

State of Alaska  
 Department of Fish and Game  
 Public Review Nomination for Waters  
 Important to Anadromous Species

Addition

Deletion

Name of Waterbody (if known): Cripple River

333-10-10900

Location:

Anadromous Waters Catalog Volume and Number Region V 3/1/83

USGS 1:63,360 Quadrangle C-2 Nome

or 1:250,000 (if 1:63,360 not available) \_\_\_\_\_

Species	Date(s) Observed	Stage(s) (Spawning, Rearing, Migration)
Sockeye	Never	

Comments: Please provide any clarifying information in addition to identification on Anadromous Waters Catalog Public Review Maps.

No Sockeye in Cripple River

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Name of Observer (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

*Charles L. Luan*  
Charles Luan

Date: 4/6/84

Signature: *Charles Luan*

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State of Alaska  
 Department of Fish and Game  
 Nomination for Waters  
 Important to Anadromous Fish

1986  
 Year of Revision

Anadromous Water Catalog Volume Arctic II  
 USGS Quad Nome C-2  
 Name of Waterway Cripple River  
 Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway 333-10-10900

Change to  Atlas  
 Catalog  
 Both

Addition

Deletion

Correction

Name addition:

USGS name \_\_\_\_\_

Local name \_\_\_\_\_

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REGION II  
 HABITAT DIVISION

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Nomination # <u>86-444</u>	
<u>Pa. Hunt</u> Regional Supervisor	<u>11-4-85</u> Date
<u>J. SPS</u>	<u>11/15/85</u>
<u>[Signature]</u> Drafted	<u>[Signature]</u> Date

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Migration
<u>Sockeye</u>	<u>Delete</u>			

Comments: Provide any clarifying information, including number of fish observed, location of fish survey data, etc.

Delete Sockeye from Cripple River. From comments on regional  
guide narrative. No record of sockeye in  
Cripple River

Attach a copy of a map showing location of mouth and upper points of each species, specific stream reaches identified for spawning or rearing, locations of barriers, such as falls. Attach a copy of the fish survey data, if available.

Name of Observer (please print) Charles Lean

Date: 10/24/85 Signature: [Signature]

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Signature of Area Biologist: REGION II HABITAT DIVISION

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**Johnson, J D (DFG)**

**From:** Menard, James A (DFG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 4:38 PM  
**To:** Johnson, J D (DFG)  
**Subject:** FW: Nome area anadromous water bodies

FYI

**From:** Charlie Lean [mailto:charlie@nsedc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 4:30 PM  
**To:** Menard, James A (DFG)  
**Subject:** RE: Nome area anadromous water bodies

Those nominations that never made it in were from surveys paid for BSFA.

This past summer I saw 6 sockeye in Cobblestone just below Oro Grande. Ben Rowe would be a good source on whitefish at Cobblestone, he guides fishermen there so would be Fred DeCicco, another guide there. Three years ago I got a king in my subsistence Gillnet on the Sinuk. They used to spawn about 5 miles below the bridge, but a couple guys, now gone, targeted them to extirpation. ( I just got Lucky)

**From:** Menard, James A (DFG) [mailto:jim.menard@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 3:37 PM  
**To:** Johnson, J D (DFG)  
**Cc:** Charlie Lean; Kent, Scott M (DFG); Scanlon, Brendan P (DFG)  
**Subject:** RE: Nome area anadromous water bodies

Jay

I saw a school of six sockeye in Cripple Creek, this summer when surveying. Looking at aerial survey spreadsheets Charlie Lean saw 2 sockeyes in 1998, In recent years the number of sockeyes have been increasing at the Nome and Snake River weirs as hundreds are now seen in those rivers.

From our subsistence salmon permits there were 56 coho salmon and 1 chum salmon reported caught in the McKinley Creek this past year by five Golovin permit holders. I'm sure there are pink there too, but we didn't have much of a pink run in 2007. This year with a small pink run folks fished more in some other rivers.

The Sinuk River has had Chinook salmon spotted by aerial survey. The highest number was in 1983 when LS (Len Swartz?) spotted 33 and a later survey by Charlie Lean spotted 47. Sightings dwindled in the 1990s to 10 or less with the last sighting noted by Charlie Lean in 1998 when 5 Chinook were spotted. No more sightings were noted until 2007 when I sighted 3 Chinook salmon.

The other creeks, rivers and canal I don't have info on. Jim

**From:** Johnson, J D (DFG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 12:22 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Brendan P (DFG)  
**Cc:** Menard, James A (DFG)  
**Subject:** Nome area anadromous water bodies

Brendan &amp; Jim

I been going thru old files I inherited and came across several dated nominations to the AWC (FDD is gonna go away). Looks like these were originally submitted by Charlie Lean during 1984. For some reason there was no follow up so the data was not added to the AWC.

3/7/2008

Following are water bodies that I have nominations for that never made onto the Atlas maps

Dewey Creek – Pink salmon and arctic char  
California Creek - Arctic char and whitefish (id to species)  
McKinley Creek – Pink salmon and arctic char  
Bryan Creek – Pink salmon and arctic char

Following are water bodies listed in AWC but species noted on nomination form is currently not documented in AWC

Sunset Creek – add Arctic char  
Cobblestone River – add pink salmon and whitefish (id to species)  
St Michaels Canal – add coho salmon  
Nunavulnuk River – add coho salmon  
Sinuk River – add Chinook salmon

If either of you are interested in assisting w/revisions to AWC that may result based on these old noms, let me know. If so, I'll make up new nom forms and send them your way along w/copies of the old noms and maps that can be used to mark the upper most extent of known anadromous fish presence.

One final query – I've come across two separate noms, submitted in the 1980's, that call for the deletion of sockeye salmon from Cripple Creek, (sockeye salmon were not listed w/Cripple Creek on old blue line Atlas map) yet for some reason both sockeye salmon presence and rearing appear on latest map. I believe this is in error and plan to correct it come next Atlas revision but wanted to get your opinions first.

Any assistance would be appreciated.

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