

PEAK ESCAPEMENT RECORD

Fish Creek
101-43-33

DATE	PINK	CHUM	OTHER SPECIES	REMARKS
10-13-43				Poor. None observed.
9-27-47				Chum, coho and pink in stream and lake.
8-7-48	75	13		Visibility poor.
9-19-49	4,000	750	400 red	Some dead.
10-2-50	3,400	650	70 red	250 dead pink, 1200 dead chum.
10-9-53	150	275	30 coho	Several thousand dead in stream and lake.
9-19-54	200	2,500	50 red	2000 dead chum.
9-25-55	10,000	15,000		
9-30-56	>30,000			Chum present.
9-16-57	2,000	8,000		
9-5-60		5		Many jumps
8-22-61		1,500		
8-10-62	200			
8-8-63				None observed I.T.
8-23-65				
8-14-67				250 @ mouth. Good visibility.
8-27-68				200 @ mouth. Mixed fish on lake bars.
8-28-74	300			1000 @ mouth & I.T.
8-22-75				1000 @ mouth & I.T.

Name Fish Creek Catalog No. 101-43-33
 Latitude N 55° 23' 9" WR No. _____
 Longitude W 131° 12' 4" K No. 103
 Geodetic Map No. Ketchikan - B-4 Work Area Ketchikan
 Location Inlet to Low Lake Watershed Length 13 miles
 Drainage Area of Watershed _____
 Water Supply Type Minor and Big Lakes empty into Fish Creek. Low Lake runs from Fish Creek to saltwater.

Trails & Survey Routes Forest Service trail good but leaves streamside 1/4 mile from Low Lake.
 Aerial Survey Notes _____
 Anchorage Off beach west of Low Lake outlet.
 Tide Stage When Surveyed No tidal influence.

FISHERY RESOURCES
 Commercial Fisheries F.W.S. and F.R.I. records show excellent number of pink salmon, chum, a few sockeye and coho.
 Escapement 1957 to 1948 average 8378 pink, 5128 chum; 1949, 400 sockeye, 1950, 70 sockeye, 1954, 50 sockeye; 1953, 30 coho. Spawning area: estimated 6000 m²
 Species Composition 60% pink, 35% chum, <5% sockeye, <1% coho.

Timing Late. September to October
 Schooling areas Off mouth of Fish creek in Low Lake

Shellfish Potential Freshwater mussels at outlet of Fish Creek.

Sport Fisheries Excellent steelhead producer - would expect rainbow above falls.

Land Use at Present Recreation - 11 fishermen here on weekend of May 12 and 13. Cabin located at Low Lake.

History of Land Use Popular as a steelhead stream for many years.

Rehabilitation Potential None required.

Soils Excellent conditions up to the falls where steep canyon walls have slumped in some areas.

GAME RESOURCES

Bear -----	Fish carcasses or bones (old or fresh) on banks, estimate	30
	Number of droppings	4
Geese -----	Number seen on tide flats	0
	Number seen up creek	2
	Number of broods seen	0
Mallards ---	Number seen on tide flats	0
	Number seen up creek	2
	Number of broods seen	0
Mergansers -	Number of broods seen	0
Bald Eagles-	Number seen along creek	2
	Number of nests seen and location	0
Seals -----	Number seen at mouth of stream	1
Tide flats -	Estimate length along beach	150 yds.
	Estimate depth out from beach	25 yd
	Sea grass present on what percent of flats	10%