



State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Sportfish Division

Nomination Form
Fish Distribution Database

Region USGS Quad(s)
 Fish Distribution Database Number of Waterway
 Name of Waterway USGS Name Local Name
 Addition Deletion Correction Backup Information

For Office Use

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| Nomination # <u>07-173</u> | _____ ADF&G Fisheries Scientist _____ Date |
| Revision Year: <u>2008</u> | _____ ADNR OHMP Operations Mgr. _____ Date |
| Revision to: Atlas _____ Catalog _____ Both _____ | _____ FDD Project Biologist _____ Date |
| Revision Code: <u>F-1</u> | _____ Cartographer _____ Date |

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

| Species | Date(s) Observed | Spawning | Rearing | Present | Anadromous |
|---------|------------------|----------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Chum | 8/15/2005 | Unknown | Unknown | Y | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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IMPORTANT: Provide all supporting documentation that this water body is important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish, including: number of fish and life stages observed; sampling methods, sampling duration and area sampled; copies of field notes; etc. Attach a copy of a map showing location of mouth and observed upper extent of each species, as well as other information such as: specific stream reaches observed as spawning or rearing habitat; locations, types, and heights of any barriers; etc.

Comments: In an effort to locate tagged chum salmon in the Selatna River, myself and one volunteer surveyed the Selatna River by boat and by foot looking for tags. The Selatna River confluences with the Kuskokwim River at approximately 62.51926 N, 155.80276 W, just upstream from the Nunivak Bar. We began surveying by foot about 6 miles upstream from the mouth (62.50345 N, 155.69845 W) and walked along the bank about 2 miles upstream until we stopped and turned around at approximately 62.48982 N, 155.65340 W. We did not find any tags but we did find evidence of chum salmon presence throughout the area surveyed. As it was late in the season, we only found chum salmon carcasses; however, carcasses were distributed throughout the reach we surveyed, right up to the very end of the survey reach. I think it is safe to assume that they were spawning here.

Substantiates chum salmon presence in Selatna River

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This certifies that in my best professional judgment and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Fish Distribution Database.

Signature of Area Biologist: _____ Date: _____ Revision 02/05
 Name of Area Biologist (please print): _____

Summary of Tag Surveys

Tributary: Nunsatuk (spelling?)

Date: 5 August, 2005

Surveyors: Dan Costello, Zack Tomco

Survey conditions: We were able to drive only 2.75 miles upstream from the mouth. A logjam consisting of 6-10 logs prevented travel further upstream. We walked an additional 0.77 miles upstream. During our walk upstream, we found 0 tags, 30 live chum, 8 partial chum carcasses, and 7 whole chum carcasses. While cruising up and down the lower portion, we found only 1 carcass, and 0 tags. Surveyor's believed that they hadn't reached the spawning grounds.

River description: The lower 1.5 miles was extremely meandering and slow with silt / mud substrate. Farther upstream until the end of the survey segment the river was narrow and swift with a gravel substrate interspersed with patches of slow-moving water and silt / mud river bottom.

Tributary: Selatna (spelling?)

Date: 14 August, 2005

Surveyors: Dan Costello, one volunteer

Daniel Tomco
5/7/07

Survey conditions: We were able to drive only 6.0 miles upstream from the mouth. A logjam consisting of 30-40 logs prevented travel further upstream. We walked an additional 2 miles upstream. During our walk upstream, we found 0 tags, 0 live chum, 48 partial chum carcasses, and 10 whole chum carcasses. While cruising up and down the lower portion, we found only 0 carcasses, and 0 tags. Surveyor's believed that they hadn't reached the spawning grounds.

River description: The lower 2 miles was deep and slow with many meanders. The next 4 miles of the survey segment (until where we could drive no further) was mostly shallow and swift with cobble and gravel substrate (the channel had divided). After the log jam and for the next 2 miles the river was again deep and wide with a mud / silt substrate.