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Region Southeast Region I

USGS Quad Skagway C-3 STATE OF ALASKA FISH & GAME

Fish Distribution Database Number of Waterway 115-32-10250-2147-3009-0010

Name of Waterway Mule Meadow tributary pond USGS Name Local Name

Addition Deletion Correction Backup Information

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Nomination # <u>04 332</u>	<u>MEAD</u>	<u>2/24/05</u>
Revision Year: <u>2004</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>2/24/05</u>
Revision to: Atlas <u> </u> Catalog <u> </u>	Fisheries Scientist	Date
Both <u>X</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12-17-04</u>
Revision Code: <u>A-2 B2</u>	FDD Project Biologist	Date
	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>3/22/05</u>
	Drafted	Date

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Present	Anadromous
Coho salmon	2/27/2004			X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sockeye salmon	7/30/2004, 8/4/2004			X	<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: Mule Meadows tributary #1 flows through a large pond which serves as a holding area for adult sockeye and coho salmon. Spawning coho and sockeye salmon have been observed above and sockeye are regularly seen holding in this pond (see attached emails).

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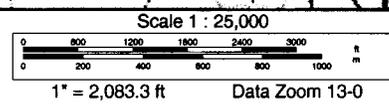
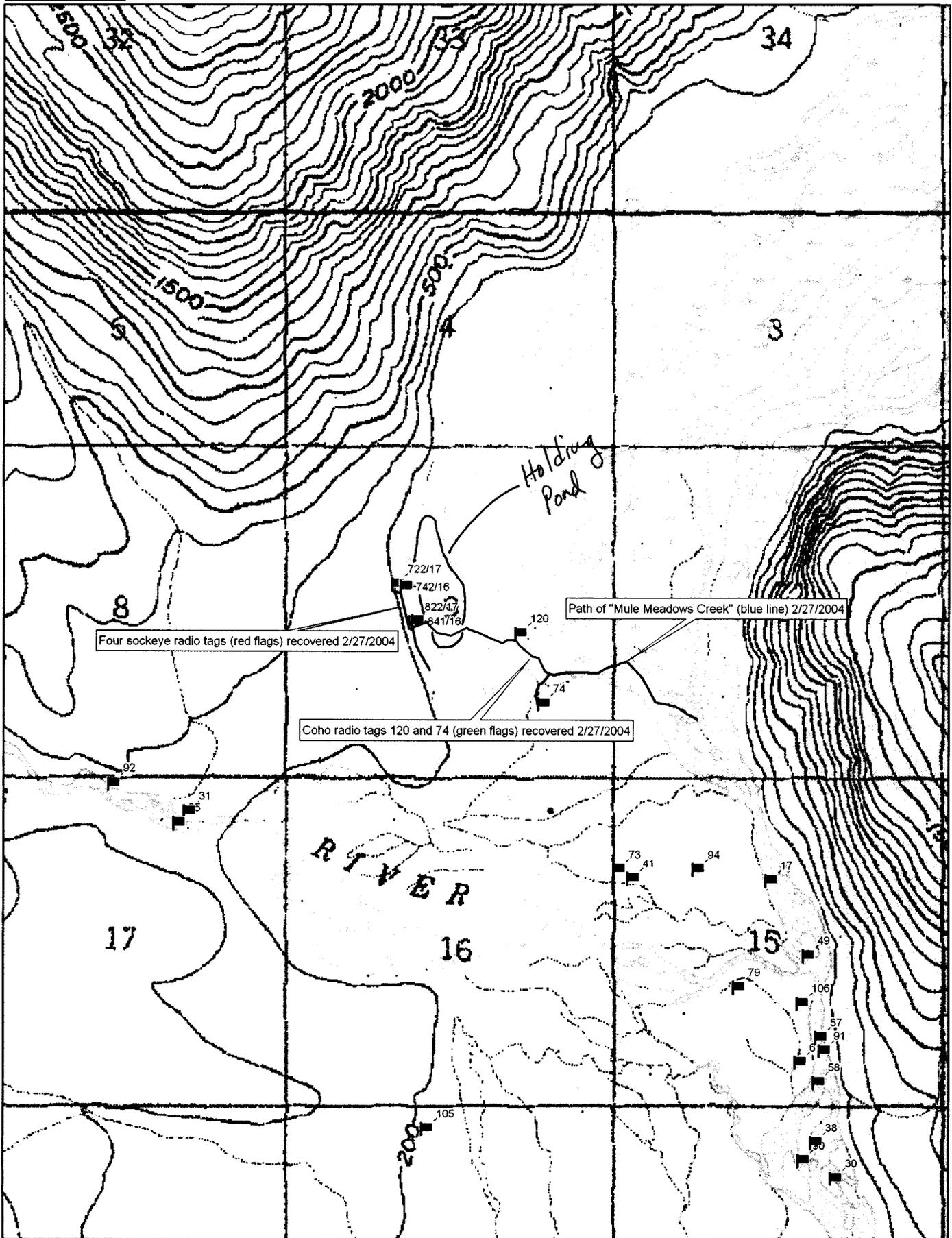
Name of Observer (please print): Randy Ericksen
 Signature: [Signature]
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Date: 11/8/04

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: [Signature]
 Name of Area Biologist (please print): Randy Ericksen

Revision 04/03



Randy P. Ericksen

From: Richard Chapell [richard_chapell@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2004 9:54 AM
To: Randolph P Ericksen (E-mail)
Subject: Mule Meadows coho and sockeye salmon

On February 27, 2004 I searched the Mule Meadows area for radio tags that had been deployed in coho and sockeye salmon in 2003. I walked up the Mule Meadows Creek stream from the confluence with the Chilkat River and I recovered coho radio tag # 74 in a small tributary that entered the stream from the south, toward the Kelsall River. There were also remnants of about 20 salmon carcasses in this tributary.

Continuing further up Mule Meadows Creek, I recovered radio tag # 120 in the creek bed, then came to a small pond. From that pond I continued up a tributary that went to the base of the hill to the west of the pond until the tributary forked. On the south fork, I saw one live and about 175 dead coho salmon. On the north fork, I encountered four sockeye salmon radio tags that had been deployed in 2003. I was able to recover three of those tags and located the fourth embedded in frozen sediment.

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Randy P. Ericksen

From: Mark M Sogge [mark_sogge@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2004 10:03 AM
To: 'Randy Ericksen'
Subject: Mule meadows sockeye

On 7/30/04 we conducted a sockeye recovery operation in Mule Meadows, off the Chilkat River. Due to high water conditions, we explored the first side channel of the main outlet stream looking for sockeye that would be available to seine. This channel enters the main outlet stream from the south side and is the first major side channel encountered when proceeding upstream from the outlet. We seined 39 sockeye in the side channel that day and I estimate that there were probably an additional 20 sockeye that we did not catch.

This same side channel was seined again on 8/4/04 and an additional 145 new sockeye were sampled.

During the 7/30/04 trip we also went to the spring fed spawning area along the cliff at the headwaters of Mule Meadows. We counted 210 sockeye actively spawning in this area.

We made many additional trips this year to sample sockeye in the Mule Meadows area and I can provide you with the seine results if you need them.

Although we do not attempt to seine in the large, shallow pool between the headwaters spring and the outlet stream, we usually see schools of sockeye holding in this area.