



State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Division of Sport Fish

Nomination Form
Anadromous Waters Catalog

Region SWT USGS Quad(s) MC GRATH B-4
 Anadromous Waters Catalog Number of Waterway 335-30-16600-2300-3030
 Name of Waterway Big River USGS Name Local Name
 Addition Deletion Correction Backup Information

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Revision Year:	<u>2010</u>	Fisheries Scientist	Date _____
Revision to:	Atlas _____ Catalog _____	Habitat Operations Manager	Date _____
	Both _____	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Revision Code:	<u>F-1</u>	AWC Project Biologist	Date _____
		_____	_____
		Cartographer	Date _____

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

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Comments: Coho salmon observed in Big River during genetic sampling trip

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 Signature: _____
 Agency: ADF&G - CF
 Address: 333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99518

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 Anadromous Waters Catalog.

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 Signature: Penelope A. Crane Date: 4/3/09
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Signature of Area Biologist: Douglas B. Molyneux Date: 3/27/09 Revision 05/08
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COHO		SILLYY		GPS coords		Decimal Degree		GPS		Comments	
Code	Species	Drainage	Location	Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.	Date	Waypoint	Comments	
COBIGR08	coho salmon	Kuskokwim River	Big River	62°17.669'	154°50.670'	62.29448	-154.84450	14-Sep-08	170	in clear side channel, spawning unknown	
COMFKU08	coho salmon	Kuskokwim River	Middle Fork	62°37.823'	154°40.746'	62.63038	-154.67910	15-Sep-08	053	mouth of creek, coho schooling in deeper pool, not spawning?	
COWINDF08	coho salmon	Kuskokwim River	Windy Fork	62°44.014'	154°38.118'	62.73357	-154.63530	15-Sep-08	037	holding in deeper hole, not spawning?	
COSFKUM08	coho salmon	Kuskokwim River	South Fork, braided area near Jones River mouth	62°34.184'	153°34.076'	62.56973	-153.56793	16-Sep-08	071	spawning; shallow clear side channel or creek mouth	
COSFKUU08	coho salmon	Kuskokwim River	South Fork, creek south of Jones River	62°32.882'	153°33.058'	62.54803	-153.55097	15-Sep-08	074	spawning; observed; clear unnamed creek	
COTINCR08	coho salmon	Kuskokwim River	Tin Creek	62°32.342'	153°35.684'	62.53903	-153.59473	16-Sep-08	078	spawning; in shallow clear mouth of Tin Creek near mainstem	

CHUM		SILLYY		GPS coords		Decimal Degree		GPS		Comments	
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CMBIGR08	chum salmon	Kuskokwim River	Big River	62°36.379'	155°00.807'	62.60632	-155.01348	14-Sep-08	185	spawning (on redds); in clear side channel	
CMWINDF08	chum salmon	Kuskokwim River	Windy Fork	62°41.663'	154°35.558'	62.69438	-154.59263	15-Sep-08	045	spawning (on redds)	
CMSFKU08	chum salmon	Kuskokwim River	South Fork, Cottonwood Island	62°54.614'	154°05.737'	62.91023	-154.09562	16-Sep-08	063	west side clear side channel; near "Cottonwood Island" (local name); spawning (on redds)	

Johnson, J D (DFG)

From: Gilk, Sara E (DFG)
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 3:45 PM
To: Johnson, J D (DFG); Molyneaux, Doug B (DFG); Berger, Judy M (DFG); ftmrg@uaf.edu
Cc: Brodersen, Amy R (DFG)
Subject: Upper Kuskokwim 2008 Sampling Locations
Attachments: KuskokwimSamplingCoordinates2008.xls

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From: Penelope_Crane@fws.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 2:38 PM
To: Johnson, J D (DFG)
Subject: Re: FW: Upper Kuskokwim 2008 Sampling Locations

Hi Jay, I'd say they were holding, but all fish were in spawning colors.
Penny

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<j.johnson@alaska.gov> To
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03/10/2009 09:44 AM Subject
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Hi Penny

Can you provide coho salmon life stage data for Big River, Middle and Windy Fork collections?

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From: Molyneaux, Doug B (DFG)
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 12:32 PM
To: Gillis, Karen (BSFA/AYK SSI); Estensen, Jeff L (DFG); Clark, Kevin J (DFG); Evenson, Dani F (DFG); Albertson Lamont (work); Beverly Hoffman (Bethel); Collins Ray (Federal RAC); Ruggerone Greg (Nat Res. Consultants); Shelden, Christopher A (DFG); Stewart, Rob L (DFG); Williams, Derick L (DFG); Elison, Travis B (DFG); Bradley, Nicholas D (DFG); Buckwalter, Joseph D (DFG); Gilk, Sara E (DFG); Crane Penny (USFWS / Genetics); Decovich, Nick A (DFG); Gillikin Daniel (USFWS/YDNWR - Fish Bio); Miller Steve (USFWS-KFWFO-Bethel); Harper Ken (USFWS / KFAO); Arno - Upper Stony River (stonyriverlodge@starband.net); Brodersen, Amy R (DFG); White John (Chairperson AYK-SSI); Sanders, Jeff; Berger, Judy M (DFG); Bob Aloysius (bob.alloysius@hotmail.com); Bue, Doug G (DFG); Cannon Dave (Fishery Biologist); Cannon Richard L (USFWS-OSM); Rivard, Donald (USFWS OSM); Chythlook, John S (DFG); Thalhauser, Mike (KNA Partners Biologist); Stuby, Lisa A (DFG); Dann, Tyler H (DFG); Ruggerone Greg (Nat Res. Consultants); Dammeyer Mitch (Napaimuit Trad. Council); Garvin Michael (UAF/JCFOS); Griso David (KNA/Kuskokwim Watershed Council); Hall Joe (CVRF - Fisheries Manager); Mouw, Jason E B (DFG); Linderman, John C (DFG); Lisac Mark (USFWS, Togiak NWR); Olsen Jeff (USFWS / Genetics); Rand, Pete (Wild Salmon Center); Roczicka, Greg (ONC); jjspaeder@earthlink.net; Stark, Chris (BSFA); jack.stanford@mso.umt.edu; Zimmerman Chris (USGS)
Cc: Johnson, J D (DFG); Liller, Zachary W (DFG)
Subject: FW: Kuskokwim Coho Stream Nominations for Anadromous Waters Catalog

To All:

One of the benefits to the radio telemetry work we are doing in the Kuskokwim is expansion of the State of Alaska Anadromous Waters Catalog. In the attached originating e-mail message Zach Liller lists new nominations that resulted from the 2008 radio telemetry operations in the Kuskokwim River drainage. We have made similar use of radio telemetry results from sockeye and Chinook salmon.

One of the reasons I have cc'ed so many folks is to heighten awareness that they can get more bang for the buck out of research findings by providing nomination to the Anadromous Waters Catalog if they suspect they have found fish were previously not documented. Being able to document that fish are actually spawning in a location is of particular interest for the Anadromous Waters Catalog. If you have questions about the AWC, contact J. Johnson.

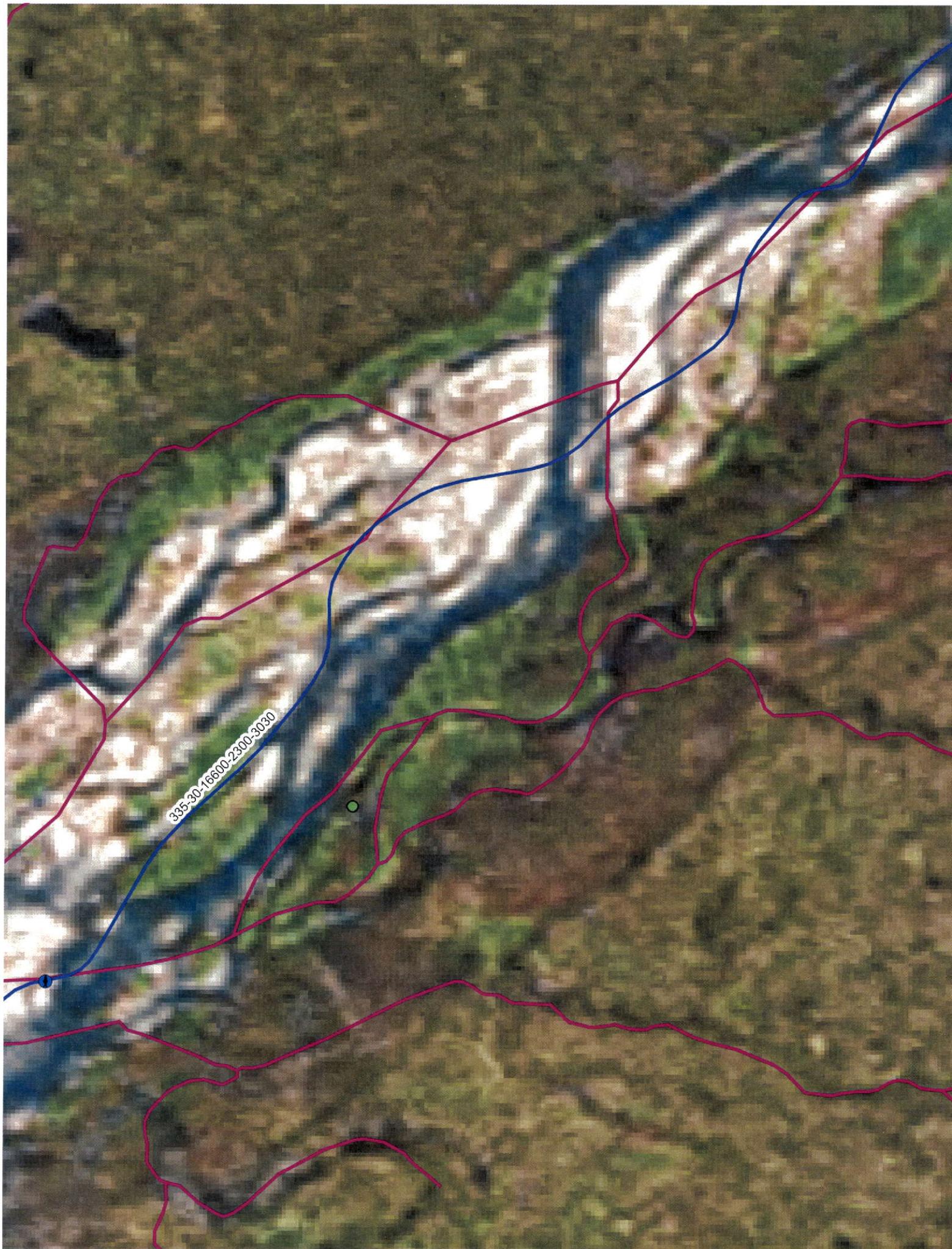
J. Johnson:

Please note that we also collected genetic samples from spawning coho salmon in the upper mainstem Stony River drainage, upstream of the Tired Pup Creek confluence, which may allow you to have a designation of "spawning" rather than just "Present". The person who collected the samples was Arno Krum of Stony River Lodge. The location was 3 miles upstream of the Tired Pup Creek Confluence. *Done 1/19/09*

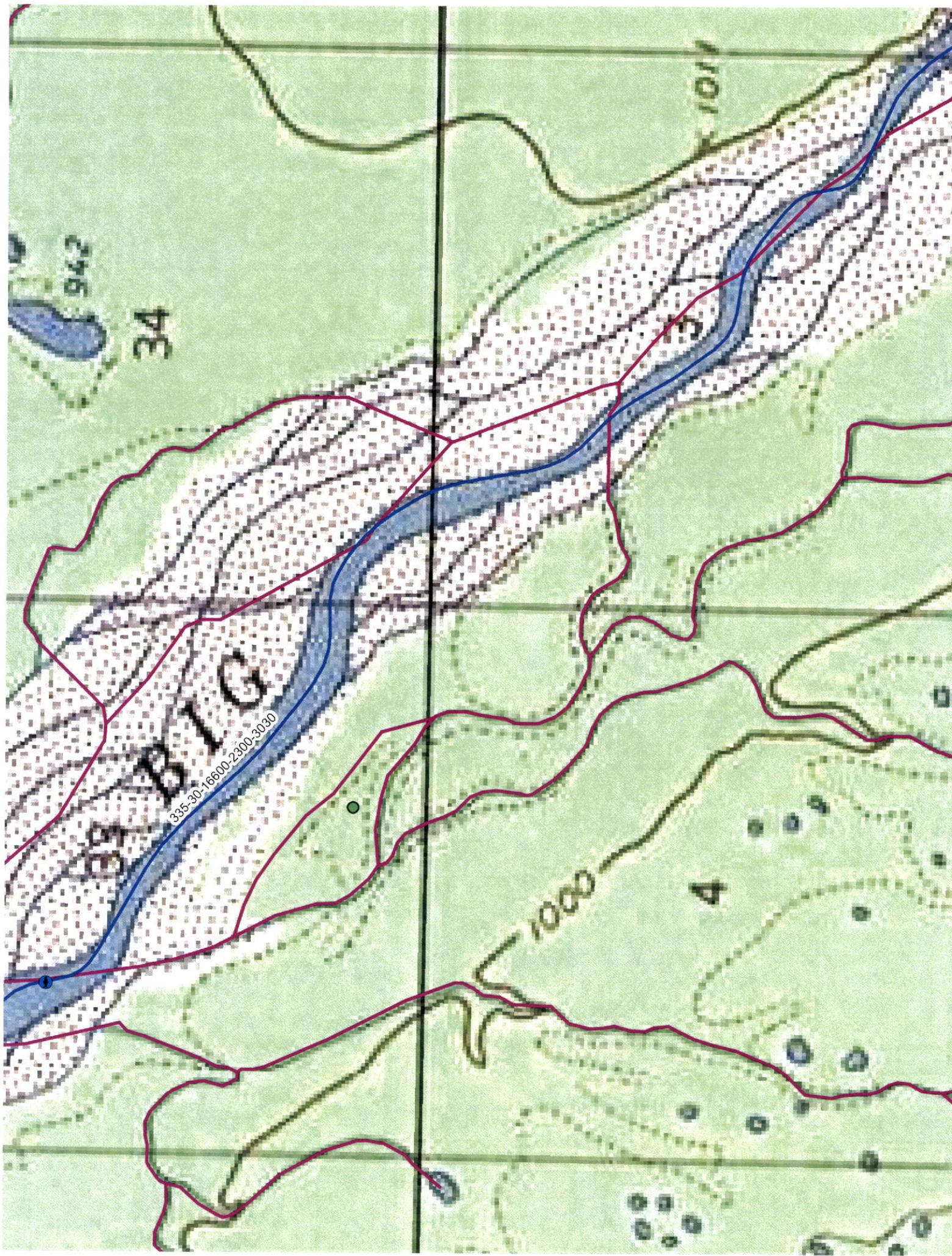
We also had a genetics baseline sampling initiative last fall for coho and Kuskokwim River fall chum and the collection points are listed below for coho (Penny Crane can confirm Lat-Long and whether they were spawning): *USFWS Genetics*

Location	Count	Latitude	Longitude
South Fork Kuskokwim R (at Nikolai)			
At Nikolai (fish wheel)	200		
Dillinger Creek (near Farewell)	0		
Tin Creek (near Farewell)	119	62.32342	153.35684
Unnamed Creek #1	10	62.32882	153.33058
Unnamed Creek #2	54	62.34184	153.34076
Middle Fork (fall)	21	62.37830	154.40746
Windy Fork	27	62.44014	154.38118
Big River	23	62.70528	155.01944
Highpower Creek	50		

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