



Region Southwest Region 3

USGS Quad Dillingham A-8 Dillingham A-7

Fish Distribution Database Number of Waterway

Flows into Wood River (2031) 325-30-10100-2031-3039-4202

Name of Waterway Aeiffier Creek

USGS Name Local Name

Addition Deletion Correction Backup Information

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Nomination #	<u>04 020</u>	<u>Matt</u>	<u>9/21/04</u>
Revision Year:	<u>2005</u>	<u>Craig J. Schwanke</u>	<u>11/26/03</u>
Revision to:	Atlas _____ Catalog _____	Fisheries Scientist	Date
	Both <u>X</u>	<u>9/21/04</u>	<u>16 Jun 04</u>
Revision Code:	<u>A-2</u>	FDD Project Biologist	Date
		<u>CB</u>	<u>10/25/04</u>
		Drafted	Date

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OBSERVATION INFORMATION

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Present	Anadromous
Coho salmon	11-21-03		X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dolly Varden	11-21-03		X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coho Salmon	09-99 (Craig Schwanke)	X			X
Coho salmon	11-25-03		X		X
Dolly Varden	11-25-03		X		X

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: 11-21-03 used minnow traps to capture salmonid fry. Using 3 traps captured 24 coho fry and 2 Dolly Varden (juveniles) in a 24hr period. These traps were set on the East side of the road. On 11-25-03 used 3 minnow traps to capture salmonid fry. These 2 were set on the West side of Aleknagik Lake Road. Combined total between traps of 55 coho fry and 1 dolly varden fry. See attached maps, photos, and data logs.

Name of Observer (please print):

Charlotte Higgins (FBI) Commercial Fisheries

Signature:

Charlotte Higgins

Date: 11/26/03

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Add new streams w/COIRP

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From: Craig Schwanke [craig_schwanke@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 3:04 PM
To: j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us
Cc: Charlotte L Higgins
Subject: RE: Pfeiffer Creek

J,
I observed 2 coho salmon in Pfeiffer Creek in September of 1999 just below the culvert on the downstream side of the Aleknagik Lake Road. They were both in spawning colors. I can mark the location on a map if you'd like, but they were both in the first pool immediately below the culvert. Let me know if you need anymore information.

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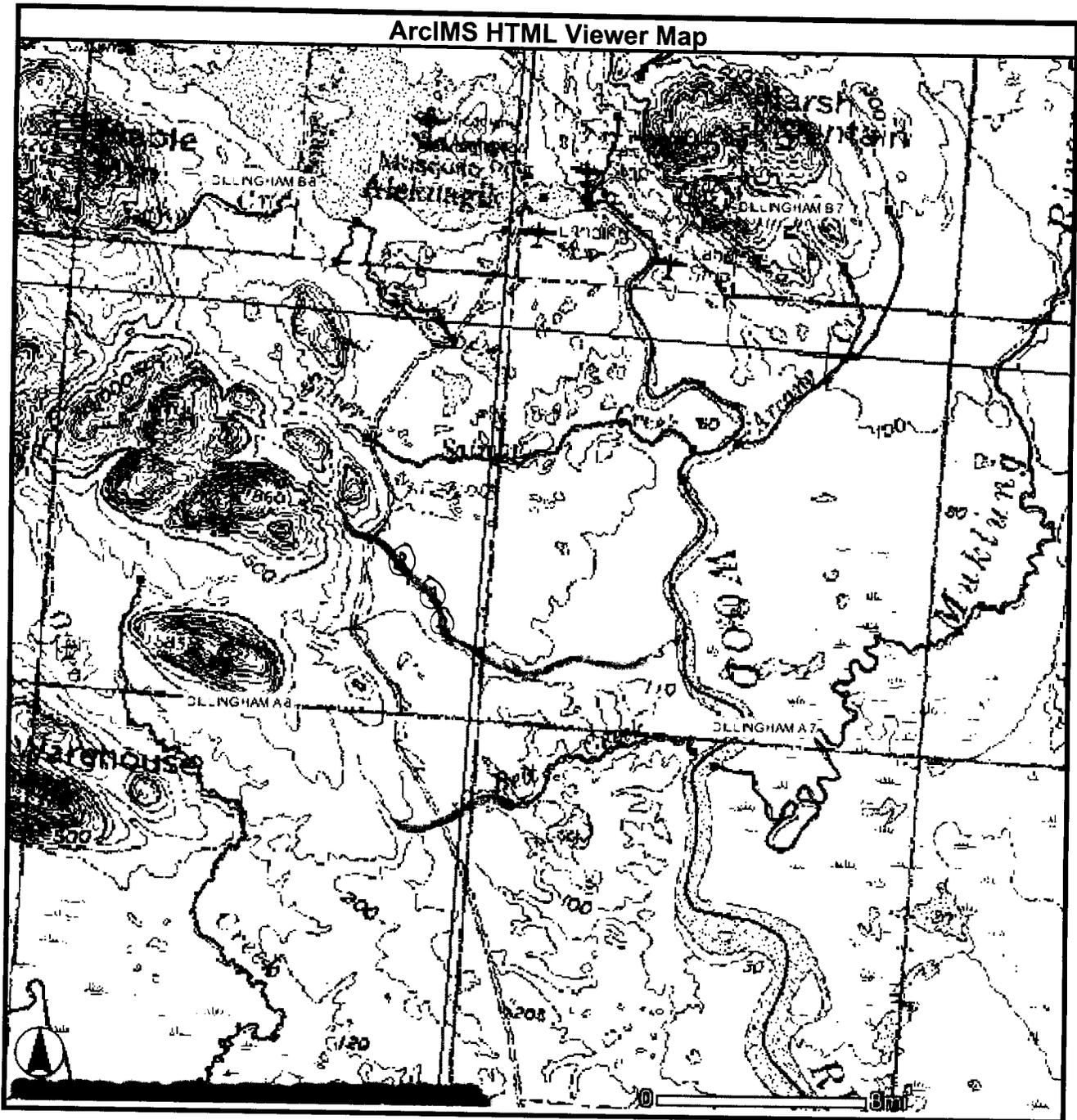
-----Original Message-----

From: JD Johnson [mailto:j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2004 7:48 AM
To: Craig J Schwanke
Cc: Charlotte L Higgins
Subject: Pfeiffer Creek

Craig

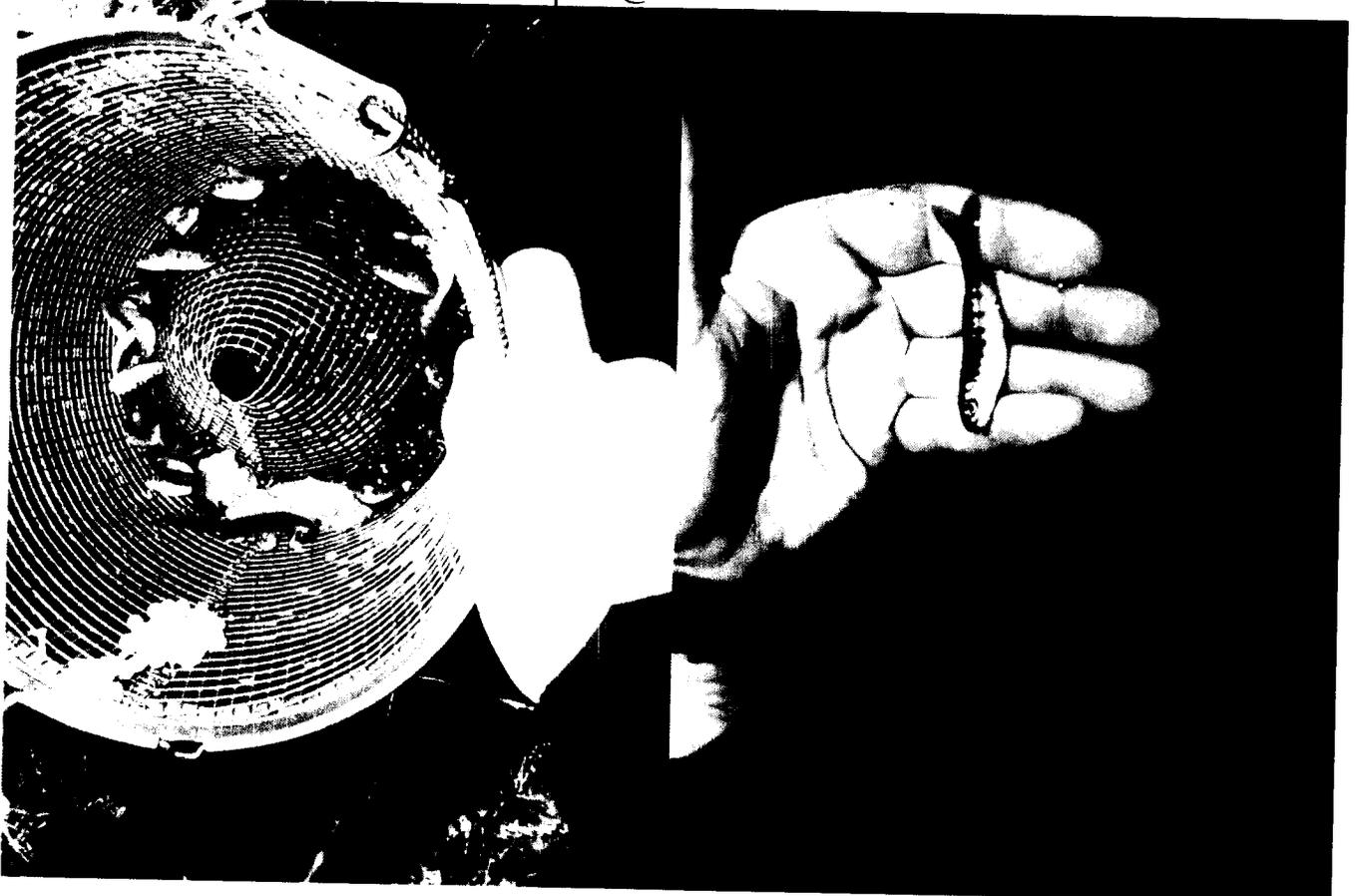
I received a nomination form from Charlotte (Higgins) Westing to add Pfeiffer Creek the Fish Distribution, which you endorsed. Under observation information she noted that you had observed coho salmon spawning in the creek in Sept 1999. If I send you a map, could you ID where in the creek you saw the adult coho salmon (how many?) or provide a report that indicates location?

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Pfeiffer Creek trapline



JD Johnson

From: JD Johnson [j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 2:53 PM
To: 'charlotte_higgins@fishgame.state.ak.us'
Cc: Jason E Dye; Robert Clark (E-mail)
Subject: Pfeiffer Dolly Varden

Charlotte and Jason

I appreciate your taking the time to follow up on my request for additional info regarding the inclusion of Dolly Varden in Pfeiffer Creek.

I have no doubt that anadromous Dolly Varden are being caught in marine waters south of Wood River. However, given the documented presence of Arctic char in the area and the fact that your samples was comprised of three fry, it would be a bit of a reach to presume that because adult DV occur in the offshore waters of Nushagak Bay that the fry you captured approximately 20 river miles from the bay are in fact Dolly Varden. As stated previously, the streams you nominated are being added to the FDD for coho salmon spawning and rearing. If you still want to add DV to this stream at a later date, I suggest you sample the stream over time this summer/fall to document the presence of adult Dolly Varden. If you catch/observe any adult Dolly Varden in the Wood River/Pfeiffer Creek area, please collect photos and lat/long.

I have attached two maps that display the documented distributions of Dolly Varden and Arctic Char near Wood River
PDF file Wood displays DV occurrence while Wood_ac.pdf displays arctic char data.
The larger blue dots indicate DV or AC presence, the red lines indicates anadromous streams and black dots indicate presence of other anadromous fish species, the Wood River is highlighted in blue (located in about the center of the maps).

Final review of nominations (used for the 2005 regulatory update) is scheduled to occur place July 1, if you wish to submit additional info for consideration, please have it to me by June 28. Please feel free to call if you wish to discuss this further.

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From: Charlotte Higgins [mailto:charlotte_higgins@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 9:02 AM
To: j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Pfeiffer

Sorry about that. I got on him this morning about it and I think he sent an email off to you about it.

Charlotte (Higgins) Westing

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-----Original Message-----

From: JD Johnson [mailto:j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 6:56 AM
To: charlotte_higgins@fishgame.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Pfeiffer

I received nothing from Jason.

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From: Charlotte Higgins [mailto:charlotte_higgins@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 11:02 AM
To: j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Pfeiffer

I have talked with Jason Dye about it on a number of occasions and I know he was sending you an email. Have you not received anything?

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From: JD Johnson [mailto:j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:51 PM
To: Charlotte L Higgins
Subject: FW: Pfeiffer

Any luck coming up w/Dolly Varden info?

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From: JD Johnson [mailto:j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2004 8:09 AM
To: Charlotte L Higgins
Subject: Pfeiffer

Charlotte

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Varden rearing.

If you or Craig can provide additional info regarding numbers of coho salmon observed spawning and where in the creek I'll be able to add coho salmon spawning. I also need any info you can provide to substantiate your assertion that Dolly Varden in Pfeiffer Creek are anadromous. FDD data does not indicate the presence of anadromous DV in the Wood River area.

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From: Jason Dye [jason_dye@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 8:38 AM
To: j_johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us
Subject: Wood River DV

JD:
Charlotte Higgins asked that I provide you with information regarding anadromous DV in the Wood River drainage. Dolly Varden are commonly caught in subsistence nets in Nushagak Bay (saltwater) just below the outlet of Wood River. I've also caught DV beginning in August in the Wood River and I am certain these are sea-run, however I don't have additional information to verify this. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that anadromous DV return to the Wood River drainage. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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