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

X Addition

Deletion

Name of Waterbody (if known): #101-45-10240  
White River and Tributaries

Location:

Anadromous Waters Catalog Volume and Number Southeastern, Vol. 1

USGS 1:63,360 Quadrangle Ketchikan, B-5

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

Species	Date(s) Observed	Stage(s) (Spawning, Rearing, Migration)
<u>Coho</u>	<u>November date, 1982, 83</u>	<u>Spawning, Rearing</u>
<u>Pink</u>	<u>9/83</u>	<u>Spawning</u>
<u>Steelhead</u>	<u>5/82</u>	<u>Spawning, Rearing</u>

Comments: Please provide any clarifying information. Also, please include a map of the area identifying the stream reach. This can be a copy of the map from the Anadromous Waters Atlas.

See attached memo to John Clark

Name of Observer (please print) Don Cornelius

Date: 12/8/83 Signature: Don Cornelius

Address: Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Habitat  
Ketchikan



## MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska ALASKA DEPT. OF  
FISH & GAME

To: John Clark, Director  
Habitat Division  
Department of Fish and Game  
Juneau

DATE: December 16, 1983

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FILE NO:

HABITAT

TELEPHONE NO. 225-2027

REGIONAL OFFICE

Through: Rick Reed  
Regional Supervisor  
Habitat Division  
Department of Fish and Game  
Juneau

SUBJECT: Addition of Streams in White  
River Drainage to Anadromous  
Waters Catalogue

From: Don Cornelius  
Area Habitat Biologist  
Habitat Division  
Department of Fish and Game  
Ketchikan

Enclosed is a copy of the nomination form I would like to use to add additional portions of the White River Drainage to the Anadromous Waters Catalogue. Please note that I have proposed the use of an ellipse to identify portions of this drainage which are utilized by anadromous fish for rearing purposes. Numerous field inspections of streams and beaver ponds within the drainage have verified that coho salmon rear in virtually all streams in the system below the elevations included within the ellipse. Additional rearing habitat exists in some streams above the elevations described in the ellipse, but the scale of the map used in our catalogue precludes accurate location of these streams.

The reasons I recommend using an ellipse to identify anadromous streams in the White River drainage are:

1. The streams used by coho salmon are too numerous to be placed on a map and clearly delineate types of fish usage.
2. Virtually all of the rearing streams are not indicated on a 1:63,360 scale map and, therefore, these locations would have to be estimated. This would result in inaccuracies in the map which would not be defensible in court.
3. Identifying all waters within the ellipse as fish streams notifies Cape Fox Corporation that fish protection is required within this area and that they need to consult this Department before proceeding with logging/road building activities. We do not intend to take Cape Fox Corporation, or anyone else for that matter, to court for violation of AS 16.05.870 unless we could document fish presence within the area of the violation after the violation occurred.

Whenever possible I have indicated spawning streams on the map. Therefore, the ellipse is only for the addition of rearing streams.

cc: P. Weber, ADFG, Juneau