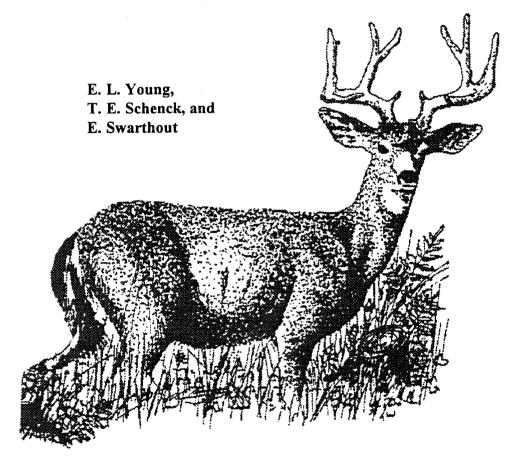
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<u>Background</u>: The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has collected deer pellet group information in Southeast Alaska since the 1980's (Kirchhoff and Pitcher 1988) and has used hunter mail questionnaires to collect deer harvest information (Thomas and Clark 1990, Thomas 1989, Clark 1991). ADF&G has also collected deer mortality information through spring beach mortality transects and surveyed deer on the beach in winter (Young 1991). Deer jaws were collected from hunters by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or ADF&G biologists to provide age structure information (Klein and Olson 1960) from the 1950's through the 1970's. Johnson (1987) reported on Unit 4 deer ages and reproductive capability by age class from deer collected on the beach.

Federal assumption of subsistence wildlife management in 1991 authorized the Federal Subsistence Board to set deer seasons on federal lands (Schenck and Young 1991). Federal regulations restricted non-subsistence hunters and superseded state deer regulations on federal lands in 1992-93. Federal lands and adjacent state or private lands had different regulations which caused management problems (Schenck et al in press).

In 1992, the U.S.D.A. Forest Service (USFS) contracted with ADF&G to obtain Sitka black-tailed deer (*Odocoileus hemionus sitkensis*) sex and age information in Game Management Unit 4 (GMU 4). The new responsibility of USFS to provide sound management recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board requires knowledge of deer population parameters as a supplement to deer pellet group transects and mortality surveys conducted by ADF&G and USFS. Increased information on deer herds should allow federal and state biologists to provide for the needs of user groups and provide a better data base for developing regulations on state and federal lands.

The terms of USFS Contract Order Number 43-0109-2-0635 were: Produce a report with age and sex structure estimates of Sitka black-tailed deer in GMU 4 based upon analysis of samples collected during the period September 1992 through January 1993. A minimum of 200 samples from hunter-killed deer will be collected. A minimum of 50 samples will be from the Sitka Sound/Peril Strait area and 50 from the northeast Chichagof Area.

Unit 4 consists of Admiralty, Baranof, Chichagof, Kruzof, and adjacent islands in southeastern Alaska. The unit provides the bulk of deer hunting opportunity in Southeast Alaska, accounting for 52% of the region's hunter effort and 73% of the deer harvest in the 1990-91 season (Clark 1991). Deer numbers declined from severe winters and in 1991-92 the unit provided 47% of the effort and 60% of the deer killed in Southeast Alaska (Young in press).

¹Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, 304 Lake, Sitka AK 99835 ²USDA Forest Service, 204 Siginaka Way, Sitka, AK 99835 ³c/o Prescott College, 220 Grove Avenue, Prescott AZ 86301 Game Management Unit 4 deer seasons were "bucks-only" until 1955, when the first antlerless deer hunt occurred (Klein and Olson 1960). Deer in Game Management Units 1, 2, and 3 experience wolf (*Canis lupus*) predation as a contributing factor to population losses (Merriam 1966, Smith et al. 1986), but wolves are absent or very rare in GMU 4. Although brown bears (*Ursus arctos*) are numerous, bear predation has little impact.

Deer population peaks and declines occur periodically in GMU 4. Declines have been attributed to severe winter weather and associated deep snow conditions (Merriam 1970, Olson 1979). Populations were low in the late 1940's, following years of heavy winter losses. By 1956 deer exceeded carrying capacity (Klein and Olson 1960).

Sex ratios and percentages can be affected by hunting in accessible areas and sex structure may reveal management problems such as overharvest. Deer ages can be indicative of herd reproductive capability and a cross section of harvested deer can reveal missing cohorts. In white-tailed deer (*O. virginianus*), the yearling age class is an important gauge of herd nutrition and welfare (Ramsey and Shult 1990). A disproportionate number of yearling males taken compared to older bucks (4+) indicates a heavy buck harvest.

Ramsey and Shult (1990) indicated that heavy hunting pressure resulted in white-tailed deer population ratios in the range of >50% yearlings to <10% mature. Klein and Olson (1960) felt that black-tailed deer populations were growing in the Petersburg-Wrangell area with 54% of the animals in the young age classes and less than 2% over 5 years old. They described the range as good. In the Alaska study, it is unlikely that hunting pressure was heavy. It is possible that the populations were recovering from winter losses in the 1940's (Klein and Olson 1960) and exhibited a response similar to heavy hunting pressure. Fuller (1990) said that samples from hunter-killed deer are not necessarily representative of the sex or age structure of a population. While we agree that hunter biases distort sex structure data, we contend that hunter-killed deer provide a cross section of herd age structure for deer older than fawns.

Objective: To determine the percentage by sex and age class of harvested deer.

<u>Methods</u>: We contacted hunters to obtain jawbones or middle incisors from harvested deer. We issued news releases (Appendix A) and placed posters requesting jaws in strategic areas in Sitka (such as boat docks, grocery stores, sporting goods retailers, and government offices). We rewarded hunters with a free Project Safeguard coffee cup if they submitted more than one sample. We held a monthly award drawing to encourage participation. Hunter response was enthusiastic and the number of jaws obtained exceeded the minimum desired.

We collected both middle incisors, cleaned them of excess tissue, and placed them in paper envelopes to dry. The hunter's name, deer sex, deer kill location and date were recorded, and the sample assigned an accession number. Wildlife Analysis Area (WAA) codes were

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assigned after consulting a map (Appendix B). Accession numbers were noted on the record sheet and the tooth envelope. An independent laboratory (Matson Laboratories, Milltown, Montana) counted cementum annuli (Appendix C).

<u>Results and Discussion</u>: We collected 347 sets of deer teeth from hunterkilled deer for analysis. We eliminated samples where sex was questionable, which left 338 known-sex samples. For purposes of sampling, we combined WAAs (Appendix B) into zones called Management Areas (MA) (Appendix B). Table 1 displays the number sampled by sex by Management Area. There were 2.5 male samples submitted for each female sample provided.

Unit 4 hunters have traditionally shown a preference for taking antlered deer (ADF&G files). Most hunters attempt to avoid killing fawns, so low numbers in the sample do little to indicate fawn percentages in the population. Most hunters can probably distinguish fawns from adults. Johnson and Larsen (1986)

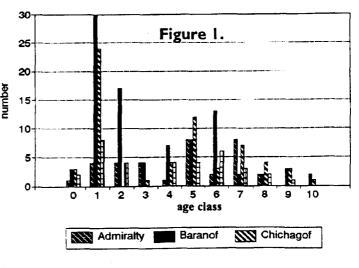
Table	1.
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Management Area	Males	Females	Total
A-1 Southeast Admiralty	3	0	3
A-2 Southwest Admiralty	5	2	7
A-3 Angoon	2	0	2
A-4 West Admiralty	6	2	8
A-5 SCCA	0	0	0
A-6 Seymour	1	0	1
A-7 North Admiralty	11	2	13
B-1 NE Baranof	0	1	1
B-2 NW Baranof	34	15	49
B-3 SW Baranof	56	20	76
B-4 SE Baranof	4	0	4
C-1 NECCUA	38	15	53
C-2 West Frederick	0	0	0
C-3 Idaho-Lisianski	0	0	0
C-4 Yakobi-Elfin	0	0	0
C-5 West Chichagof	9	6	15
C-6 West Hoonah Sound	3	3	6
C-7 East Hoonah Sound	4	0	4
C-8 South Tenakee	10	8	- 18
C-9 Pleasant	0	0	0
K-1 Kruzof	34	19	53
Unclassified	22	3	25

had no difficulty in recognizing fawns during deer collection. McCullough et al. (1990), however, reported problems recognizing Columbia black-tailed deer (*O. h. columbianus*) fawns in the field. The fawn age class is most affected by winters, often making up over half of the dead deer observed on mortality transects (Young 1992).

Sample Distribution

Samples were obtained from all four major islands in GMU 4. Although there were active samplers in Juneau (a major source of Unit 4 hunters) and a tooth collection team visited Angoon during a weekend, we collected the fewest samples from Admiralty Island (Figure 1).

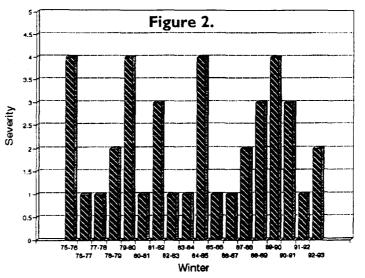


See Appendix D for sample data by Management Area and WAA.

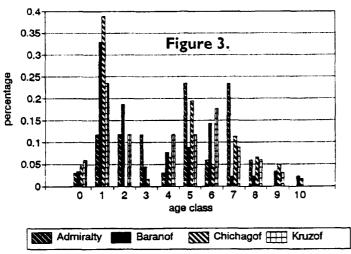
Winter Severity Index

Winter severity fluctuated in GMU 4 from the mid-1970's through the early 1990's. There were years with excellent deer survival through the winter and others when there

were significant losses. Most winters in GMU 4 were mild from the mid-1970's through 1987, allowing excellent overwinter survival of deer. During the winters of 1988-89 and 1989-90, persistent snow caused significant deer mortality (Young 1991). Winter 1990-91 broke records for snow persistence (M. Kirchhoff pers comm). The winter of 1991-92 was very mild with little snow and no evidence of winter deer mortality (Young in press.)

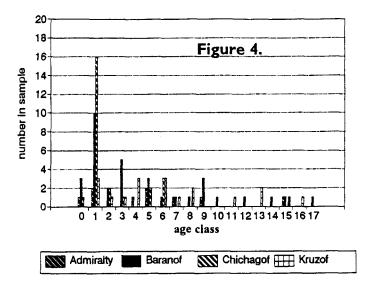


Prior to data analysis, we assigned a winter severity index of 1 through 5 to the birth year of each cohort: 1 equals a warm winter with little snow and no winter related deer mortality, and 5 equals a severe winter with persistent deep snow and major deer losses. We researched ADF&G files and reports for references to winter severity. Figure 2 shows the severity of winters for 17 seasons in GMU 4.

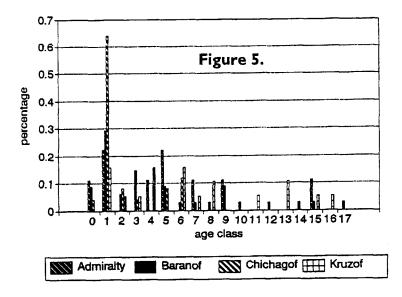


Age Classes

We calculated male percentages by age class by dividing the total number of males by the number in the particular age class (Figure 3). The number of known-age females collected (n=87) was relatively low and the small sample size (Figure 4) makes interpretation difficult for individual islands.

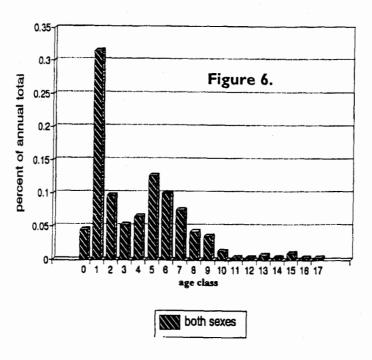


The percentage of does by age class was obtained by dividing the total number of females by the number in the particular age class (Figure 5).

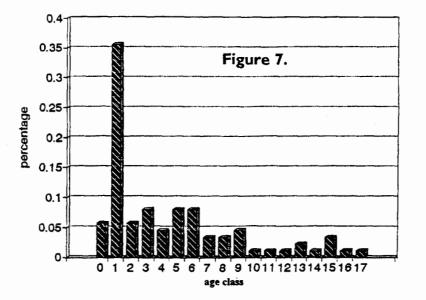


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Combining the male and female sample provides a larger sample size and indicates the underrepresentation in age classes 2-4 (Figure 6).



The small female sample size alone does not show expected distribution (Figure 7).



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Sitka Sound-Peril Strait

Klein and Olson (1960) examined teeth from hunter-killed deer in the Sitka Sound-Peril Strait area in 1956. They indicated that young animals (1 1/2 and 2 1/2 years old) represented 16% of the sample taken from deer harvested by hunters. Deer over 5 years old accounted for 23% of the sample (Klein and Olson 1960). The Sitka Sound-Peril Strait range was described as overstocked. This includes Management Areas (MA) K-1, B-1, B-2, B-3, C-6, and C-7 (Table 1). Samples sizes and ages are shown in Table 2. We analyzed ages in the three areas having a sample size of >20.

Management Area K-1 is the area most accessible from Sitka. Fifty-three samples were collected (34 males and 19 females). The average age of adult male deer in the MA was 2.4 years, and the average age of adult females was 3.2 years (Table 2). There appears to be an inverse relationship between harvest pressure and average age. Yearlings made up 25% of the sample.

Management Area B-3 is also accessible from Sitka, where males averaged 3.3 years and does, 4.5 years (Table 2). The sample size was 74 (54 males and 20 females). Of the males, 39% were yearlings. Of the females, 28% were yearlings.

Management Area B-2 is the least accessible of the three. There were 49 samples collected, and the average age of the adult males was 3.7 years, and the average females age was 6.5 years (Table 2). Of the males, 27% were yearlings, and of the females, 31% were yearlings.

Hoonah Peninsula

The use of motorized land vehicles along the road system on the Hoonah Peninsula undoubtedly helps increase the deer harvest in that area (Young 1988). The convenient Alaska Marine Highway schedule and the extensive logging road system attract many hunters from the Juneau area.

Management Area C-1 is the single MA on the Hoonah Peninsula. Fifty-two samples were collected. Adult male deer averaged 4.1 years, and females averaged 3.1 years (Table 2). The average age for females was the lowest for any MA with a sample size of >20. Of the males, 38% were yearlings, and of the females, 67% were yearlings.

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Mgmt Area	Fawn Males	Yearling Males	Adult Males (<1)	Average Age	Unknown Age ¹	Total Males	Fawn Females		Adult Females (<1)	Average Age	Unknown Age	Total Females
A-1	0	1	2	3.3		3	_	_	_			
A-2	1	0	4	4.8	<u></u>	5	0	0	2	8.0		2
A-3	0	0	2	5.5		2			—			
A-4	0	2	4	3.0	_	6	0	1	1	8.0		2
A-5					_		_	<u> </u>			—	
A-6	0	0	1	3.0	_	1	_	—	_	_		—
A-7	0	1	6	3.9	4	11	0	0	2	5.0		2
B-1	—				_	_	0	1	0	1.0		1
B-2	1	9	24	3.7	_	34	1	4	8	6.5	2	15
B-3	2	20	32	3.3	2	56	2	5	13	4.5	—	20
B-4	0	1	3	3.5		4	—		_			
C-1	2	13	22	4.1	1	38	1	8	4	3.1	2	15
C-2				_	_		_	_			_	_
C-3	_	_	_	_		_			—		—	_
C-4		_	_								—	—
C-5	1	3	5	4.4		9	0	2	4	3.0	_	6
C-6	0	1	2	6.3	_	3	0	2	1	1.3		3
C-7	0	2	2	3.0	_	4		-	—	—		—
C-8	0	5	4	3.3	1	10	0	3	3	5.7	2	8
C-9		_	_			_	—	_	_		_	
K-1	2	8	32	2.4		34	0	3	16	3.2	_	19

Table 2. Deer sex and age by management area.

¹Unreadable samples and samples from unknown locations not included in average age calculations.

All of Unit 4

In an earlier study in Unit 4 (Johnson 1987, Johnson and Larsen 1987), 54 doe and 8 buck age samples were collected by shooting deer on the beach in February. This 1985 study showed a low number of yearlings present during February. The authors speculated that either low fawn recruitment or high fawn mortality in 1983-84 accounted for the low number of yearlings in 1984-85. Our 1992 age samples had a strong showing in the 7-year-old age class (those which were yearlings in 1984-85) indicating the dearth of yearlings in 1985 may have been restricted to the collection area. Our winter index for 1984 was 1, which would lead us to expect low fawn mortality. Snow accumulation and persistence varies widely in GMU 4, and it is quite likely that the Hoonah Sound collection area could have experienced severe mortality while most of the unit was experiencing little or no mortality.

1992 data for GMU 4 shows a strong pulse in the yearling age class. This indicates good fawn survival which was probably in response to favorable conditions during the 1991 birth year (Figure 6).

The 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old age classes for both sexes are underrepresented (Figure 6). The low numbers in these age classes will continue and could hamper herd growth during the

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period when does of these cohorts should be at the peak of reproductive potential. The effects of moderate to moderately severe winters on fawn survival are clearly shown in this instance.

Does which were 2 years old were underrepresented in the 1992 sample (Figure 1). This may be attributed in part to the bad winter they experienced as fawns. However, McCullough et al. (1990) noted a low 2-year-old doe cohort in Columbia black-tailed deer and speculated that does of that age class are behaviorally subordinate. They may have been forced into less favorable habitat and were less vulnerable to hunting pressure. Johnson and Larsen (1986) reported a strong representation of 2-year-old does in their Alaska sample. Their experience does not negate McCullough's theory. Deer in the Alaska study were killed on the beach when forced there by deep snow.

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APPENDIX A

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<u>Radio Spot</u>

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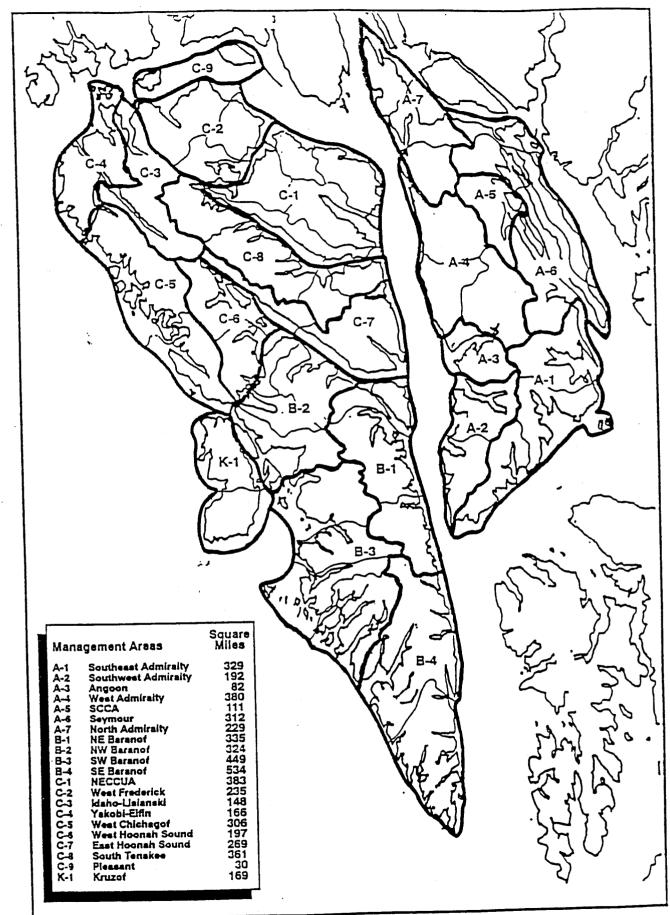
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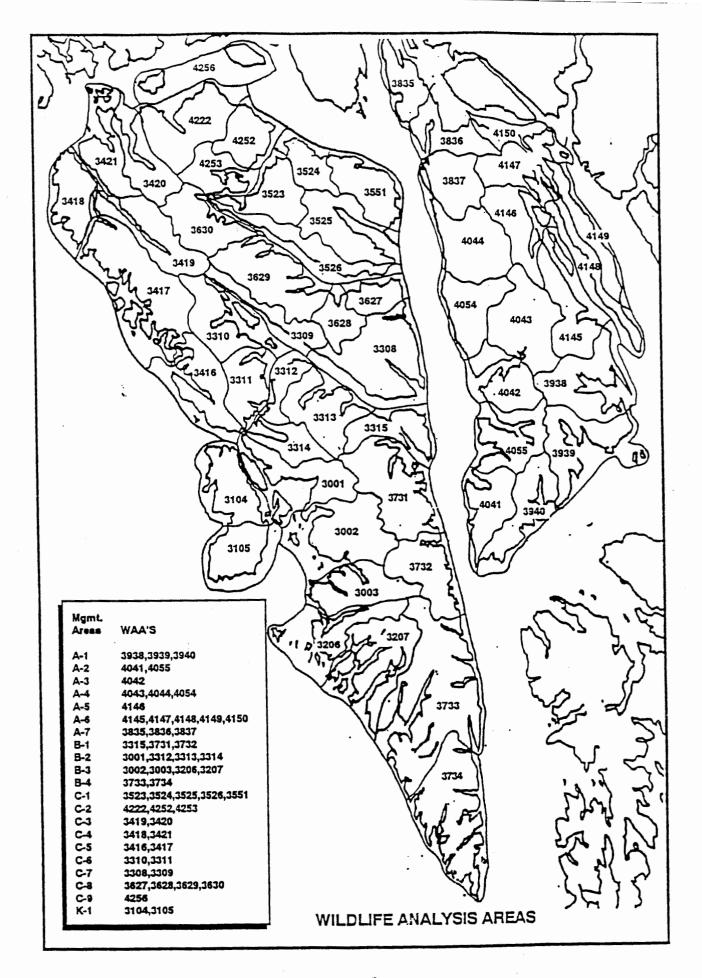
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AGE REPORT

8y: Gary Matson Matson's, Box 308, Milltown MT 59851 Phone: (406) 258-6286

Tooth type: I1

Season of collection: October - January

Prepared for: E. L. Young Alaska Department of Fish and Game Sitka Process code: y Filename: AY040793-178 Date: 7 April 1993

Species: BT deer

Notes:

"8" RELIABILITY CEMENTUM AGES: THERE IS HISTOLOGICAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE REPORTED CEMENTUM AGE. IF ERROR IS PRESENT, IT WOULD BE LIKELY WITHIN THE RANGE GIVEN UNDER "NOTES".

C RELIABILITY CEMENTUM AGES: THERE IS LITTLE HISTOLOGICAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE REPORTED CEMENTUM AGE, WHICH MIGHT BE WITHIN THE RANGE GIVEN.

THE CEMENTUM AGING MODEL USED FOR THIS SAMPLE IS STANDARDIZED FOR THE MIDDLE INCISOR TOOTH (II). IF UNIDENTIFIED "LATERAL INCISORS" (I2, I3, C) ARE PRESENT, THEY MAY BE UNDER-AGED BY 1 YEAR BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST ANNULUS AMONG THE 4 INCISIFORM TEETH.

HISTOLOGICAL CONDITION OF THE TEETH WAS VERY GOOD. INTACT PERIODONTAL MEMBRANE CONFIRMS THAT NO CEMENTUM IS MISSING FROM THE PERIPHER OF THE ROOT. DIFFERENTIAL STAINING BETWEEN ANNULI AND LIGHT CEMENTUM IS VERY GOOD. THE FACTOR THAT APPEARS TO BE MOST RESPONSIBLE FO GOOD HISTOLOGICAL CONDITION IS THE ABSENCE OF EXPOSURE TO: BOILING TEMPERATURES, CHEMICALS, AND ABRASIVES.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MATSON'S LABORATORY CEMENTUM AGE ANALYSIS. General Information ..

CERTAINTY CODES: A, B, C. A letter suffix is a reliability indicator or "certainty code" for a determined age. Some tooth sections have a distinct annulus pattern and the result of age analysis is nearly certain. The result of the analysis of other tooth section: is less certain because of indistinct or irregular annuli or because portions of the tooth root may have been missing.

A = result nearly certain. B = some error possible. C = error likely.

The judgement about whether a determined age could be in error is subjective. Criteria for certainty code assignment are as follows:

- 1. Distinctness of cementum band staining.
- 2. Regularity of cementum band pattern.
- 3. Relative amount and location of cementum and dentine.
- 4. Histological characteristics of cementum.

We have no evidence supporting any relationship between our certainty code and accuracy, but generally relate the most accurate results to the "A" certainty code.

Accuracy limits have been established as outlined below. For example, if I think that a 9-year-old manmal could be a year older or younger because of an unclear cementum pattern, it would be given a certainty code of "A" along with the determined age of 9 years. I I think that a 6-year-old mammal could be a year younger or older, the certainty code of "B" would be given.

	Certainty Code					
Determined Age	A	8	C			
1-7 years	+/- 0 years	+/- 1	+/- 2			
8-15	+/- 1	+/- 2	+/- 3			
16+	+/- 2	+/- 3	+/- 4+			

THE REPORT GIVES AGE AT THE LAST BIRTHDAY, in the same style as human age is given. The dates below are the standardized "birthdays" we use for each species.

1 February - black bear, grizzly bear.

1 April - bobcat, lynx, gray fox, kit fox, red fox, river otter,

sink, sarten, fisher, badger, wolverine.

1 May - pronghorn, arctic fox, coyote, wolf, striped skunk, raccoon.

1 June - deer, elk, moose, caribou, goat, sheep, bison.

EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN "NOTES" SECTION: AH - abnormal histology; BR - broken root, cementum missing and no accurate age determination possible; CD - cementum damaged; IN - age determined by inspection, without sectioning; LI - lateral incisor (not standard [1]; NE - no envelope with this I.D. number; NP - not processed; NS - not a standard tooth type for age analysis method, accuracy of result uncertain; NTR - no tooth received in envelope; PF - process failure; PR - processed.

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JUVENILE AGE CLASS: Identified by "0" in the age column.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR SPECIES IDENTIFICATION: R0 river ofter BA badger CA caribou 6B grizzly bear MI sink 88 black bear CO covote 60 sountain goat ML sountain lion SH mountain sheep M8 moose WO wolf 80 bobcat EL elk MA sarten PR promohorn antelope WT white-tailed deer BT black-tailed deer FI fisher MD aule deer RA _raccoon WV wolverine FO fox

AGE AS DETERMINED BY CEMENTUM ANALYSIS E. L. Young Process code: y 7 April 1993 Page 2 of 3

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5	S-214	2 A		54	S-263	6 A	
5	S-215	2 A		55	S-264	7 A	
7	S-216	6 A		56	S-265	7 A	
8	S-217		BR;1-3	57	S-246	5 A	
9	S-218	5 A		58	S-267	6 A	
10	S-219	0 A	IN	59	S-578	4 A	
11	5-220	1 A		60	9-269	4 A	
12	5-221	9 A		51	S-270	0 A	IN
13	S-555	8 A		52	S-271	1 A	
14	2-553	3 A		53	S-272	9 A	
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SENERAL INFORMATION

MATSON'S LABORATORY CEMENTUM AGE ANALYSIS. General Information ...

<u>CERTAINTY CODES:</u> A, B, C. A letter suffix is a reliability indicator or "certainty code" for a determined age. Some tooth sections have a distinct annulus pattern and the result of age analysis is nearly certain. The result of the analysis of other tooth sections is less certain because of indistinct or irregular annuli or because portions of the tooth root may have been missing.

A = result nearly certain. B = some error possible. C = error likely.

The judgement about whether a determined age could be in error is subjective. Criteria for certainty code assignment are as follows:

- 1. Distinctness of cementum band staining.
- 2. Regularity of cementum band pattern.
- 3. Relative amount and location of cementum and dentine.
- 4. Histological characteristics of cementum.

We have no evidence supporting any relationship between our certainty code and accuracy, but generally relate the most accurate results to the "A" certainty code.

Accuracy limits have been established as outlined below. For example, if I think that a 9-year-old mammal could be a year older or younger because of an unclear cementum pattern, it would be given a certainty code of "A" along with the determined age of 9 years. If I think that a 6-year-old mammal could be a year younger or older, the certainty code of "B" would be given.

•	Certainty Code					
Determined Age	A	B	C			
1-7 years	+/- () years	+/- 1	+/- 2			
8-15	+/- 1	+/- 2	+/- 3			
16+	+/- 2	+/~ 3	+/- 4+			

THE REPORT GIVES AGE AT THE LAST BIRTHDAY, in the same style as human age is given. The dates below are the standardized "birthdays" we use for each species.

- 1 February black bear, grizzly bear.
- 1 April bobcat, lynx, gray fox, kit fox, red fox, river otter,
 - wink, warten, fisher, badger, wolverine.
- 1 May pronghorn, arctic fox, coyote, wolf, striped skunk, raccoon.
- 1 June deer, elk, moose, caribou, goat, sheep, bison.

EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN "NOTES" SECTION: AH - abnormal histology; BR - broken root, cementum missing and no accurate age determination possible; CD - cementum damaged; IN - age determined by inspection, without sectioning; LI - lateral incisor (not standard II); NE - no envelope with this I.D. number; NP - not processed; NS - not a standard tooth type for age analysis method, accuracy of result uncertain; NTR - no tooth received in envelope; PF - process failure; PR - processed.

JUVENILE AGE CLASS: Identified by "0" in the age column.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR SPECIES IDENTIFICATION:

8B 80	badger black bear bobcat black-tailed deer	CO El FI	coyote elk	60 Na		NL No Pr	mountain l moose	antelope	SH Ho Ht	river otter mountain sheep wolf white-tailed deer wolverine
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Number of Deer Taken From Each Management Area by Sex

Sex Number

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Number of Deer Taken From Each Management Area by Sex

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Sex Number
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** Management Areas C-7

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Number of Deer Taken From Each Management Area by Sex

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Sex Number
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** Management Areas B-2

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** Management Areas B-3

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Number of Deer Taken From Each Management Area by Sex

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Sex Number
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** Management Areas C-1

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** Management Areas C-6

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** Management Areas C-8

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* Sex F
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** Management Areas K-1

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* Sex F
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** Management Areas S-1

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