

PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE: Alaska

GRANT NO: F-10-33

GRANT TITLE: Sport Fish Investigations in Alaska

PERIOD COVERED: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

STUDY NO. AND TITLE: S-1-13 Yakutat Creel Studies

STUDY OBJECTIVES:

1. Estimate the angler effort and harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River in 2017.
2. Estimate the age composition of Chinook salmon harvested by the recreational fishery in the Situk River in 2017.

RESULTS/DISCUSSIONS:

Objective 1: The Situk River Chinook salmon sport fishery typically occurs in June and early July. This report covers the F-10-33 contract period of July, 2017 and June, 2018. The sport freshwater sport fishery on the Situk River was closed in season, to harvest of adult Chinook salmon in 2017 and 2018 for conservation reasons; therefore, angler harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River was zero for both years. A total of 597 angler interviews were conducted at access sites on the Situk River to address the project objectives, which is less than previous years but expected due to fisheries closures.

Objective 2: The 2017 and 2018 sport fisheries were closed in season to the harvest of all Chinook salmon for conservation reasons. There was no recorded harvest of Chinook salmon in 2017 or 2018, no scale samples were obtained, and therefore no data on age composition was obtained.

FINAL REPORT STATUS:

This performance report constitutes the final report of activities for Study S-1-13 during this reporting period.

Objectives 1 and 2: The 2017 results will be presented in a Fishery Data Series report covering 2012–2017, a draft of which will be submitted in 2018.

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