	Tower & Aerial <sup>b</sup>	Sonar	South Fork	North Fork <sup>c</sup>	Gisasa River <sup>a</sup>			(Clear and Caribou Crs)
1973	10,149 <sup>d</sup>	—	51,835	86,665 <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	79 <sup>d</sup>	—
1974	3,215 <sup>d</sup>	—	33,578	201,277	—	29,016	29,334	22,022	—	4,349	3,510
1975	223,485	—	235,954	845,485	—	51,215	87,280	56,904	22,355	1,670	7,573
1976	105,347	—	118,420	406,166	—	9,230 <sup>d</sup>	30,771	21,342	20,744	685	6,474
1977	112,722	—	63,120	262,854	—	11,385	58,275	2,204 <sup>d</sup>	10,734	610	677 <sup>d</sup>
1978	127,050	—	57,321	251,339	—	12,821	41,659	9,280 <sup>d</sup>	5,102	1,609	5,405
1979	66,471	—	43,391	81,830 <sup>d</sup>	280,537	1,506	35,598	10,962	14,221	1,025 <sup>d</sup>	3,060
1980	36,823 <sup>d</sup>	—	114,759	—	492,676	3,702 <sup>d</sup>	11,244 <sup>d</sup>	10,388	19,786	338	4,140
1981	81,555	147,312 <sup>e</sup>	—	—	1,486,182	14,348	—	—	—	3,500	8,500
1982	7,501 <sup>d</sup>	181,352 <sup>e</sup>	7,267 <sup>d</sup>	—	444,581	—	—	334 <sup>d</sup>	4,984 <sup>d</sup>	1,509	3,756
1983	—	110,608 <sup>e</sup>	—	—	362,912	1,263 <sup>d</sup>	19,749	2,356 <sup>d</sup>	28,141	1,097	716 <sup>d</sup>
1984	95,200 <sup>d</sup>	70,125 <sup>e</sup>	238,565	—	891,028	—	—	—	—	1,861	9,810
1985	66,146	—	52,750	—	1,080,243	10,494	19,344	13,232	22,566	1,005	3,178
1986	83,931	167,614 <sup>f</sup>	99,373	—	1,189,602	16,848	47,417	12,114	—	1,509	8,028
1987	6,687 <sup>d</sup>	45,221 <sup>f</sup>	35,535	—	455,876	4,094	7,163	2,123	5,669 <sup>d</sup>	333	3,657
1988	43,056	68,937 <sup>f</sup>	45,432	—	1,125,449	15,132	26,951	9,284	6,890	432	2,889 <sup>d</sup>
1989	21,460 <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	636,906	—	—	—	—	714 <sup>d</sup>	1,574 <sup>d</sup>
1990	11,519 <sup>d</sup>	—	20,426 <sup>d</sup>	—	403,627	3,196 <sup>d,g</sup>	1,419 <sup>d</sup>	450 <sup>d</sup>	2,177 <sup>d</sup>	100 <sup>d</sup>	450 <sup>d</sup>
1991	31,886	—	46,657	—	847,772	13,150	12,491	7,003	9,947	10 <sup>d</sup>	154 <sup>d</sup>
1992	11,308 <sup>d</sup>	—	37,808 <sup>d</sup>	—	775,626	5,322	12,358	9,300	2,986	848 <sup>d</sup>	3,222
E.O. <sup>h</sup>	>109,000	—	>116,000	—	>500,000 <sup>i</sup>	—	>53,000 <sup>k</sup>	—	>17,000 <sup>m</sup>	—	>3,500

<sup>a</sup> Data obtained by aerial survey unless otherwise noted. Only peak counts are listed. Latest table revision November 18, 1992.

<sup>b</sup> From 1972–1979, counting tower operated; mainstem aerial survey counts below the tower were added to tower counts.

<sup>c</sup> Includes mainstem counts below the confluence of the North and South Forks, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>d</sup> Incomplete survey and/or poor survey timing or conditions resulted in minimal or inaccurate count.

<sup>e</sup> Sonar count.

<sup>f</sup> Tower count.

<sup>g</sup> Mainstem counts below the confluence of the North and South Forks Nulato River included in the South Fork counts.

<sup>h</sup> Interim escapement objective.

<sup>i</sup> The Anvik River escapement objective was rounded upward to 500,000 from 487,000 in March, 1992.

<sup>k</sup> Interim escapement objective for North Fork Nulato River only.

<sup>m</sup> Consists of Clear and Caribou Creeks interim escapement objectives of 9,000 and 8,000, respectively.

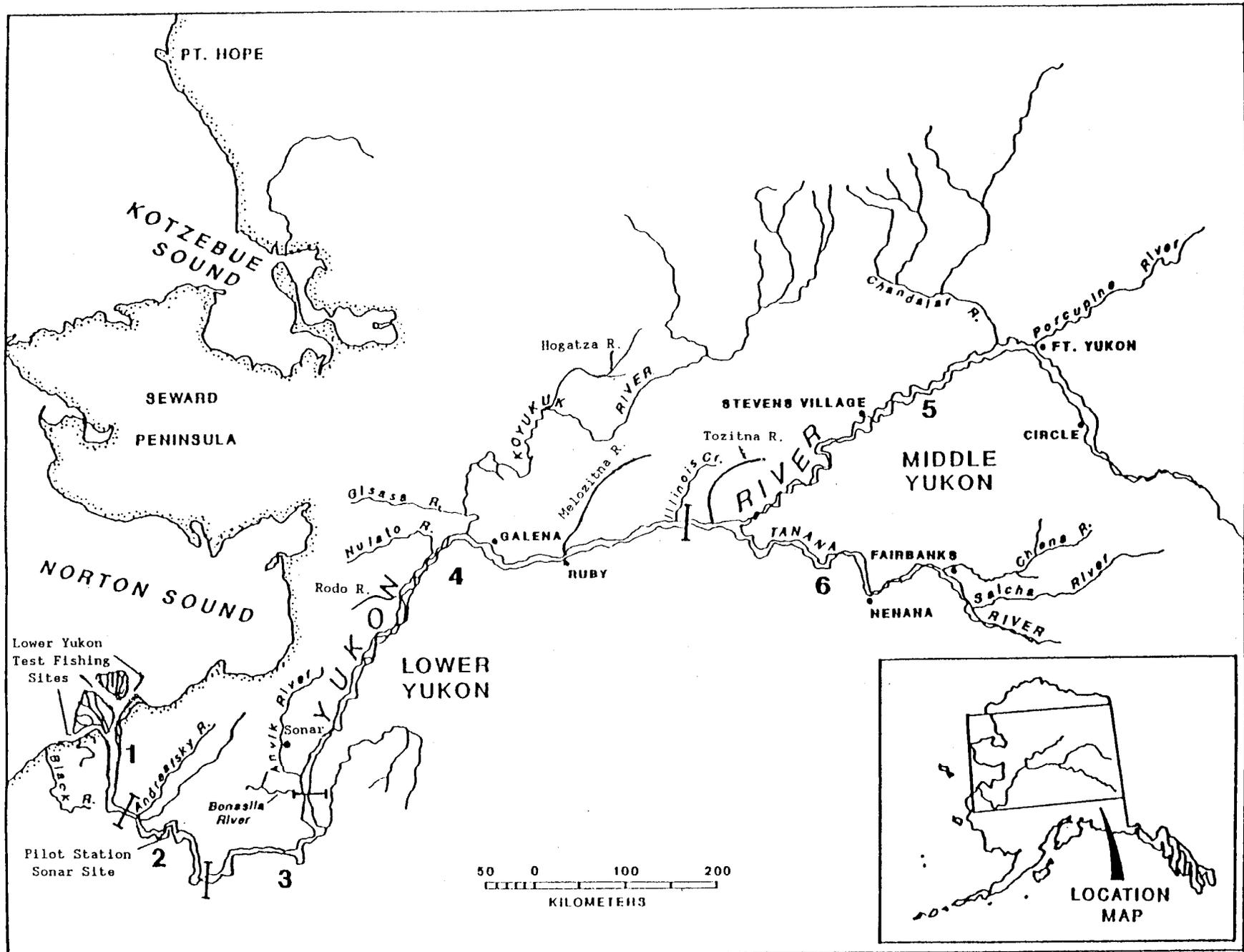


Figure 1. Alaskan portion of the Yukon River showing fishing district boundaries.

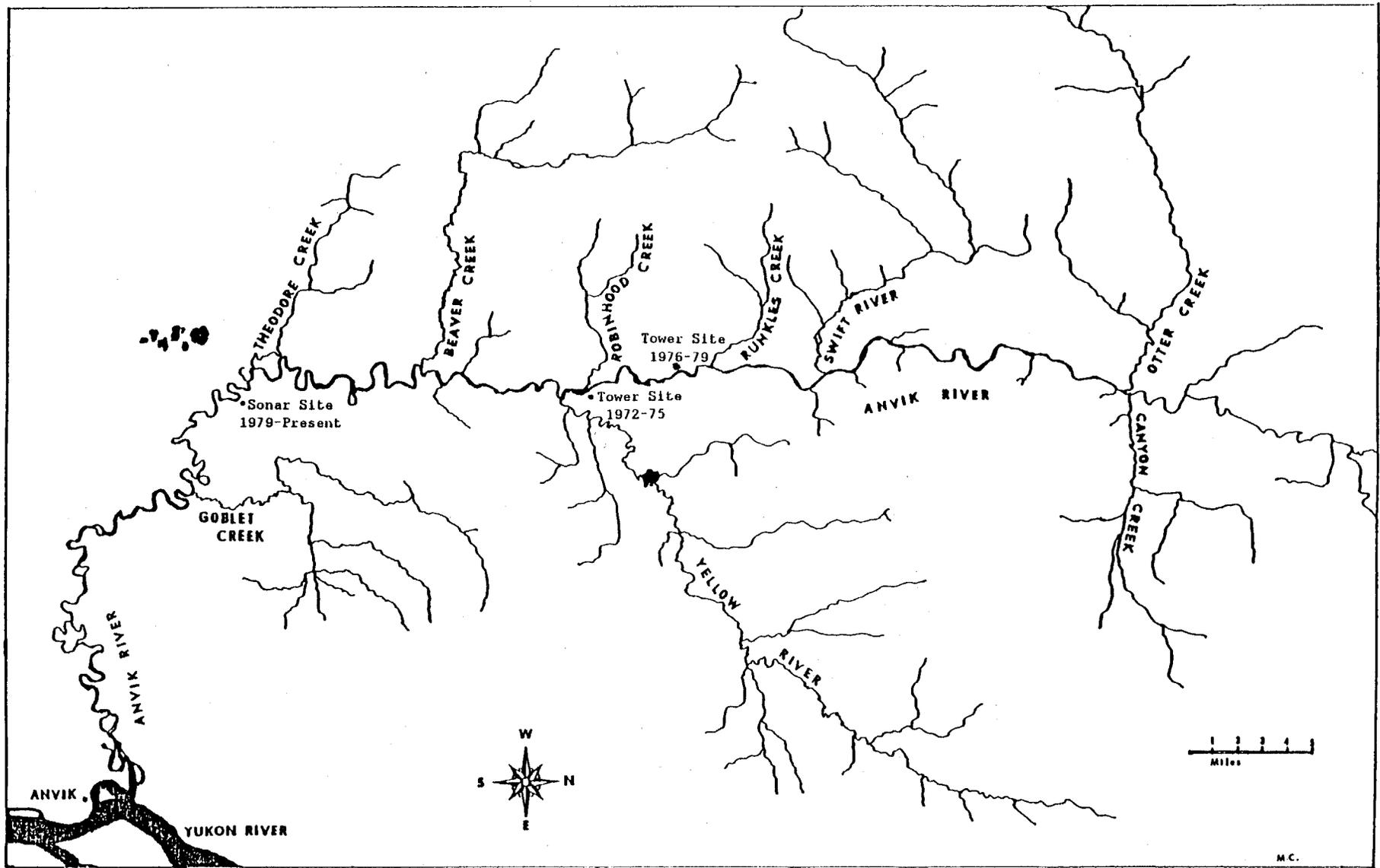


Figure 2. The Anvik River drainage showing sonar and counting tower sites.

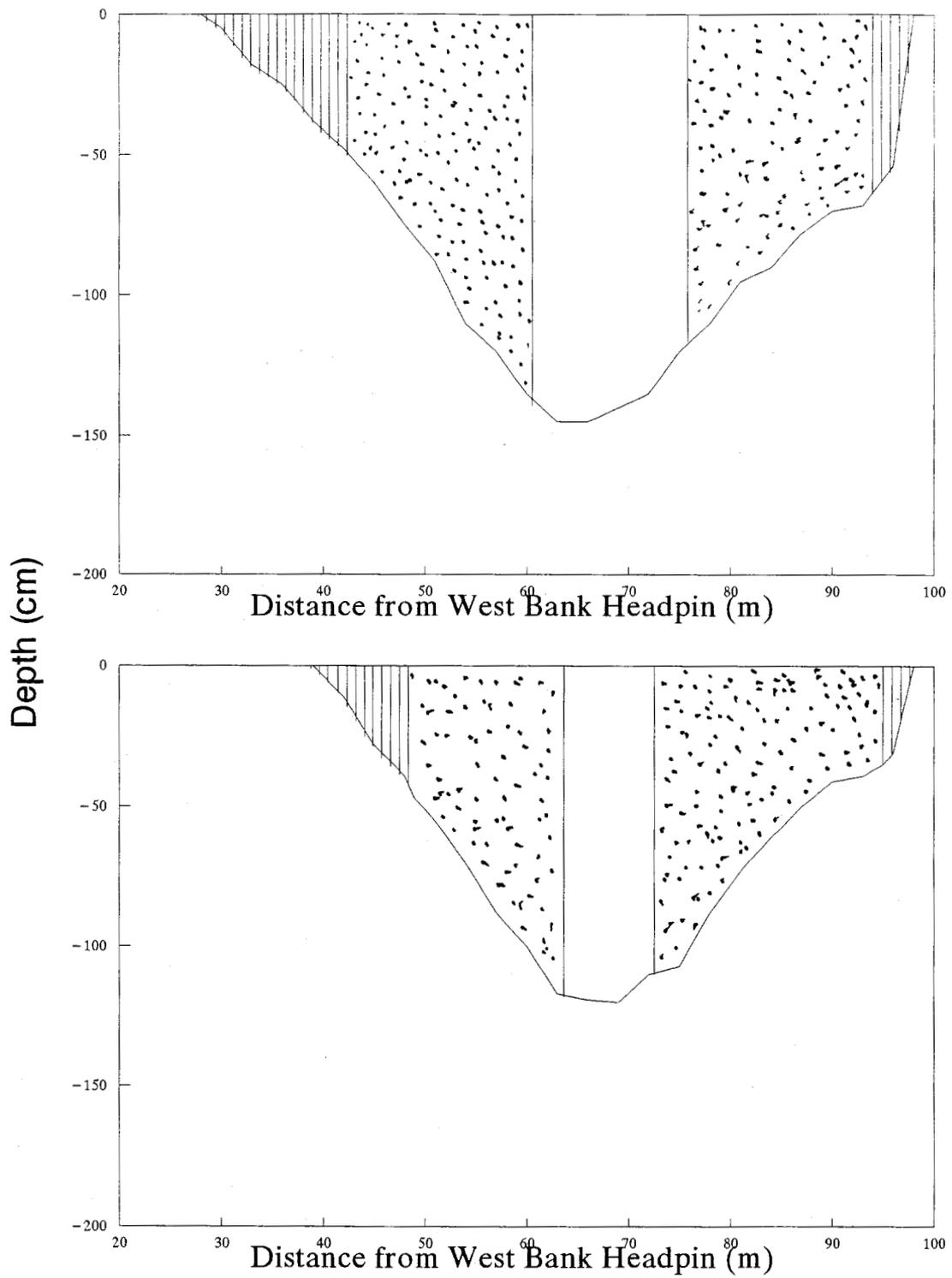


Figure 3. Anvik River depth profiles, 20 June (top) and 9 July (bottom), 1992. Stippled areas are approximate insonification zones; weired areas are indicated by vertical lines.

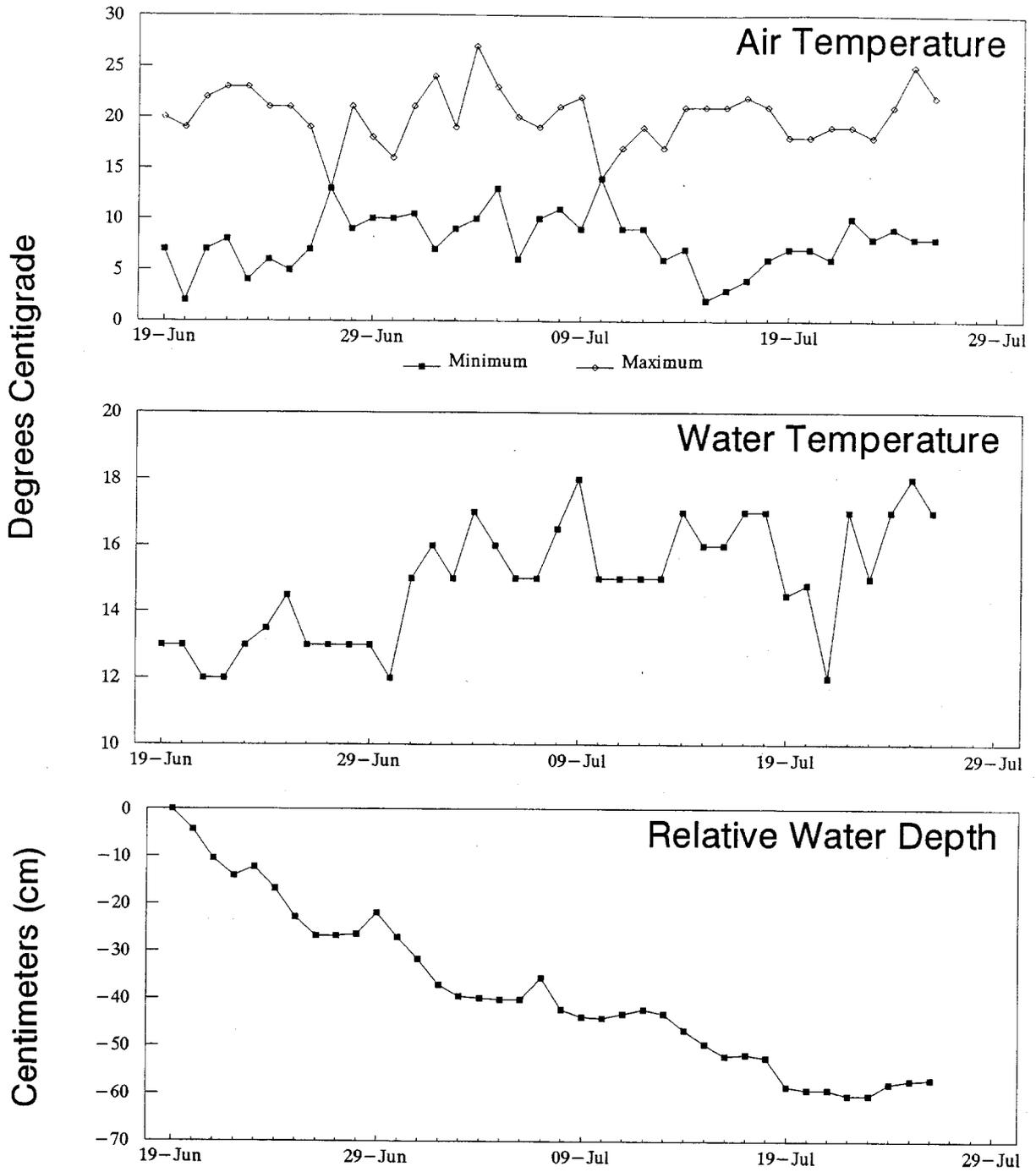


Figure 4. Daily minimum and maximum air temperatures, instantaneous water temperature, and relative water depth measured at approximately 1800 hours at the Anvik River sonar site, 1992.

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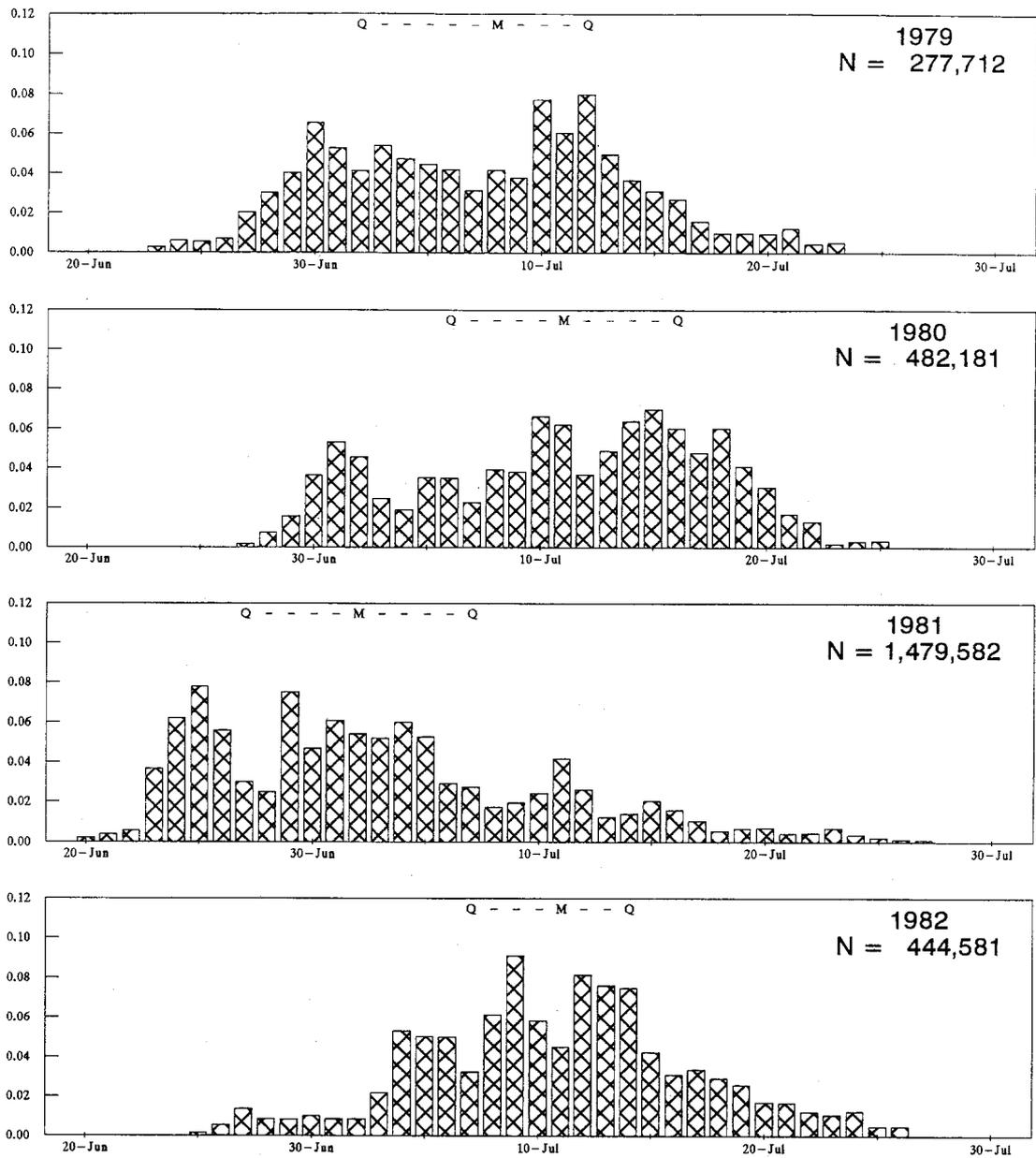


Figure 5. Daily proportion of corrected Anvik River sonar counts of summer chum salmon passage by day, 1979–1992 (N = total number of corrected counts). The first and third quartile passage days are indicated by the "Q"s, while the median day of passage is indicated by the "M".

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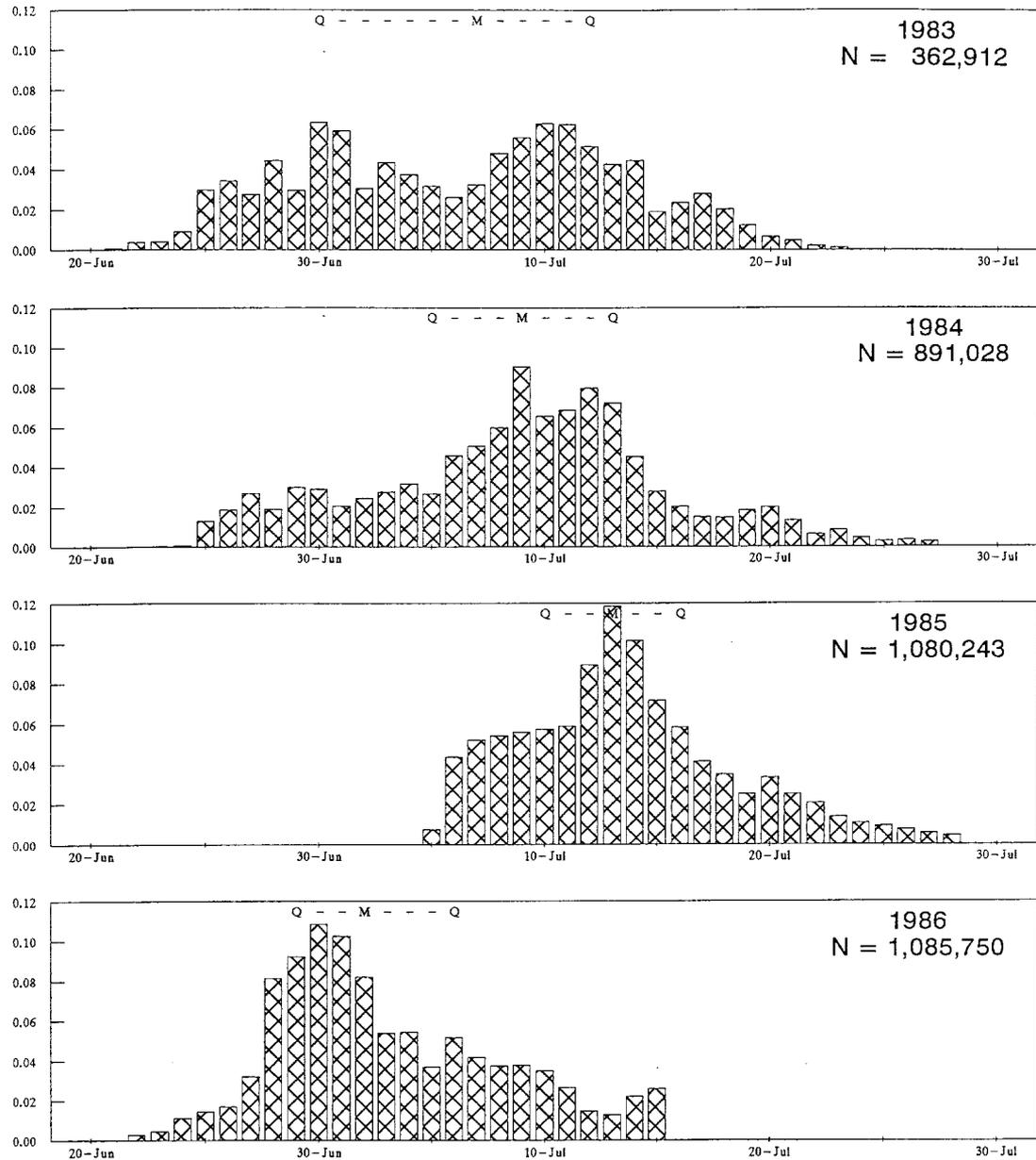


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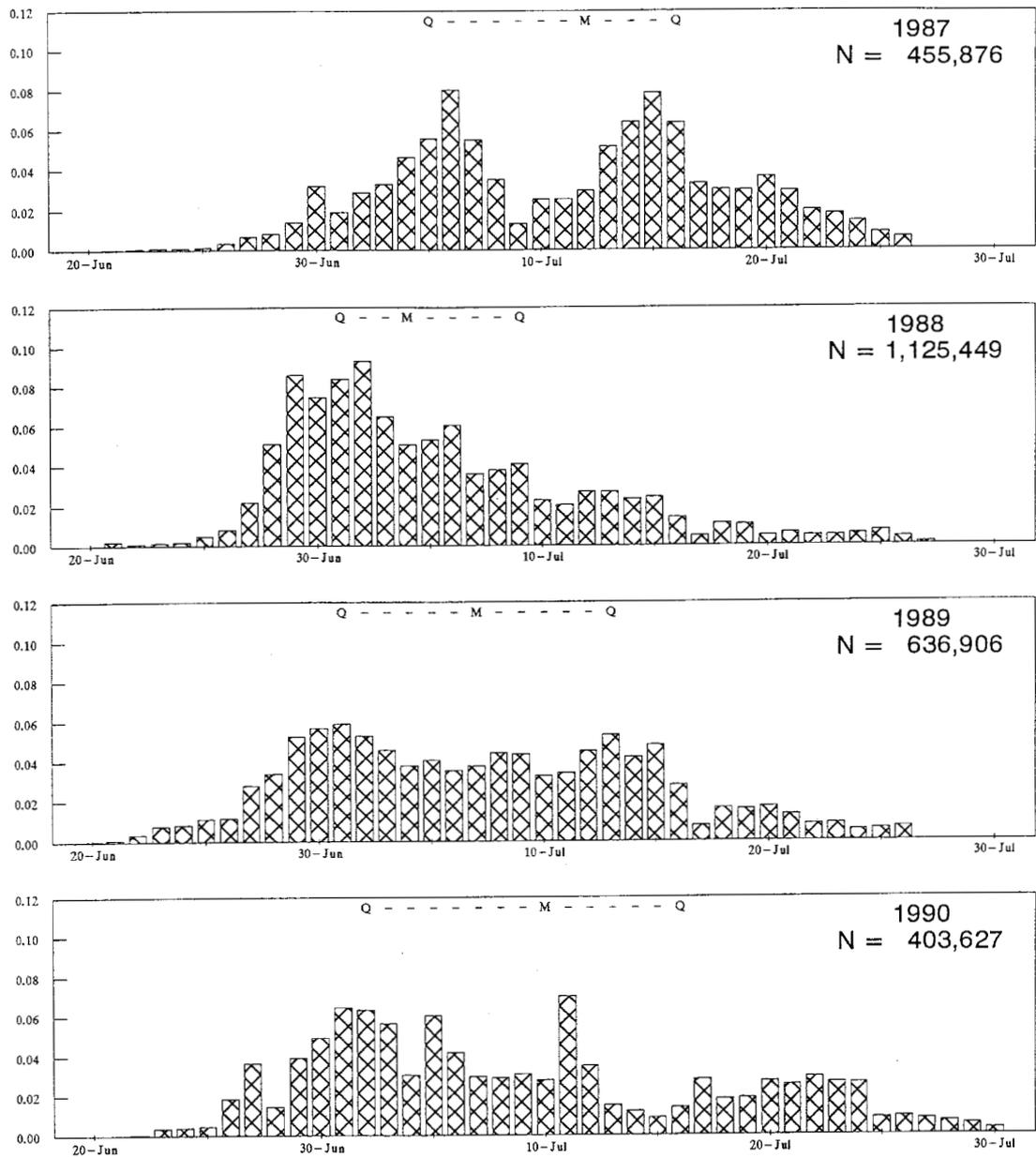


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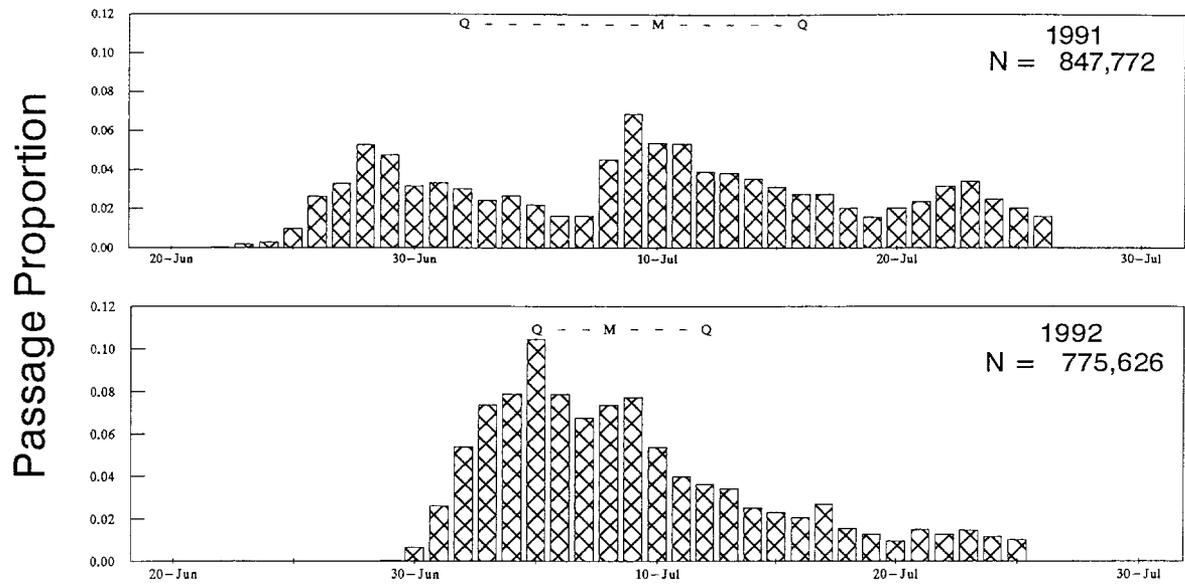


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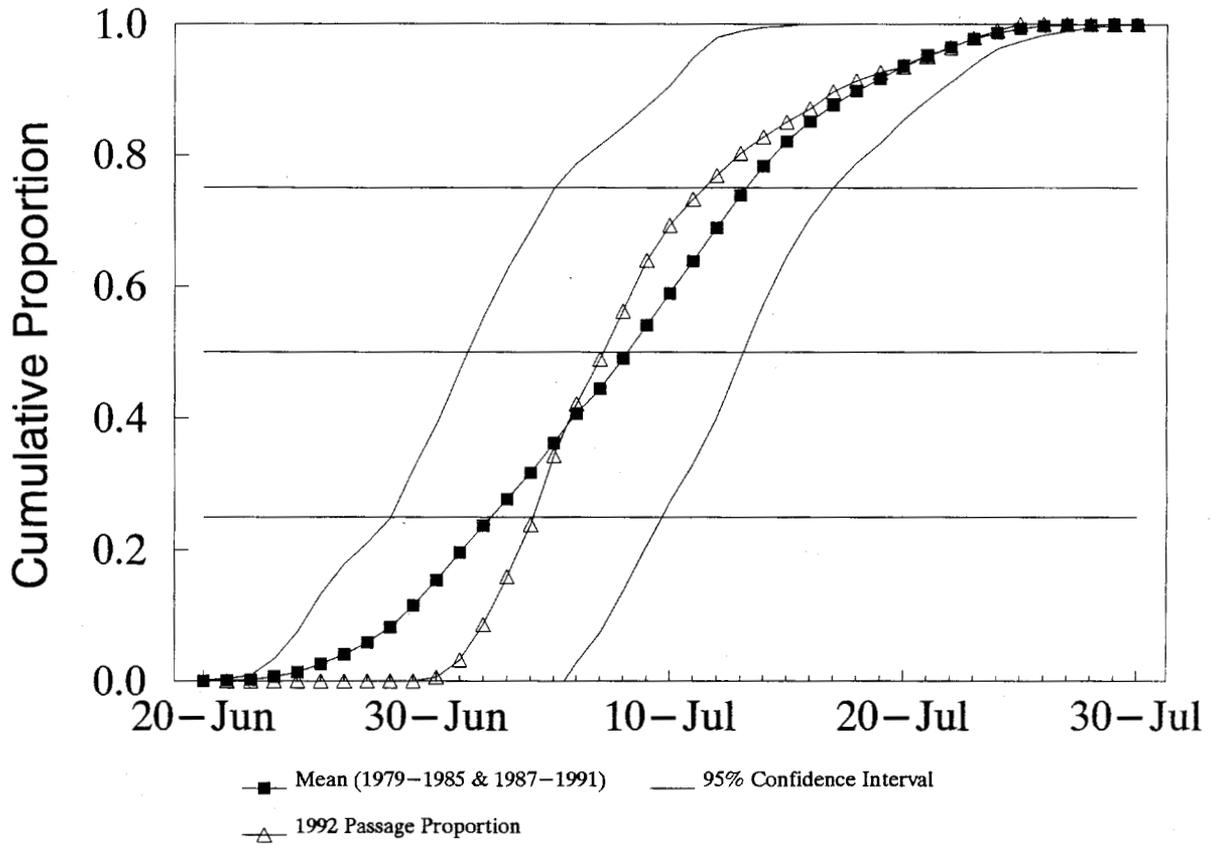


Figure 6. Mean (1979-1985 & 1987-1991) and the 1992 run timing curves for Anvik River summer chum salmon. Horizontal lines indicate the quartile proportions.

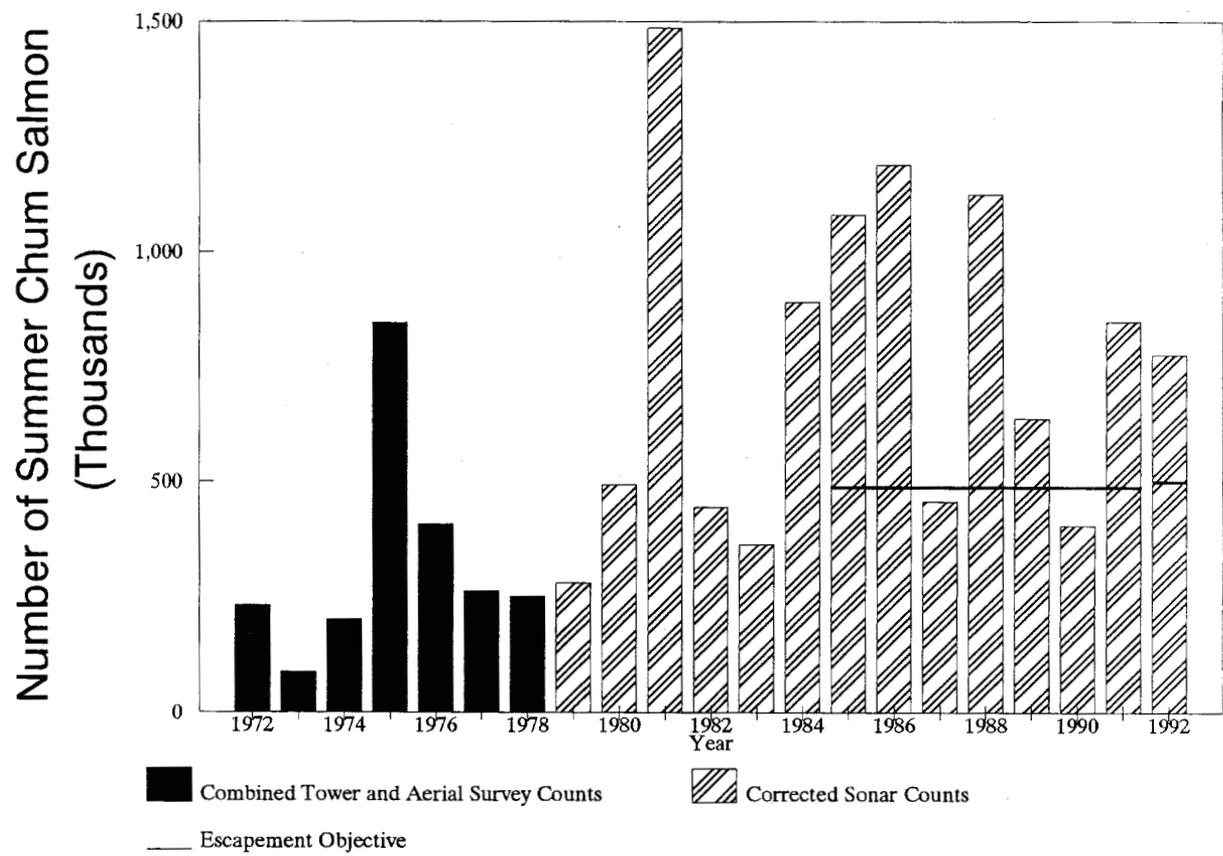


Figure 7. Anvik River summer chum salmon escapement estimated by combined tower and aerial survey count, 1972–1978, and by side–scanning sonar, 1979–1992. Sonar count escapement objective of 487,000 salmon, effective from 1985 to 1991, and the present escapement objective of 500,000 salmon are indicated by the horizontal lines.

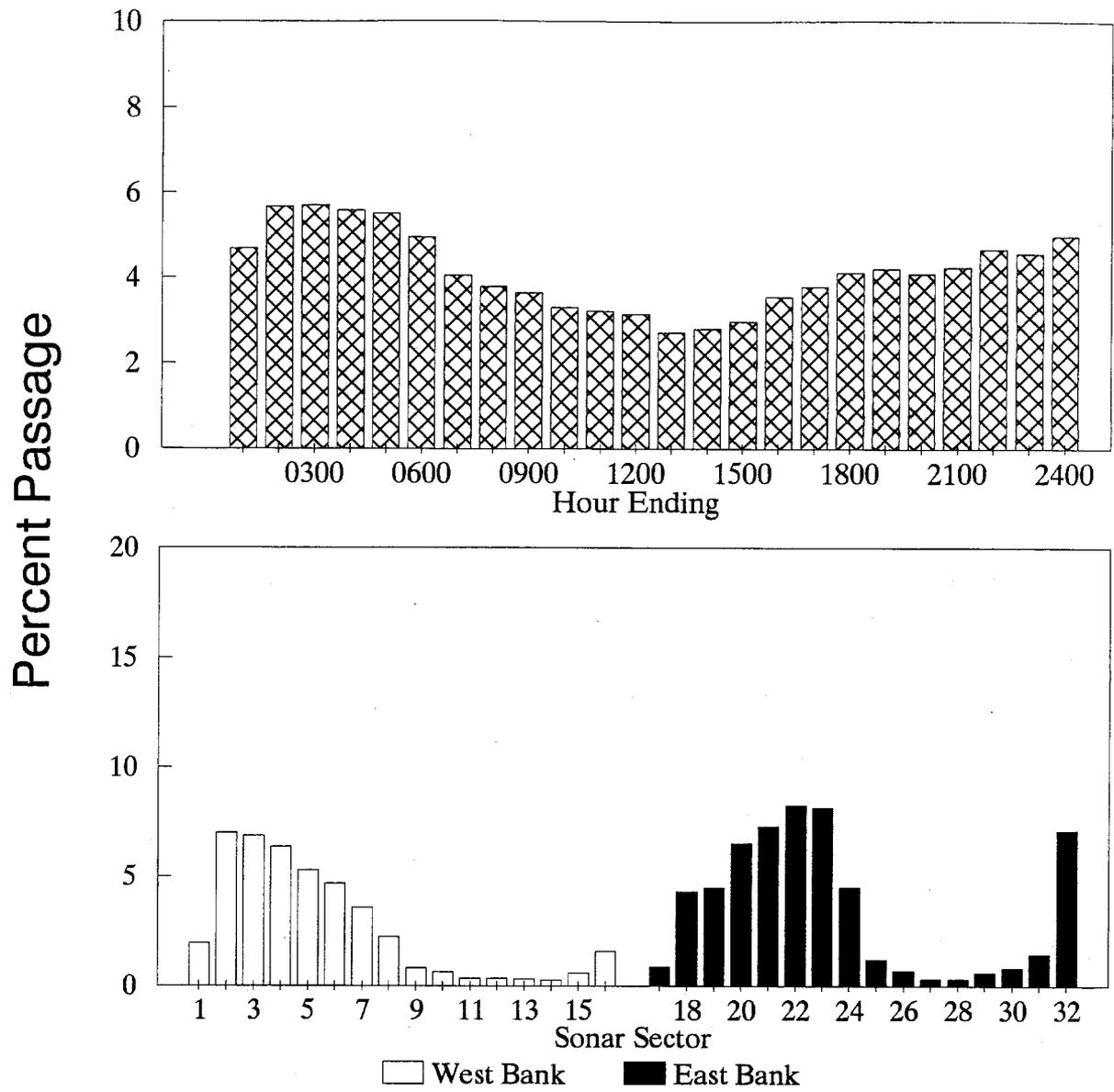


Figure 8. Estimated percent of the total summer chum salmon passage, 775,626 salmon, in relation to hour of the day (above) and sonar sector (below), Anvik River sonar site, 21 June – 25 July, 1992.

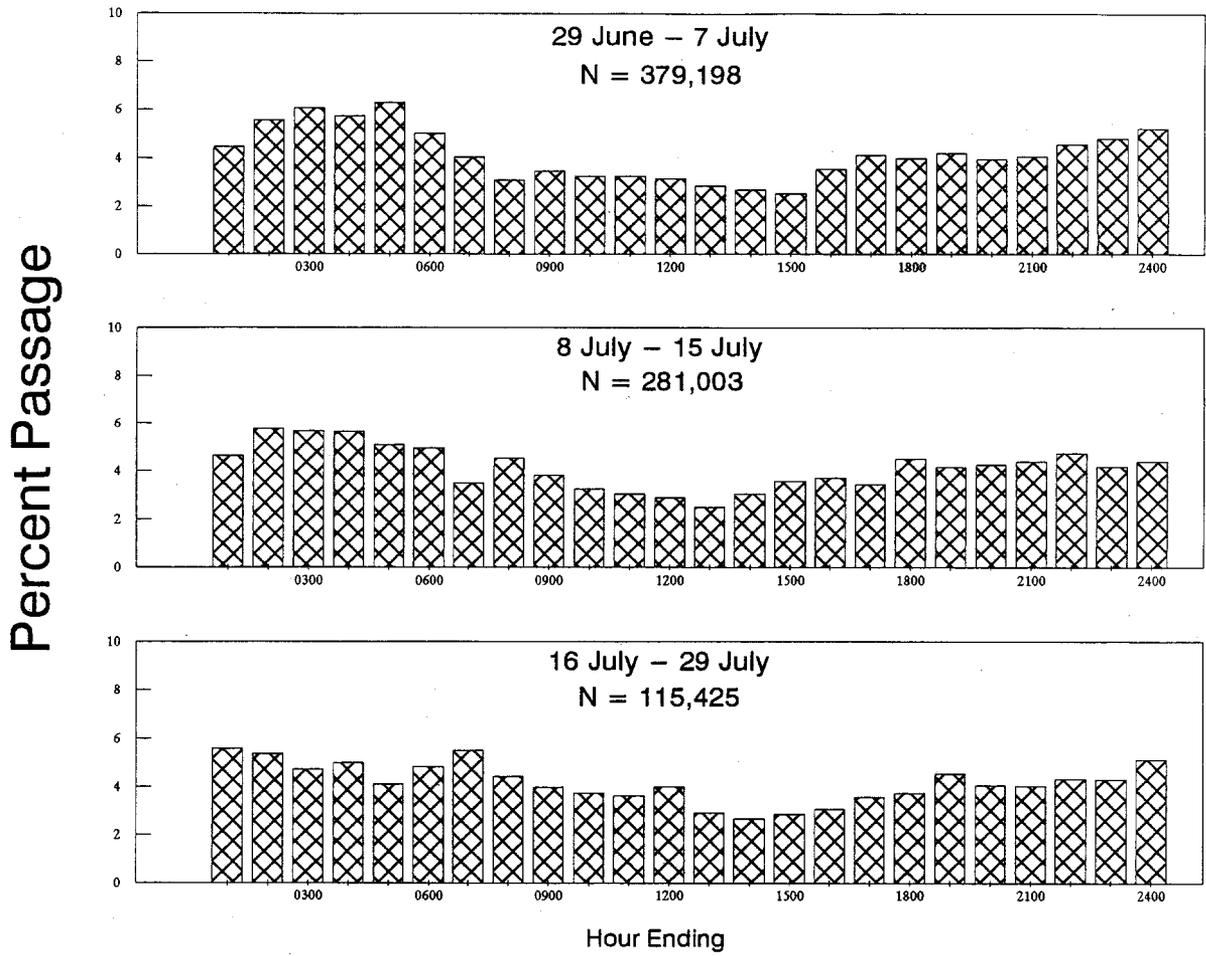


Figure 9. Estimated percent of summer chum salmon passage by sampling stratum and hour of the day, Anvik River, 1992.

Percent Passage

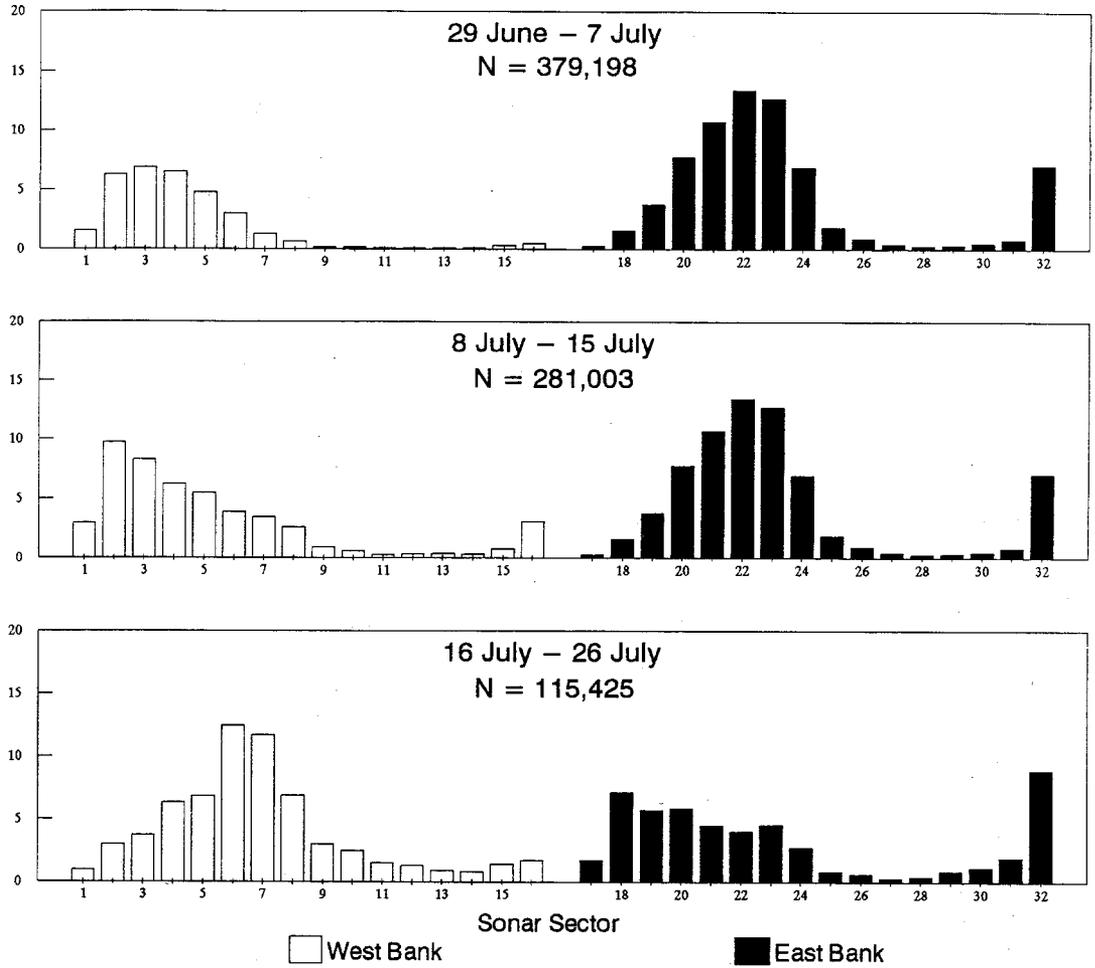


Figure 10. Estimated percent of summer chum salmon passage by sampling stratum and sonar sector, Anvik River, 1992.

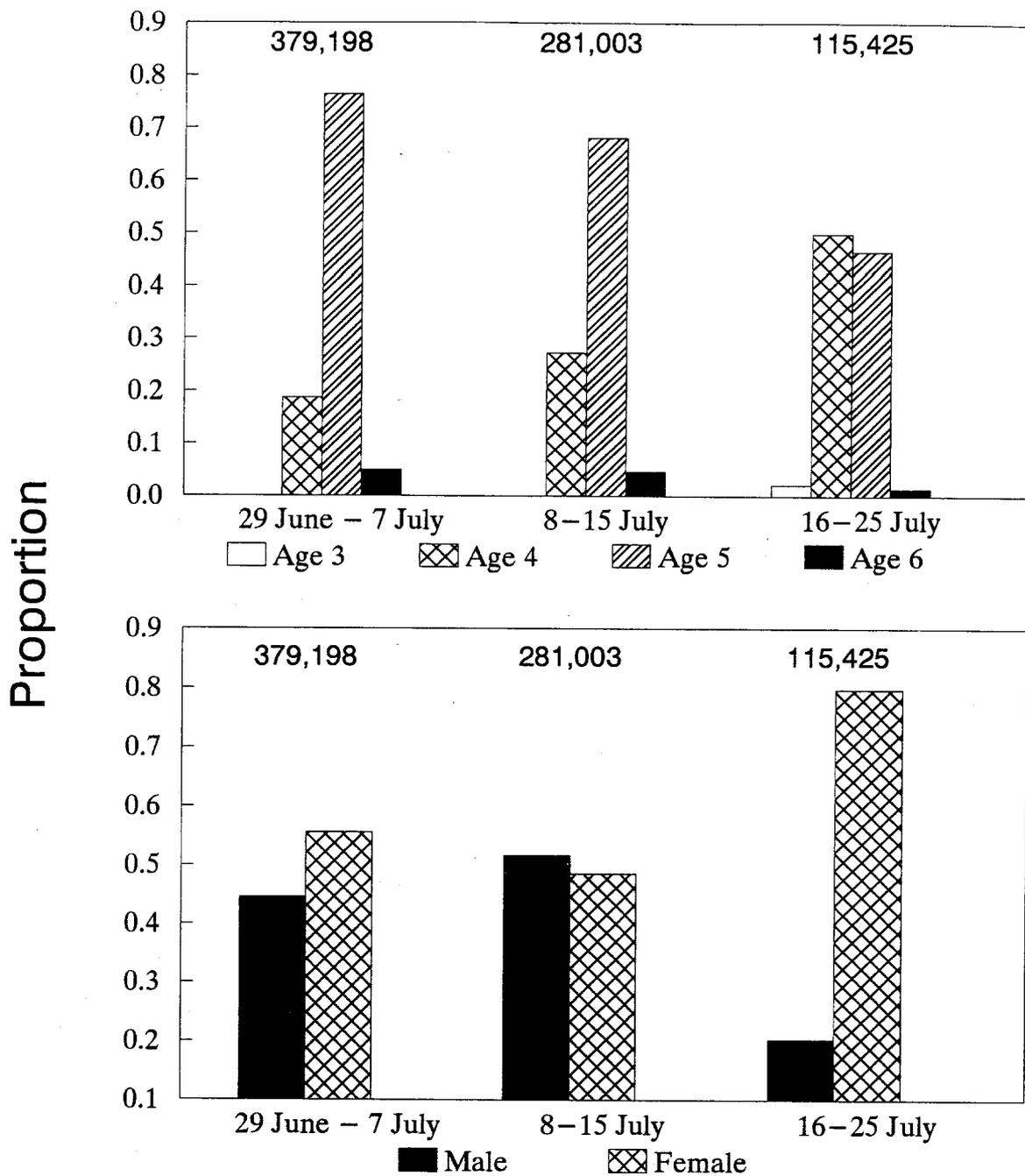


Figure 11. Age and sex composition of sampled Anvik River summer chum salmon by sampling stratum, 1992. Numbers above bars indicate estimated passage during that stratum.

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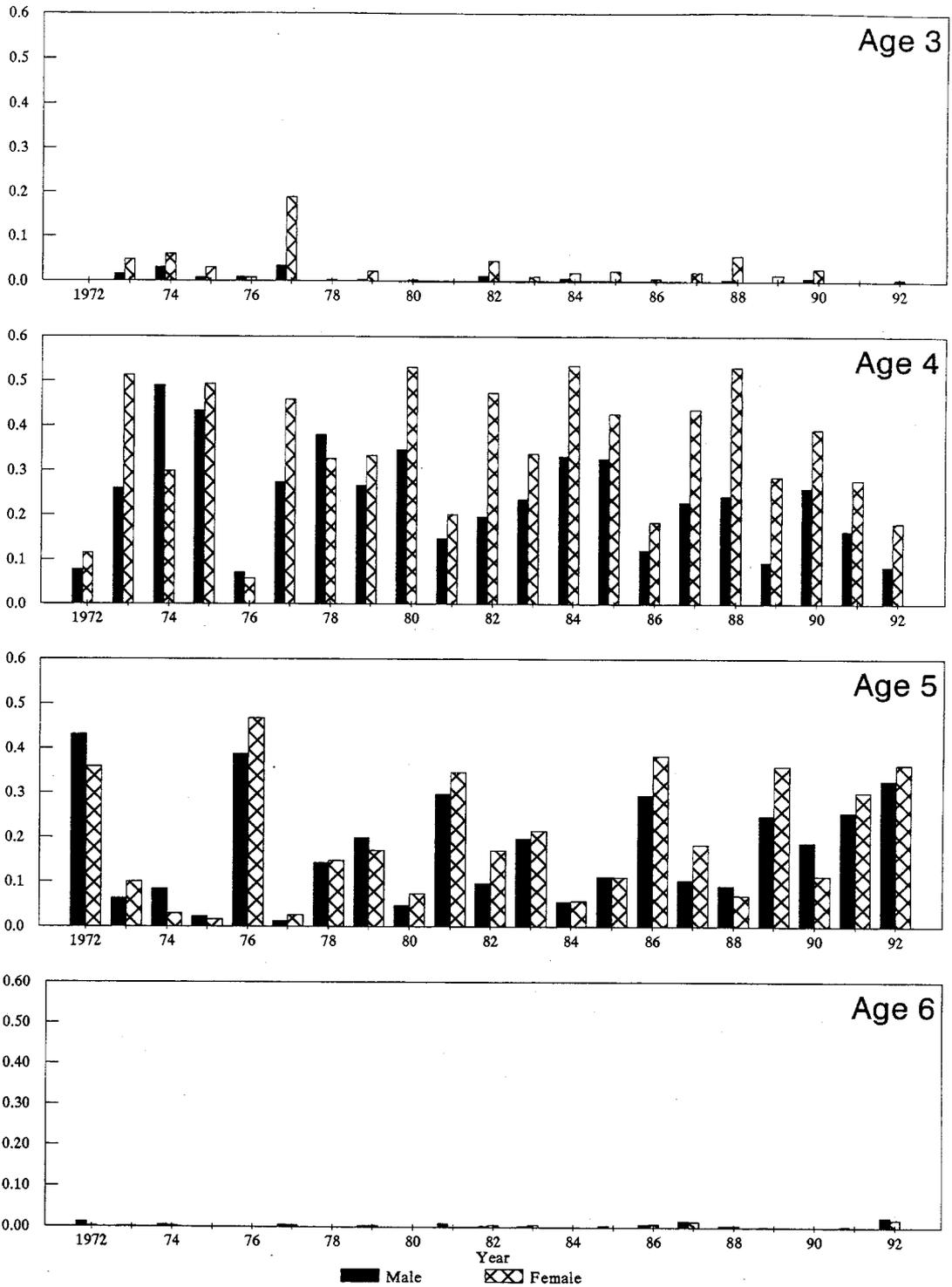


Figure 12. Estimated age and sex composition of the Anvik River summer chum salmon escapement, 1972–1992.

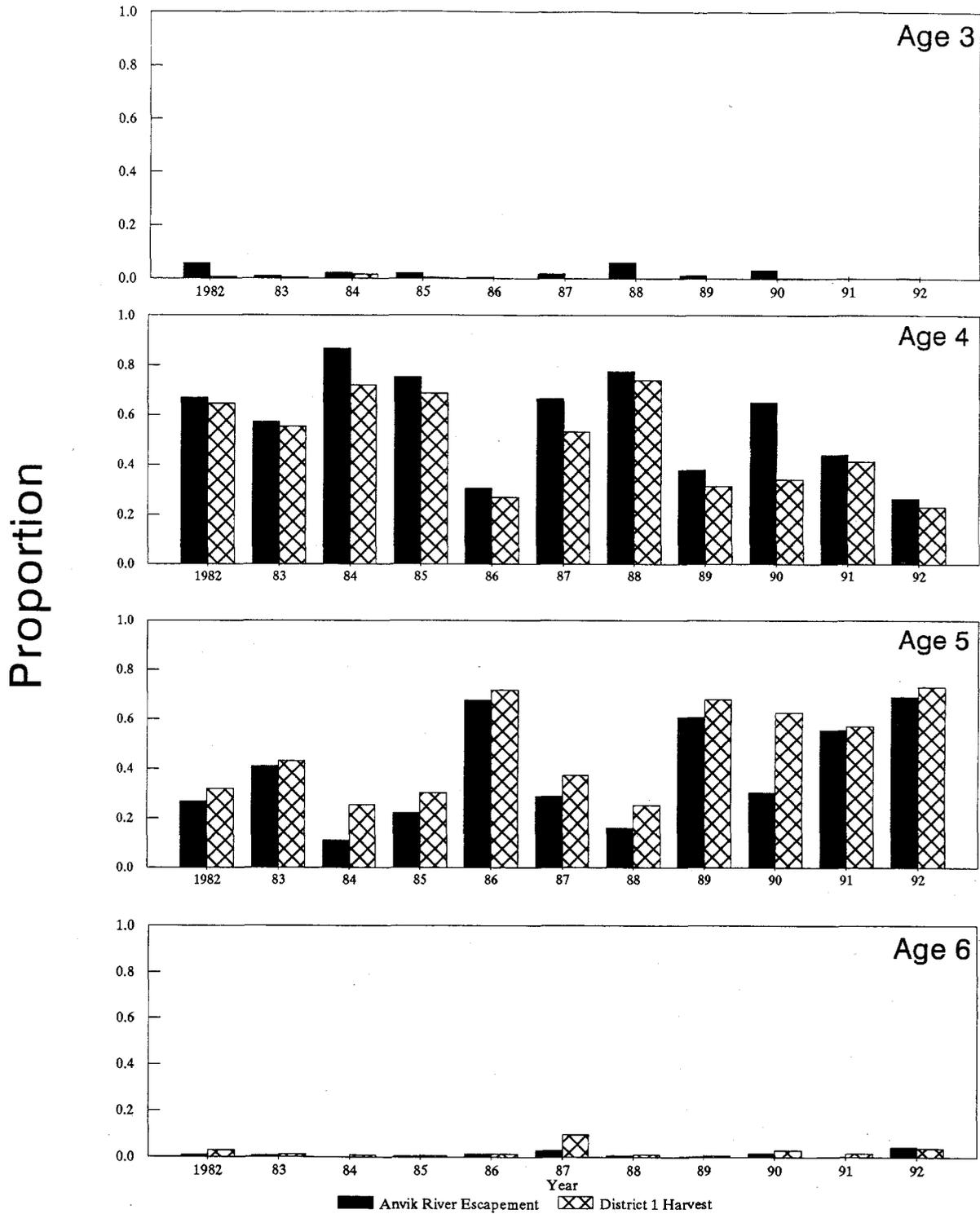


Figure 13. Estimated age composition of the Anvik River summer chum salmon escapement and District 1 commercial harvest, 1982–1992.

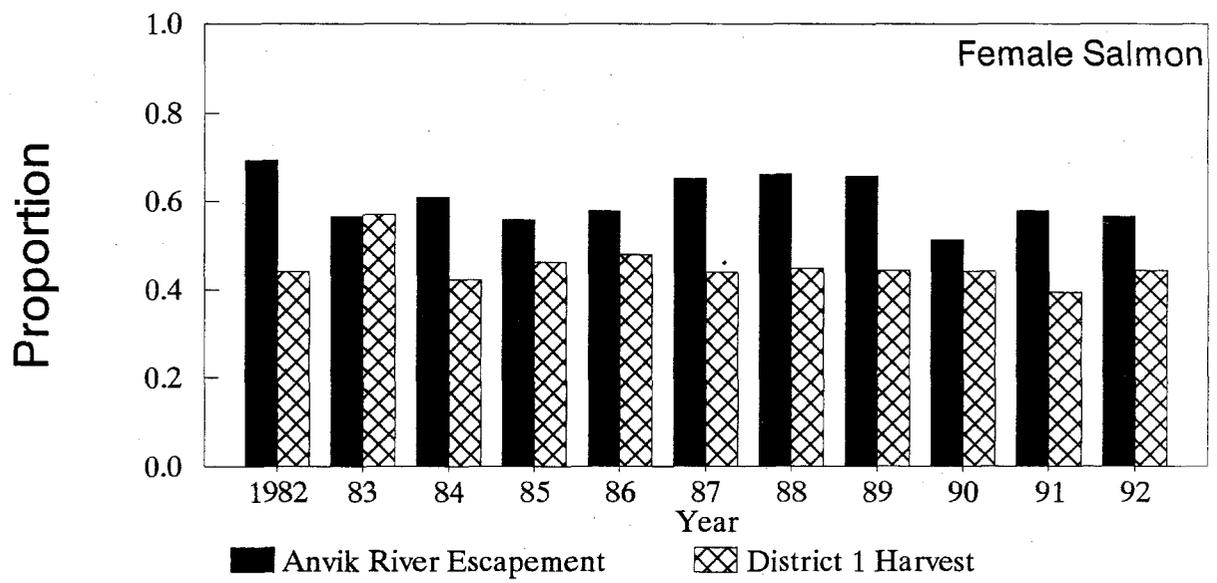


Figure 14. Estimated proportion of female chum salmon in the Anvik River escapement and the District 1 commercial harvest, 1982–1992.

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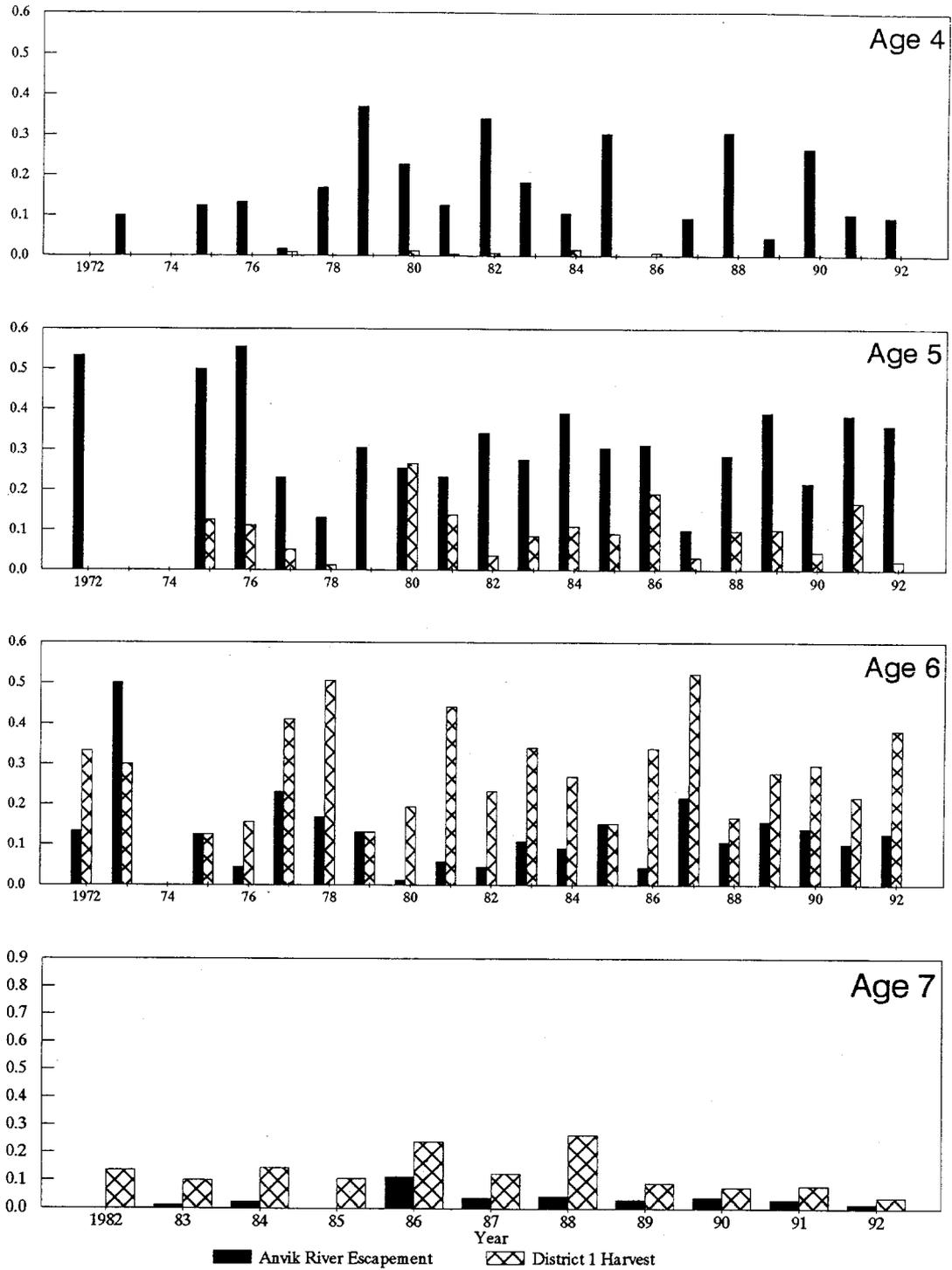


Figure 15. Estimated age and sex composition of the Anvik River chinook salmon escapement, 1972–1992.

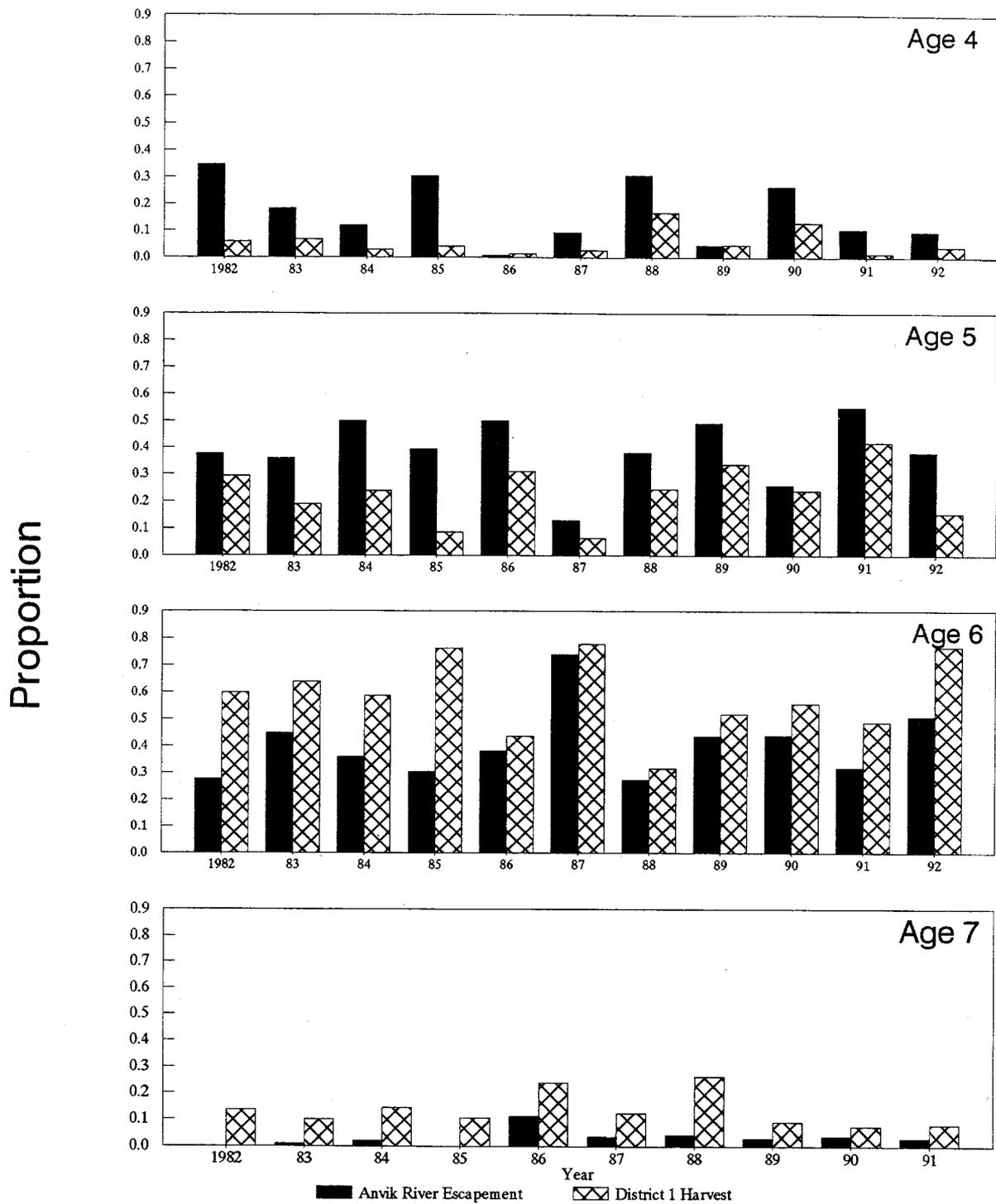


Figure 16. Estimated age composition of the Anvik River chinook salmon escapement and the District 1 harvest, Yukon River, 1982–1992.

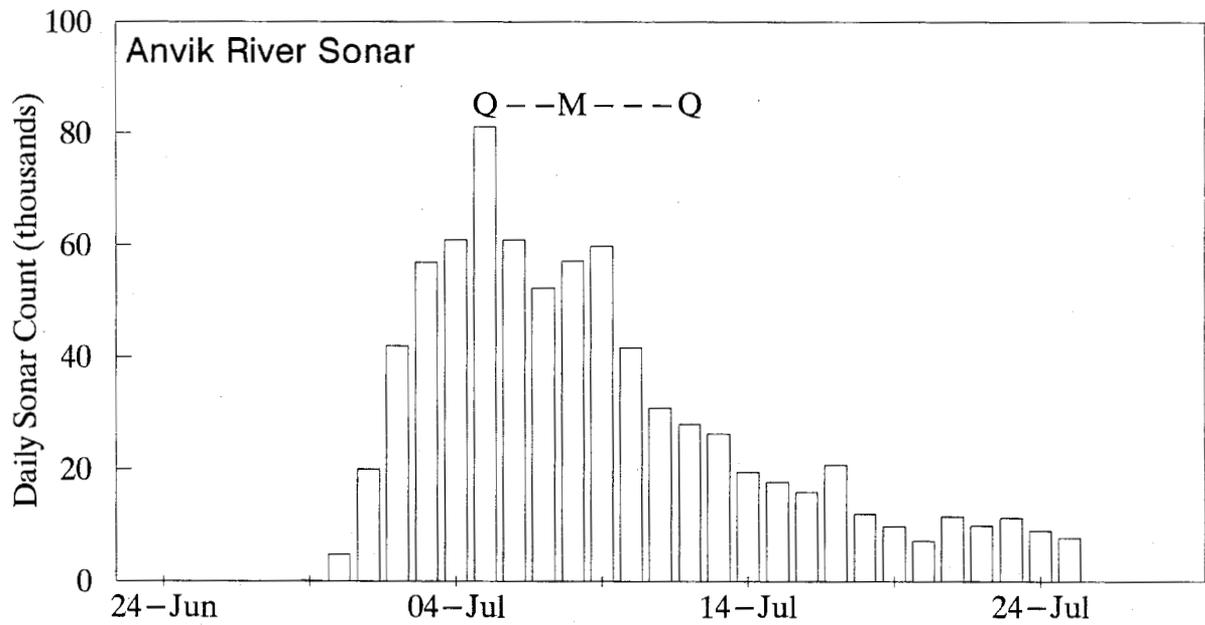
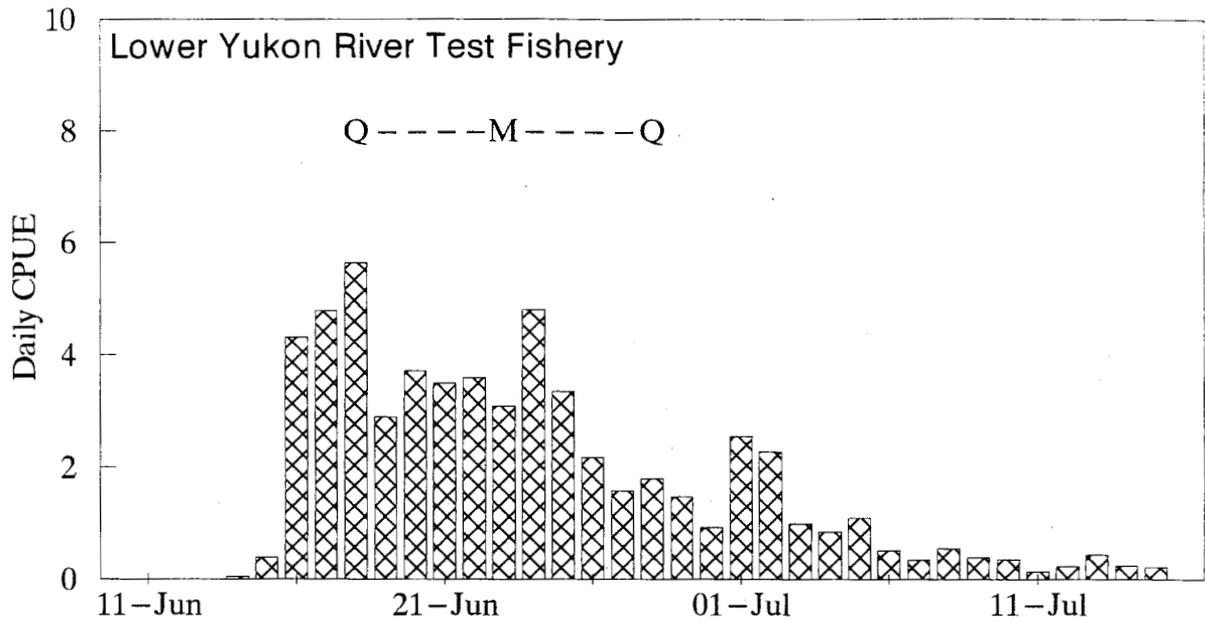


Figure 17. Run timing of Yukon River summer chum salmon in 1992 as indicated by Lower Yukon test fish CPUE and Anvik River sonar counts. First and third quartile passage days are indicated by the "Q"s, while the median day of passage is indicated by the "M."

## **APPENDIX**

Appendix A. West bank Anvik River corrected sonar counts by hour and date, 21 June – 25 July, 1992.

Hour	Ending 28-Jun <sup>a</sup>	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul	06-Jul	07-Jul	08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul
0100	0	0	0	794	803	1,540	799	632	648	861	677	1,120	1,559	330
0200	0	0	0	1,123	899	776	703	748	873	1,160	1,063	1,204	1,512	784
0300	0	0	0	1,436	797	771	747	911	1,132	1,503	1,462	1,319	1,214	667
0400	0	0	0	1,134	727	877	720	808	1,121	1,488	1,585	1,452	1,463	472
0500	0	0	0	843	561	829	612	816	1,045	1,387	1,386	1,211	1,129	672
0600	0	0	0	764	309	614	307	478	558	741	679	976	1,410	721
0700	0	0	0	429	238	564	298	676	608	807	514	221	968	608
0800	0	0	0	395	238	597	327	1,204	744	334	878	869	622	479
0900	0	0	0	729	230	568	158	1,173	643	638	1,245	507	503	360
1000	0	0	0	496	163	180	191	1,022	972	614	685	524	490	544
1100	0	0	0	561	106	154	196	851	1,436	505	702	785	570	370
1200	0	0	0	295	138	222	272	1,530	1,750	608	586	1,057	569	473
1300	0	0	41	400	315	328	437	1,583	1,248	744	549	640	588	602
1400	0	0	31	269	336	329	634	902	1,316	857	850	677	470	572
1500	0	0	51	269	415	220	409	647	1,185	1,508	830	836	710	1,238
1600	0	0	59	131	245	129	343	349	1,189	1,711	1,482	728	775	537
1700	0	0	0	144	201	140	548	495	1,004	1,637	1,001	774	596	663
1800	0	0	0	158	240	471	503	334	963	1,445	1,257	843	478	766
1900	0	9	0	354	371	1,130	500	347	1,173	1,119	1,771	950	698	670
2000	0	3	210	515	855	1,136	505	746	1,110	1,331	1,100	850	521	594
2100	0	13	509	519	687	1,094	856	647	1,226	1,020	1,093	931	593	704
2200	0	16	486	438	513	974	371	296	1,057	976	1,844	1,518	544	888
2300	0	27	572	281	690	561	263	462	1,149	1,396	1,005	1,152	677	755
2400	0	29	648	656	102	514	361	601	1,032	1,516	1,637	1,132	528	941
Total	0	97	2,607	13,133	10,179	14,718	11,060	18,258	25,182	25,906	25,881	22,276	19,187	15,410

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Hour Ending	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
0100	983	784	606	457	516	502	498	232	272	384	343	354	331	247	
0200	1,668	965	582	527	640	676	399	317	244	275	392	308	321	227	
0300	1,505	1,064	492	493	547	465	224	270	258	252	391	311	245	169	
0400	1,490	977	589	417	587	543	242	256	218	277	330	352	223	191	
0500	1,475	896	513	419	512	498	298	307	194	278	355	314	223	220	
0600	1,196	810	415	378	469	542	356	263	277	347	502	334	347	225	
0700	918	648	314	398	501	498	364	376	310	472	585	354	348	225	
0800	619	716	424	349	408	471	244	244	207	273	402	303	284	248	
0900	738	620	336	271	344	421	243	252	184	284	472	470	306	241	
1000	723	415	305	256	250	386	187	265	245	302	523	348	244	202	
1100	625	434	325	389	227	374	208	255	165	348	411	330	218	185	
1200	766	129	298	397	263	377	260	226	201	207	381	319	281	185	
1300	551	503	296	283	227	279	220	190	199	168	345	320	207	220	
1400	570	576	258	257	298	247	217	193	207	194	288	286	232	172	
1500	624	856	338	363	236	349	243	254	199	273	303	321	172	164	
1600	531	674	372	343	310	349	309	246	216	276	297	212	298	196	
1700	530	695	314	297	296	356	331	377	273	287	276	237	301	201	
1800	784	607	303	358	298	363	385	377	167	314	20	278	310	199	
1900	517	728	345	459	352	364	316	482	221	376	368	380	343	273	
2000	594	662	338	594	428	375	343	380	292	329	343	293	346	201	
2100	602	605	333	494	365	405	341	413	254	410	329	236	311	110	
2200	545	749	294	406	357	348	332	455	248	334	382	273	259	210	
2300	483	595	333	488	281	365	365	645	241	390	359	270	208	227	
2400	865	756	5	521	396	549	396	483	252	385	359	112	193	329	
Total	19,902	16,464	8,728	9,614	9,108	10,102	7,321	7,758	5,544	7,435	8,756	7,315	6,551	5,067	

<sup>a</sup> No salmon were observed during the period 21 – 27 June.

Appendix B. East bank Anvik River corrected sonar counts by hour and date, 21 June – 25 July, 1992.

Hour	28-Jun <sup>a</sup>	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul	06-Jul	07-Jul	08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul
0100	0	0	129	94	739	1,662	2,619	2,644	2,136	733	1,984	1,747	967	369
0200	0	0	570	164	747	2,941	3,040	3,092	3,111	1,422	2,125	2,043	1,170	799
0300	0	0	91	140	1,054	3,116	3,051	3,054	3,345	1,587	1,807	2,343	1,157	880
0400	0	0	67	126	1,218	3,121	2,914	3,402	2,598	1,240	1,826	1,852	1,349	1,022
0500	0	0	70	310	1,560	2,676	3,463	4,031	3,599	1,847	1,676	1,892	876	539
0600	0	0	51	405	1,501	1,644	2,289	3,540	4,025	1,656	1,839	2,395	801	533
0700	0	0	118	88	933	1,535	2,036	3,059	2,526	1,324	1,383	358	1,222	705
0800	0	0	0	303	893	1,208	205	2,695	1,862	570	1,508	1,918	2,009	683
0900	0	0	1	262	944	1,256	2,491	2,119	1,603	116	1,494	1,351	1,149	606
1000	0	0	34	140	387	1,332	2,539	1,986	1,205	940	1,040	1,031	1,128	493
1100	0	0	7	28	455	1,580	2,267	3,003	304	721	758	973	552	857
1200	0	0	16	264	501	1,324	1,855	1,724	458	826	760	341	516	475
1300	0	0	9	152	314	1,312	1,268	678	703	1,185	902	377	682	100
1400	0	0	16	171	157	1,086	485	1,962	392	1,152	923	979	1,088	93
1500	0	0	87	198	459	1,024	670	1,569	352	584	851	1,576	823	184
1600	0	0	215	115	1,341	2,191	1,618	2,058	1,031	826	808	1,212	504	1,582
1700	0	0	226	26	2,102	2,925	2,008	2,432	1,070	735	903	1,240	469	1,291
1800	0	0	89	201	2,801	1,140	1,779	3,084	787	1,045	1,185	2,462	738	1,561
1900	0	0	52	129	1,861	546	2,536	3,818	682	1,179	906	1,888	496	394
2000	0	7	41	424	1,132	1,024	1,756	2,376	686	1,198	1,134	3,057	434	251
2100	0	1	132	484	2,253	553	1,237	2,825	707	1,147	1,402	2,576	731	453
2200	0	6	158	1,036	2,680	1,473	2,327	2,593	661	1,765	1,154	1,362	1,088	1,001
2300	0	7	7	981	2,626	2,217	2,642	2,447	800	1,487	1,543	1,377	1,154	265
2400	0	3	14	685	3,103	3,368	2,746	2,676	1,135	1,124	1,346	1,118	1,303	346
Total	0	24	2,200	6,926	31,761	42,254	49,841	62,867	35,778	26,409	31,257	37,468	22,406	15,482

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Hour Ending	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul
0100	230	310	702	232	321	981	379	181	123	190	7	162	167	227
0200	276	316	632	606	367	538	367	113	135	306	15	230	140	177
0300	179	329	515	564	422	588	271	95	122	250	16	206	144	201
0400	215	295	542	365	428	748	283	64	111	245	20	209	168	248
0500	150	235	569	657	262	299	189	24	90	163	14	195	167	144
0600	253	133	707	697	361	340	362	65	81	103	9	267	204	109
0700	288	377	272	690	407	780	173	71	105	193	14	223	256	84
0800	321	328	677	383	330	976	173	71	58	162	11	76	74	94
0900	378	315	585	272	229	568	110	45	125	102	8	49	53	87
1000	338	403	540	241	240	438	107	60	82	120	6	42	123	133
1100	391	277	336	234	265	623	121	75	31	93	14	58	80	115
1200	877	278	376	209	242	1,172	74	77	61	93	14	30	54	108
1300	233	263	262	188	112	359	198	70	28	64	13	68	21	43
1400	253	497	333	178	115	128	37	65	15	43	13	281	14	30
1500	272	265	232	92	91	123	45	118	17	47	17	176	122	27
1600	277	276	239	132	107	152	44	133	24	101	5	222	22	31
1700	217	275	320	132	141	179	48	107	27	437	52	119	13	56
1800	215	674	270	163	129	165	89	107	51	670	52	298	13	39
1900	670	707	352	175	219	211	233	73	59	626	88	189	26	48
2000	608	641	381	285	260	226	100	84	54	0	121	242	124	142
2100	365	664	445	390	436	170	187	106	60	0	180	150	65	136
2200	405	697	468	420	383	212	366	151	95	119	157	62	122	124
2300	378	598	587	438	463	188	349	47	66	0	151	81	114	153
2400	374	741	388	398	435	499	399	94	118	1	175	364	165	196
Total	8,163	9,894	10,730	8,141	6,765	10,663	4,704	2,096	1,738	4,128	1,172	3,999	2,451	2,752

<sup>a</sup> No salmon were observed during the period 21 – 27 June.

Appendix C. West bank Anvik River corrected sonar counts by sector, 21 June – 25 July, 1992.

West Bank														
Sector	28-Jun <sup>a</sup>	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul	06-Jul	07-Jul	08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul
1	0	5	18	400	46	12	39	962	1,325	3,065	322	1,386	1,692	896
2	0	10	100	1,348	508	111	302	3,230	6,943	10,963	667	4,460	5,447	3,962
3	0	2	965	4,845	1,989	1,222	1,292	3,274	5,513	6,686	941	4,095	4,734	3,241
4	0	0	1,203	4,533	2,890	2,687	2,362	3,371	4,771	2,627	1,595	3,347	2,816	2,158
5	0	0	198	1,111	1,989	2,669	2,662	4,244	3,615	1,337	2,808	3,257	1,837	1,371
6	0	0	21	289	1,079	3,906	2,270	1,713	1,534	360	3,322	1,873	835	700
7	0	0	15	147	455	2,245	799	556	415	123	6,362	997	301	287
8	0	0	6	70	173	946	337	369	298	79	5,130	837	184	183
9	0	0	1	4	31	235	105	95	79	47	1,506	234	93	99
10	0	0	0	10	31	159	127	62	81	42	603	233	116	112
11	0	0	0	11	33	104	115	40	33	49	75	109	74	76
12	0	0	0	22	38	66	100	59	53	69	117	155	110	124
13	0	0	0	13	29	87	95	34	77	52	181	148	142	148
14	0	0	1	21	42	76	99	46	61	42	151	171	68	96
15	0	2	7	125	419	69	117	70	99	165	212	273	273	282
16	0	78	72	218	428	123	239	133	285	201	1,890	703	438	1,676
Total	0	97	2,607	13,167	10,180	14,717	11,060	18,258	25,182	25,907	25,882	22,278	19,160	15,411

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West Bank Sector	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul
1	872	1,552	1,132	345	558	193	96	70	51	47	29	17	39	27
2	4,621	5,033	2,011	1,170	1,267	906	322	275	187	110	93	73	108	112
3	3,922	3,756	1,302	1,337	999	1,133	432	341	292	223	218	186	226	253
4	2,812	2,278	1,105	1,449	1,230	1,620	611	647	629	523	490	473	519	526
5	1,908	1,342	1,123	1,689	1,421	1,615	1,112	692	438	297	430	514	713	667
6	1,208	487	786	1,587	1,533	1,862	1,730	1,621	1,000	1,425	1,644	1,450	1,554	538
7	592	122	303	712	708	883	1,165	1,842	1,134	1,857	2,443	1,692	1,342	414
8	251	158	186	298	394	346	531	992	664	1,049	1,439	1,009	646	835
9	116	102	107	262	235	319	250	308	210	474	527	451	321	361
10	99	100	120	193	184	218	398	207	191	367	394	332	266	299
11	70	94	51	69	87	99	151	140	157	232	224	235	240	180
12	115	107	72	61	80	87	70	90	139	230	184	225	212	171
13	115	124	76	87	92	146	69	91	68	135	127	148	105	86
14	106	96	70	95	88	149	66	89	67	110	97	88	90	99
15	514	228	104	103	125	282	208	171	151	134	140	140	135	135
16	2,580	883	180	158	108	245	107	184	165	223	276	284	42	365
Total	19,901	16,462	8,728	9,615	9,109	10,103	7,318	7,760	5,543	7,436	8,755	7,317	6,558	5,068

<sup>a</sup> No salmon were observed during the period 21 – 27 June.

Appendix D. East bank Anvik River corrected sonar counts by sector, 21 June – 25 July, 1992.

East Bank														
Sector	28-Jun <sup>a</sup>	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul	06-Jul	07-Jul	08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul
17	0	0	2	13	50	139	195	239	142	199	2,920	260	195	261
18	0	1	1	194	940	793	1,452	1,289	541	562	11,459	745	3,009	2,258
19	0	2	11	143	1,303	2,209	3,358	4,221	1,638	1,236	8,628	1,694	1,009	2,765
20	0	3	46	150	3,033	4,804	6,436	9,354	2,976	2,113	3,514	3,171	1,081	4,587
21	0	0	21	366	5,716	7,930	7,239	10,793	4,860	3,234	2,381	4,601	1,422	654
22	0	1	92	769	7,834	9,794	12,009	11,571	4,380	3,660	1,032	5,059	1,104	602
23	0	2	135	1,262	6,893	8,376	9,417	9,784	5,351	6,263	324	6,808	1,613	911
24	0	1	195	1,145	3,339	3,999	4,657	3,854	4,531	4,142	276	3,902	1,241	628
25	0	1	239	711	754	851	1,465	1,017	633	1,030	86	997	577	257
26	0	6	313	759	254	290	533	360	526	366	56	459	545	224
27	0	7	290	741	43	128	120	94	74	76	50	68	249	116
28	0	0	153	390	12	95	81	139	7	52	57	53	193	182
29	0	0	58	146	10	87	177	89	345	262	36	86	737	238
30	0	0	19	30	12	179	249	396	280	490	85	355	1,091	244
31	0	0	143	8	15	314	405	1,058	730	208	129	1,037	1,922	285
32	0	0	482	126	1,553	2,266	2,048	8,612	8,765	2,513	224	8,174	6,416	1,271
Total	0	24	2,200	6,953	31,761	42,254	49,841	62,870	35,779	26,406	31,257	37,469	22,404	15,483

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East Bank Sector	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul
17	508	358	182	175	194	60	73	26	45	125	167	240	27
18	569	740	760	491	266	3,594	210	128	245	394	240	1,129	628
19	543	764	399	268	308	586	376	222	428	427	239	563	678
20	971	1,595	845	679	707	1,089	1,152	319	293	215	102	314	475
21	917	1,048	711	778	942	1,189	835	305	128	71	37	108	121
22	935	1,163	808	651	644	758	602	298	145	41	16	29	36
23	767	776	772	767	937	993	664	353	56	16	3	7	19
24	348	451	387	415	402	451	300	173	12	10	0	5	2
25	41	68	106	119	144	155	105	33	1	3	2	2	0
26	89	38	191	109	108	115	74	12	2	8	3	32	0
27	111	13	177	100	70	39	15	13	2	8	0	5	0
28	145	12	321	188	100	106	16	13	2	180	2	29	0
29	262	38	532	442	316	301	12	32	11	324	49	183	18
30	304	76	547	525	466	217	18	37	46	335	117	346	31
31	359	251	695	672	522	366	44	31	134	1,074	125	440	166
32	1,293	2,501	3,297	1,759	638	643	207	101	190	897	70	568	249
Total	8,162	9,892	10,730	8,138	6,764	10,662	4,703	2,096	1,740	4,128	1,172	4,000	2,450

<sup>a</sup> No salmon were observed during the period 21 – 27 June.

Appendix E. Anvik River salmon beach seine catch by species, sex, and date, 1992.

Date	Chum Salmon			Chinook Salmon			Pink Salmon		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25-Jun									
26-Jun									
27-Jun									
28-Jun									
29-Jun									
30-Jun									
01-Jul									
02-Jul									
03-Jul									
04-Jul									
05-Jul	12	18	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-Jul	26	35	61	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-Jul	25	33	58	0	0	0	0	0	0
08-Jul									
09-Jul	13	19	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-Jul	45	35	80	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-Jul									
12-Jul	20	20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
13-Jul									
14-Jul									
15-Jul									
16-Jul	17	62	79	0	0	0	0	0	0
17-Jul									
18-Jul	7	30	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
19-Jul									
20-Jul									
21-Jul	7	34	41	0	0	0	0	0	0
22-Jul									
23-Jul									
24-Jul									
25-Jul									
26-Jul									
Total	172	286	458	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix F. Age and sex composition of Anvik River summer chum salmon, 1972 – 1992.

Year	Number of Fish <sup>a</sup>														
	Total Sample			Age 0.2			Age 0.3			Age 0.4			Age 0.5		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1972	167	153	320	0	0	0	25	37	62	138	115	253	4	1	5
1973	265	518	783	11	37	48	204	401	605	49	79	128	1	1	2
1974	245	157	402	12	24	36	197	120	317	34	12	46	2	1	3
1975	270	314	584	4	17	21	253	288	541	13	9	22	0	0	0
1976	281	320	601	5	4	9	43	35	78	233	281	514	0	0	0
1977	191	398	589	20	111	131	161	270	431	7	15	22	3	2	5
1978	289	263	552	0	1	1	210	180	390	79	82	161	0	0	0
1979	273	306	579	2	12	14	154	193	347	115	99	214	2	2	4
1980	167	258	425	0	1	1	147	226	373	20	31	51	0	0	0
1981	151	182	333	0	0	0	49	67	116	99	115	214	3	0	3
1982	117	265	382	4	17	21	75	181	256	37	65	102	1	2	3
1983	183	238	421	0	4	4	99	142	241	83	90	173	1	2	3
1984	138	215	353	2	6	8	117	189	306	19	20	39	0	0	0
1985	233	294	527	0	11	11	172	225	397	59	58	117	2	0	2
1986	205	281	486	0	2	2	59	89	148	143	186	329	3	4	7
1987	190	355	545	0	10	10	125	238	363	56	100	156	9	7	16
1988	180	351	531	1	30	31	129	282	411	48	37	85	2	2	4
1989	199	389	588	0	9	9	55	179	234	143	201	344	1	0	1
1990	172	227	399	3	12	15	98	169	267	67	45	112	4	1	5
1991	239	313	552	0	0	0	96	153	249	141	160	301	2	0	2
1992	162	262	424	0	3	3	39	98	137	115	154	269	8	7	15

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Year	Percent of Sample <sup>b</sup>														
	Total Sample			Age 0.2			Age 0.3			Age 0.4			Age 0.5		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1972	52.2	47.8	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	11.6	19.4	43.1	35.9	79.1	1.3	0.3	1.6
1973	33.8	66.2	100.0	1.4	4.7	6.1	26.1	51.2	77.3	6.3	10.1	16.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
1974	60.9	39.1	100.0	3.0	6.0	9.0	49.0	29.9	78.9	8.5	3.0	11.4	0.5	0.2	0.7
1975	46.2	53.8	100.0	0.7	2.9	3.6	43.3	49.3	92.6	2.2	1.5	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
1976	46.8	53.2	100.0	0.8	0.7	1.5	7.2	5.8	13.0	38.8	46.8	85.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
1977	32.4	67.6	100.0	3.4	18.8	22.2	27.3	45.8	73.2	1.2	2.5	3.7	0.5	0.3	0.8
1978	52.4	47.6	100.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	38.0	32.6	70.7	14.3	14.9	29.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
1979	47.2	52.8	100.0	0.3	2.1	2.4	26.6	33.3	59.9	19.9	17.1	37.0	0.3	0.3	0.7
1980	39.3	60.7	100.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	34.6	53.2	87.8	4.7	7.3	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1981	45.3	54.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.7	20.1	34.8	29.7	34.5	64.3	0.9	0.0	0.9
1982	30.6	69.4	100.0	1.0	4.5	5.5	19.6	47.4	67.0	9.7	17.0	26.7	0.3	0.5	0.8
1983	43.5	56.5	100.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	23.5	33.7	57.2	19.7	21.4	41.1	0.2	0.5	0.7
1984	39.1	60.9	100.0	0.6	1.7	2.3	33.1	53.5	86.7	5.4	5.7	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1985	44.2	55.8	100.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	32.6	42.7	75.3	11.2	11.0	22.2	0.4	0.0	0.4
1986	42.2	57.8	100.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	12.1	18.3	30.5	29.4	38.3	67.7	0.6	0.8	1.4
1987	34.9	65.1	100.0	0.0	1.8	1.8	22.9	43.7	66.6	10.3	18.3	28.6	1.7	1.3	2.9
1988	33.9	66.1	100.0	0.2	5.6	5.8	24.3	53.1	77.4	9.0	7.0	16.0	0.4	0.4	0.8
1989 <sup>c</sup>	34.4	65.6	100.0	0.0	1.2	1.2	9.4	28.5	37.9	24.8	35.9	60.7	0.1	0.0	0.1
1990 <sup>c</sup>	48.7	51.3	100.0	0.6	2.5	3.2	26.0	39.1	65.1	18.8	11.3	30.1	1.2	0.4	1.6
1991 <sup>c</sup>	42.1	57.9	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.4	27.8	44.2	25.6	30.1	55.6	0.2	0.0	0.2
1992 <sup>c</sup>	43.4	56.6	100.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	8.4	18.1	26.5	32.6	36.3	69.0	2.4	1.8	4.2

<sup>a</sup> Samples collected by carcass survey 1972–1981, by beach seine 1983–1992, and by both methods combined in 1982.

<sup>b</sup> Sample percentages not weighted by time period or escapement counts unless otherwise noted.

<sup>c</sup> Sample percentages weighted by time period and escapement counts.

Appendix G. Age and sex composition of Anvik River chinook salmon escapement samples, 1972–1992.

Year	Number of Chinook Salmon <sup>a</sup>														
	Sample			Age 4			Age 5			Age 6			Age 7		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1972	10	5	15	0	0	0	8	0	8	2	5	7	0	0	0
1973	6	4	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	3	8	0	1	1
1974	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1975	6	2	8	1	0	1	4	1	5	1	1	2	0	0	0
1976	33	12	45	6	0	6	25	5	30	2	7	9	0	0	0
1977	58	59	117	2	1	3	27	6	33	27	48	75	2	4	6
1978	36	41	77	13	0	13	10	1	11	13	39	52	0	1	1
1979	37	9	46	17	0	17	14	0	14	6	6	12	0	3	3
1980	41	42	83	19	1	20	21	22	43	1	16	17	0	3	3
1981	109	154	263	33	1	34	61	36	97	15	116	131	0	1	1
1982	100	38	138	47	1	48	47	5	52	6	32	38	0	0	0
1983	173	133	306	56 <sup>b</sup>	0	56	84	26	110	33	104	137	0	3	3
1984	162	114	276	29	4	33	108	30	138	25	74	99	0	6	6
1985	25	8	33	10	0	10	10	3	13	5	5	10	0	0	0
1986	53	89	142	0	1	1	44	27	71	6	48	54	3	13	16
1987	92	130	222	21	0	21	22	7	29	48	116	164	1	7	8
1988	173	73	246	75	0	75	70	24	94	26	41	67	2	8	10
1989	226	155	381	17 <sup>b</sup>	0	17	149	38	187	60	106	166	0	11	11
1990	252	148	400	106 <sup>b</sup>	0	106	86	18	104	56	119	175	4	11	15
1991	223	155	378	39	0	39	145	63	208	38	82	120	1	10	11
1992	185	130	315	30	0	30	113	7	120	40	120	160	2	3	5

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Year	Percent of Total Sample <sup>a</sup>														
	Sample			Age 4			Age 5			Age 6			Age 7		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1972	66.7	33.3	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.3	0.0	53.3	13.3	33.3	46.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
1973	60.0	40.0	100.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	30.0	80.0	0.0	10.0	10.0
1974	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1975	75.0	25.0	100.0	12.5	0.0	12.5	50.0	12.5	62.5	12.5	12.5	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1976	73.3	26.7	100.0	13.3	0.0	13.3	55.6	11.1	66.7	4.4	15.6	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1977	49.6	50.4	100.0	1.7	0.9	2.6	23.1	5.1	28.2	23.1	41.0	64.1	1.7	3.4	5.1
1978	46.8	53.2	100.0	16.9	0.0	16.9	13.0	1.3	14.3	16.9	50.6	67.5	0.0	1.3	1.3
1979	80.4	19.6	100.0	37.0	0.0	37.0	30.4	0.0	30.4	13.0	13.0	26.1	0.0	6.5	6.5
1980	49.4	50.6	100.0	22.9	1.2	24.1	25.3	26.5	51.8	1.2	19.3	20.5	0.0	3.6	3.6
1981	41.4	58.6	100.0	12.5	0.4	12.9	23.2	13.7	36.9	5.7	44.1	49.8	0.0	0.4	0.4
1982	72.5	27.5	100.0	34.1	0.7	34.8	34.1	3.6	37.7	4.3	23.2	27.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
1983	56.5	43.5	100.0	18.3	0.0	18.3	27.5	8.5	35.9	10.8	34.0	44.8	0.0	1.0	1.0
1984	58.7	41.3	100.0	10.5	1.4	12.0	39.1	10.9	50.0	9.1	26.8	35.9	0.0	2.2	2.2
1985	75.8	24.2	100.0	30.3	0.0	30.3	30.3	9.1	39.4	15.2	15.2	30.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
1986	37.3	62.7	100.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	31.0	19.0	50.0	4.2	33.8	38.0	2.1	9.2	11.3
1987	41.4	58.6	100.0	9.5	0.0	9.5	9.9	3.2	13.1	21.6	52.3	73.9	0.5	3.2	3.6
1988	70.3	29.7	100.0	30.5	0.0	30.5	28.5	9.8	38.2	10.6	16.7	27.2	0.8	3.3	4.1
1989	59.3	40.7	100.0	4.5	0.0	4.5	39.1	10.0	49.1	15.7	27.8	43.6	0.0	2.9	2.9
1990	63.0	37.0	100.0	26.5	0.0	26.5	21.5	4.5	26.0	14.0	29.8	43.8	1.0	2.8	3.8
1991	59.0	41.0	100.0	10.3	0.0	10.3	38.4	16.7	55.0	10.1	21.7	31.7	0.3	2.6	2.9
1992	58.7	41.3	100.0	9.5	0.0	9.5	35.9	2.2	38.1	12.7	38.1	50.8	0.6	1.0	1.6

<sup>a</sup> Samples collected mainly by carcass survey. In some years a very few fish were also collected by beach seine or hook and line.

<sup>b</sup> Includes one age-3 male.

<sup>c</sup> Sample percentages not weighted by time period or escapement counts.

Appendix H. Climatological and hydrological observations, Anvik River sonar site, 1992.

Date	Time	Precip. (Code) <sup>a</sup>	Wind (Direction and Velocity)	Cloud Cover (Code) <sup>b</sup>	Temperature			Water Gauge			Water Color (code) <sup>c</sup>	Remarks
					Air		Water	Actual (ft.)	Relative (ft.)	Relative (cm)		
					Min. °C	Max. °C						
19-Jun	18:00	A	calm	0	7	20	13	2.38	0.00	0.0	3	light showers
20-Jun	18:00	A	Var 2	2	2	19	13	2.24	-0.14	-4.3	3	light rain in early AM
21-Jun	18:05	A	Var	2	7	22	12	2.04	-0.34	-10.4	3	overcast in AM with rain; partly sunny in PM
22-Jun	18:00	A	Var 5	3	8	23	12	1.92	-0.46	-14.0	3	rain late PM & AM
23-Jun	18:00	N	S 5	2	4	23	13	1.98	-0.40	-12.2	2	
24-Jun	18:20	N	NW 15-20	2	6	21	14	1.83	-0.55	-16.8	2	clear & sunny for most of day
25-Jun	18:00	N	SW 15-20	1	5	21	15	1.63	-0.75	-22.9	2	clear, hot, sunny, windy
26-Jun	18:00	A	S 5	4	7	19	13	1.50	-0.88	-26.8	2	cloudy
27-Jun	18:00	A	E 20-25	4	13	13	13	1.50	-0.88	-26.8	2	overcast all day with periodic rain
28-Jun	18:00	A	Var 10	3	9	21	13	1.51	-0.87	-26.5	2	rain in early AM; clearing by 1800
29-Jun	18:00	A	calm	0	10	18	13	1.66	-0.72	-21.9	2	
30-Jun	18:00	N	S 10-15	4	10	16	12	1.49	-0.89	-27.1	2	cold day
01-Jul	18:00	N	NW 5-10	1	11	21	15	1.34	-1.04	-31.7	2	overcast thru late eve; clear by 0700
02-Jul	19:00	N	S 10-15	2	7	24	16	3.16	-1.22	-37.2	2	moved water gauge 1.25 = 3.25
03-Jul	17:16	N	Var	1	9	19	15	3.08	-1.30	-39.6	2	
04-Jul	18:15	N	Var 2	2	10	27	17	3.07	-1.31	-39.9	2	
05-Jul	16:15	N	S 10-15	3	13	23	16	3.06	-1.32	-40.2	2	
06-Jul	16:00	N	calm	3	6	20	15	3.06	-1.32	-40.2	2	
07-Jul	17:49	N	calm	2	10	19	15	3.21	-1.17	-35.7	2	
08-Jul	17:55	N	calm	3	11	21	17	2.99	-1.39	-42.4	2	
09-Jul	18:07	N	E 10	2	9	22	18	2.94	-1.44	-43.9	2	
10-Jul	18:00	A	E 10	4	14	14	15	2.93	-1.45	-44.2	2	
11-Jul	18:10	A	calm	3	9	17	15	2.96	-1.42	-43.3	2	rain through early AM; clear by 0600
12-Jul	18:00	A	E 2	4	9	19	15	2.99	-1.39	-42.4	2	
13-Jul	18:00	N	calm	3	6	17	15	2.96	-1.42	-43.3	2	
14-Jul	18:00	N		2	7	21	17	2.85	-1.53	-46.6	2	
15-Jul	18:00	N	S 5-10	1	2	21	16	2.75	-1.63	-49.7	2	
16-Jul	18:00	N	S 5-10	1	3	21	16	2.67	-1.71	-52.1	2	
17-Jul	18:30	N	calm	3	4	22	17	2.68	-1.70	-51.8	2	
18-Jul	18:00	N	S 5-10	1	6	21	17	2.66	-1.72	-52.4	2	
19-Jul	18:10	N	calm	4	7	18	15	2.46	-1.92	-58.5	2	
20-Jul	17:33	N	calm	3	7	18	15	2.44	-1.94	-59.1	2	
21-Jul	22:33	A		4	6	19	12	2.44	-1.94	-59.1	2	
22-Jul	18:25	N	S 5	2	10	19	17	2.40	-1.98	-60.4	2	
23-Jul	17:55	A	calm	3	8	18	15	2.40	-1.98	-60.4	2	
24-Jul	18:05	A	calm	3	9	21	17	2.48	-1.90	-57.9	2	rain throughout early AM
25-Jul	18:06	N	SE 10-15	1	8	25	18	2.50	-1.88	-57.3	2	hot & humid with thunderstorms
26-Jul	18:00	A	SE 5-10	2	8	22	17	2.51	-1.87	-57.0	2	hot & humid with thunderstorms

<sup>a</sup> Precipitation code for the preceding 24-h period: N = No precipitation; A = Intermittent rain; B = Continuous rain; C = Snow; D = Snow and rain mixed; and E = Hail.

<sup>b</sup> Instantaneous cloud cover code: 0 = No observation; 1 = Clear sky, cloud cover not more than 10% of sky; 2 = Cloud cover not more than 50% of sky; 3 = Cloud cover more than 50% but less than 100% of sky; 4 = Completely overcast; and 5 = Fog or thick haze.

<sup>c</sup> Instantaneous water color code: 1 = Clear; 2 = Light brown; 3 = Dark brown; and 4 = Murky or glacial.

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