State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Habitat and Restoration Division

Nomination for Waters Important to Anadromous Fish

Region: SOUTHCENTRAL SWI

USGS Quad: USGS Quad Map Kodiak D-2

Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway: 259-21-10120-2032 uncatalogued

Name of Waterway: unnamed tributary creek flowing into Buskin Lake ☐ USGS Name ☐ Local Name

☑ Addition ☐ Deletion ☐ Correction ☐ Backup Information

For Office Use

Nomination #: 03 204			
Revision Year: 2003			
Revision to: Atlas ____ Catalog ____ Both X	Regional Supervisor		3/13/03 Date
Revision Code: A-2	AWC Project Biologist		11 MAR 03 Date
	Drafted		6 Jan 03 Date

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Present	Anadromous
coho salmon	8/31/02	no	yes		☑
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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: nominated waterway is an uncatalogued, continuously flowing creek (approximately 1/4 mile in length) draining into the Buskin Lake on its western shore, to the south of catalogued stream #2020. GPS coordinates (1927 datum) geographically describing the location of the stream from its mouth to the extent surveyed are as follows: stream mouth N57° 46.612′ W152° 33.659′; survey terminus N57° 46.552′ W152° 33.856′. See attached figure for geographic illustration of approximate stream location.

Name of Observer (please print): Donn Tracy

Signature: Donn A. Tracy Date: 9/6/02

Address: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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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 Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes per AS 16.05.870.

Signature of Area Biologist: Ken Schwarz

Revision 3/97

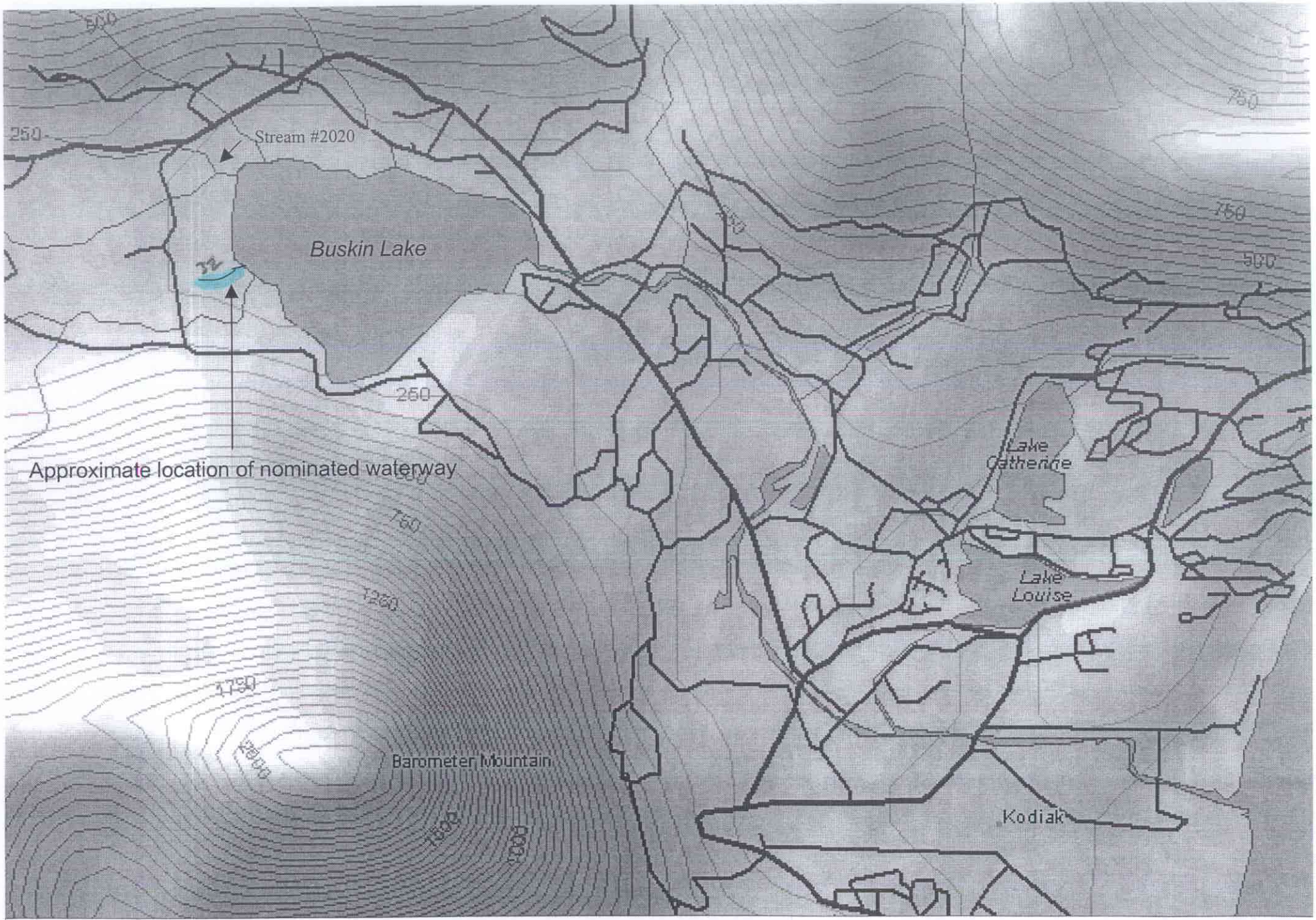

Figure 1. Buskin Lake drainage (USGS Kodiak D-2) showing location of tributary waterway nominated for addition to the Catalogue of Waters Important to Anadromous Fishes.

J Johnson

From: Donn Tracy [donn_tracy@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2003 11:17 AM
To: j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us
Subject: Re: AWC nominations

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Jay Johnson

From: Jay Johnson [Jay_Johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2003 1:19 PM
To: Donn A Tracy
Cc: Jim Mccullough
Subject: Buskin Lake tributary nominations

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Hi Jay;

Just heard that SF Division is getting the anadromous catalogue - I saw a large increment in the governor's FY04 SF budget for "habitat projects" - guess that was it. Have seen sockeye and coho in the trib creeks on numerous past occasions - just didn't see them on the occasion I conducted the surveys.

take care

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J Johnson wrote:
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> Well Sportfish is taking the AWC under its wing so what fate awaits is
> difficult to imagine
> Need a little clarity on your "sighting" of sockeye & coho adults
> Have you actually seen adult sockeye & cohos in these systems or are you
> speculating they are there?
> I'm trying to make determinations as "bullet-proof" as possible in case I
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> thx for your help.
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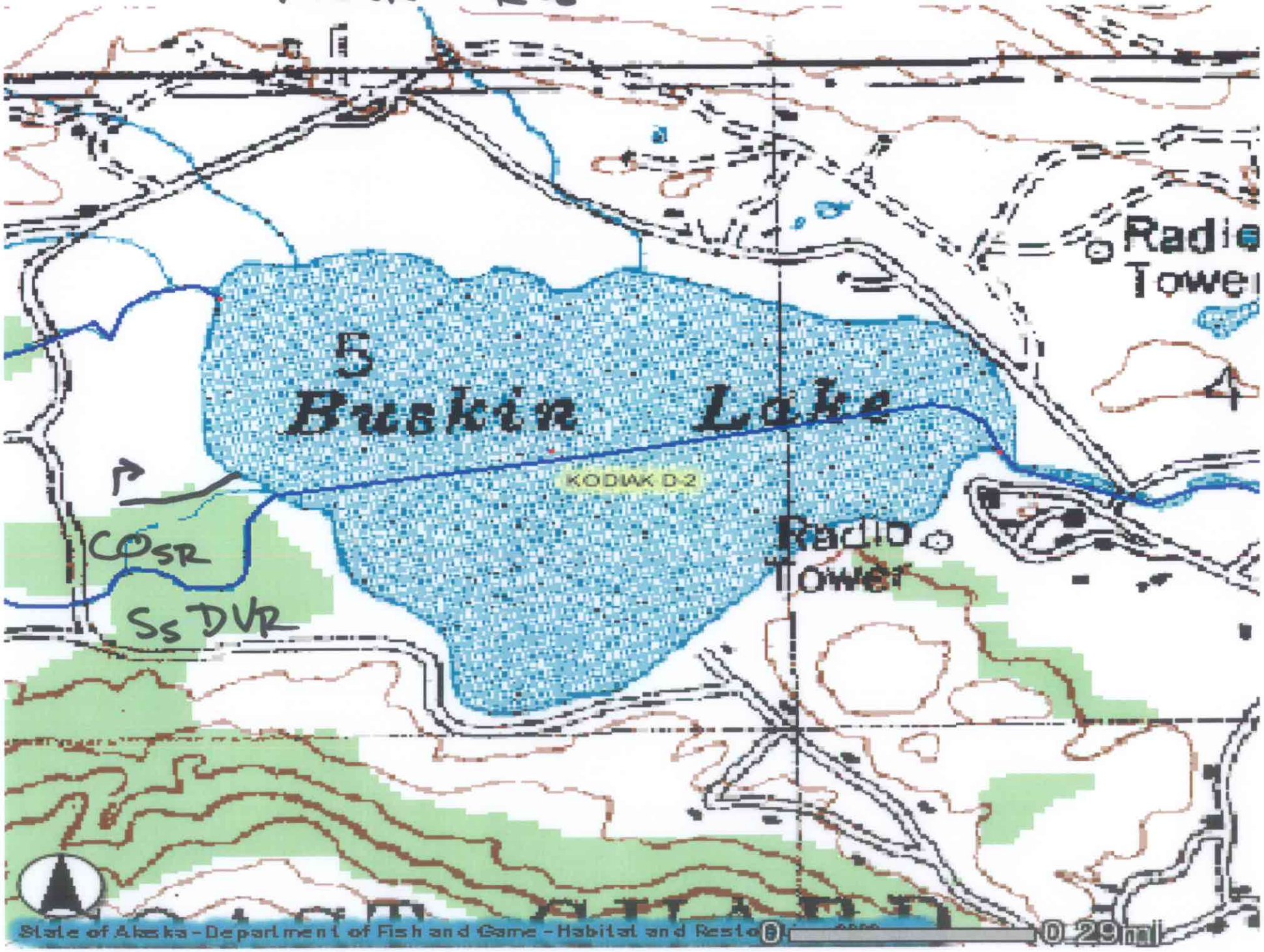
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