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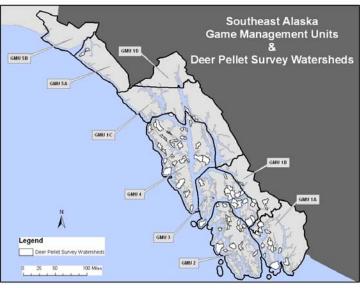
Deer Pellet-Group Surveys: Overview

This report provides a summary of pellet surveys conducted for Sitka blacktailed deer during April and May 2007 in Region 1-Southeast Alaska. This information was collected by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), Division of Wildlife Conservation in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Pellet-group data are used to monitor deer population trends in specific watersheds throughout the region and are intended to document

large changes (\geq 30%) in deer density . The data also permit general comparisons of deer numbers from area to area and year to year within the region.

Deer pellet surveys have been conducted in Region 1 since 1981. Transects have been established in fixed locations within value comparison units (VCUs) for each game management unit (GMU). Value comparison units are

USFS timber management units and are roughly equivalent to a watershed. Each VCU usually has 3 transects. These transects traverse deer winter range from sea level to 1500 feet, although some transects are flatter or undulating. Transect locations are chosen based on a number of different considerations, including: habitat characteristics, harvest pressure, management concerns, and accessibility. VCUs of higher management concern are monitored on a yearly basis, while others may only be surveyed every two or three years. Over time the monitor-



ing of some VCUs has been abandoned in lieu of monitoring other VCUs, usually in relation to changes in management concern or habitat (such as logging).

The reader is referred to Kirchhoff and Pitcher¹ for a more detailed discussion of objectives, sample design, and field methodology of this program.



Sitka Black-tailed Deer in front of pellet-group survey bearing tree. Photo by Phil Mooney. Spring 2007.

¹ Kirchoff, M. D., and K. W. Pitcher. 1988. Deer pellet-group surveys in Southeast Alaska, 1981-1987. Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Progress Report Project W-22-6, Job 2.9 Juneau. 113pp.

Deer Pellet-Group Surveys: Overview - Continued

The interpretation of pellet group data should be done with caution, as more than changes in deer population size can affect deer pellet-group density. Occasionally all transects in a VCU cannot be surveyed, which can influence pellet density results if there is high variability between transects. Furthermore, comparisons over time, or from area to area, are most valid when weather conditions are similar. Pellet groups decompose more rapidly with increasing precipitation and warmer temperatures, potentially confounding comparisons. There are also weather-related differences in deer distribution from year to year. In mild winters, deer will access forage in a variety of habitats, including logged areas that have not yet entered the stem exclusion phase (at approximately 30 years). However, in severe winters, deep snow buries forage and makes movement difficult.

Old growth forests are considered primary deer winter range in part because the canopy cover these forests intercept the snow, making it easier for deer to move and forage during severe winters. When supplemental forage is available from non-primary winter range during mild winters, deer may increase to or above the carrying capacity of their primary winter range. When this happens, heavy mortality may occur during the next severe winter. Since deer utilize other habitats during mild winters and concentrate in old growth forests during severe winters, we expect higher pellet densities on winter range after severe winters—if the majority of deer live through most of winter. But early winter mortality could cause lower densities despite the unavailability of other habitats. In addition, if deer spend more of their time on the beach instead of in the forest, lower pellet densities on forest transects could result.

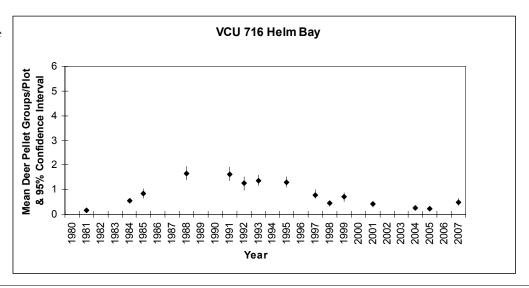
The 2006-2007 winter severity was high, and we observed higher pellet densities for southern Southeast Alaska as expected, but observed lower densities in northern Southeast Alaska. This may be due to several factors. In northern Southeast, heavy snowfall restricted movement very early in the season, vastly increasing energy expenditures while reducing forage availability and quality. Many migratory deer caught in heavy snow at high elevations likely "hunkered down" until able to move freely, possibly resulting in the early inception of malnutrition. Many deer were concentrated at low elevations and along beaches in 2006-07, where they were more accessible to hunters. Finally, because deer in GMU 4 deer are thought to be near carrying capacity, competition was likely higher on winter ranges where deer were more concentrated than during the previous mild winters. In contrast, although hunting success was also up in southern Southeast Alaska, milder conditions likely caused less natural mortality, most of which probably occurred late winter. Due to the lag-time between when deer die and pellets decompose, higher 2007 densities do not likely indicate increasing populations. True changes in population trends would not be apparent from pellet densities until the next survey year or years.

	Deer Pellet-Group	Survey	Summary: §	Southeast Ala	ıska Winte	er 2006-20	07
VCU	Name	2007 Plots	2007 Mean (Pellets/Plot)	Previous Mean (Pellets/Plot)	Previous Survey Year	Previous Number Plots	% Change
			Northern South	east Alaska			
35	N DOUGLAS	165	2.28	2.02	2006	263	13%
36	INNER POINT	182	2.10	2.33	2006	147	-10%
124	LINCOLN	213	0.84	1.52	1998	207	45%
124	SHELTER	321	1.10	1.86	2005	200	41%
128	HAWK INLET	305	1.19	2.69	2005	322	-56%
247	FINGER MTN	248	1.89	2.58	2006	280	-27%
271	CHICHAGOF	275	0.81	1.15	2004	303	-29%
275	COBOL	176	2.13	2.97	2004	232	-28%
300	NAKWASINA	167	3.40	3.91	2006	205	-13%
305	SEA LION COVE	221	0.95	1.41	2006	245	-33%
			Southern South	east Alaska			
448	MITKOF	180	1.63	0.82	2005	279	99%
456	LITTLE BAHT ¹	108	1.51	2.12	2005	101	-29%
457	ST. JOHNS	211	1.98	1.75	2005	213	13%
458	SNOW PASS	290	1.52	1.08	2005	262	40%
575	THORNE LAKE	204	1.84	0.94	2005	287	96%
578	SNAKEY LAKES ²	290	1.54	1.27	2005	235	21%
584	LITTLE RATZ	233	2.41	1.51	2005	291	60%
621	12 MILE ARM	189	1.59	0.51	2002	220	211%
635	PORT REFUGIO	311	1.72	1.12	2002	317	54%
716	HELM BAY	243	0.50	0.22	2005	286	126%
999	GRAVINA ³	167	0.86	0.83	2006	89	3%
1 only on	e transect in this VCU, 2 re	placed 2 of	3 transects to avoid	clearcuts, 3 only 2 of	3 transects con	npleted due to	logging

GMU 1A (Ketchikan Area)

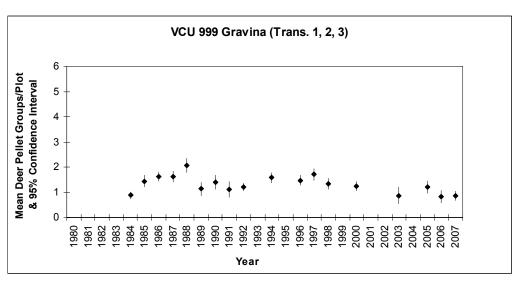
Helm Bay (VCU 716): This VCU is located on the Cleveland Peninsula north of Ketchikan. This area was intensively sampled in 1981 and 3 permanent transects were established in 1984. The area was moderately sampled in 1984 and 1985. Three transects were established in 1984. Transect 1 is long, flat, and traverses extensive muskeg and scrub forest. Transects 2 and 3 each reach to 1500 feet elevation and traverse mid-volume forest. Snowfall in southern Southeast Alaska hit 20+ year highs the winters of 1998-1999 and 2001-2002, likely contributing to the apparent population declines. Although somewhat lower than these previous severe winters, the above-average snowfall of the 2006-2007 winter could help keep population levels low if forage availability was reduced,

leaving deer in a weakened condition in which they would be more susceptible to predation by wolves. Higher pellet densities noted on 2007 transects likely resulted from deer concentrating on winter range. Decreases in deer numbers due to late winter mortality would not be evident until the next survey.



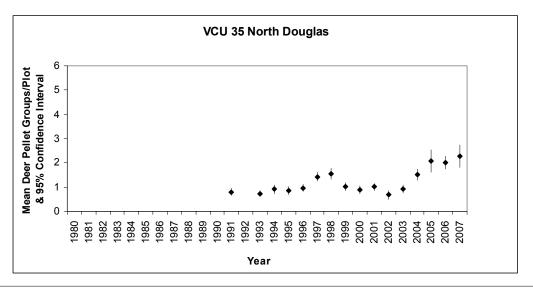
Gravina (VCU 999): The northeast shore of Gravina Island was first sampled in 1981 at a moderate level. Between 1984 and 1986, the island was sampled intensively with over 1000 plots being recorded each year. In 1987, 3 transects (1, 2, and 3) of the greater set were chosen for continued sampling. The three transects chosen were the most accessible from the Ketchikan airport. The chart below displays data for these transects only. The pellet density estimates that resulted from the intensive sampling are similar, but slightly lower, than the densities calculated using just these three transects. Results of the intensive sampling in 1984-1986 can be found in Appendix 1. Since 1984, an attempt has been made to complete all 3 transects at least every three years. Only one transect was completed in 2003 and 2006. Only 2 transects were completed in 2005 and 2007. Helicopter yarding was occurring on transect #3 in 2007. If this transect area was heavily logged, a different transect location may need to be selected. Logging within this watershed will

likely change the distribution of deer, if not the density, and pellet counts in the future may reflect these changes in habitat composition. Pellet densities in this area in 2007 were not notably different than in 2006, and density estimates appear to be fairly stable.



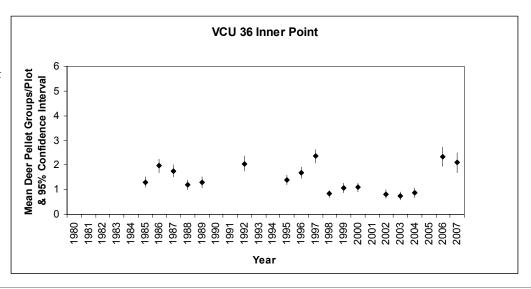
GMU 1C (Juneau Area)

North Douglas (VCU 35): Douglas Island is located immediately opposite the city of Juneau and is heavily used by Juneau hunters. Three transects were established at the end of the road in 1991, and ADFG attempts to complete them every year. These transects rise to over 1000 feet in elevation and traverse moderate volume hemlock stands. Pellet densities were slightly higher for the severe winter of 2006-07, possibly as a result of deer concentrating on winter range. However, because confidence intervals overlap, it cannot be said with certainty that pellet densities in this area differed from the previous year. In general, deer populations appear to be increasing in this area.



Inner Point (VCU 36): This drainage, located on the west side of Douglas Island, is popular with Juneau deer hunters. Because Douglas island is the most important hunting area for Juneau Hunters, ADFG attempts to complete these transects every year. However, because of high wind and sea conditions in Stephens Passage, access is sometimes difficult. This is a small VCU containing mostly low-volume forest, which is particularly brushy at lower elevations. Two transects (#1, #3) traverse from sea level to 1500 feet, while the third (transect #2), is low elevation and consists of 125 plots rising to approximately 500 feet. In 1986 rough water prevented access to transect #2 and #3, so transects running directly uphill from Inner Point and Middle point were substituted for that year only. Selective logging in this watershed in 1998 prior to the count may has displaced some of the deer population. Pellet densities were slightly lower for the severe winter of 2006-07, which could be the result of higher early winter mortality or deer

spending more time on beaches and less in the forest. Because confidence intervals overlap, it cannot be said with certainty that pellet densities in this area differed from the previous year. However, there is an indication that densities are higher than in the early part of the decade. Further surveys will provide more information.

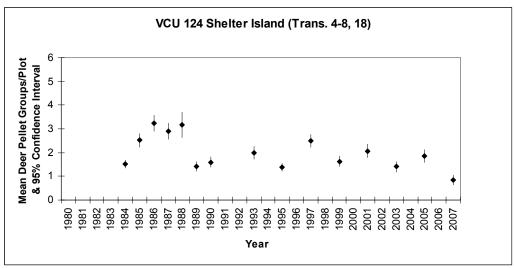


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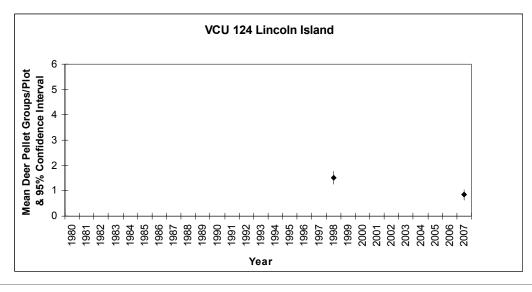
Shelter and Lincoln Islands (VCU 124): Located north of Juneau in the lower Lynn Canal, this VCU is composed of Shelter and Lincoln islands and is a popular destination for Juneau hunters. Shelter Island, the larger of the two islands in this VCU, is primarily forested, while Lincoln Island contains more muskeg and numerous beaver ponds. Lower pellet densities occurring in on both islands could be the result of higher early winter mortality and/or deer spending more time on the beach than in the forest.

The maximum elevation of Shelter Island occurs at 1,170 feet on the northern end. This VCU was sampled intensively from 1984 to 1986, but this practice was discontinued in 1987 because most of the south end is private property. Currently only transects 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 18 on the north end of Shelter Island are sampled. These transects were chosen because they were the most easily accessed and can all be done in one day with a six-person crew. The chart below displays pellet densities on these 6 transects, includ-

ing data from the intensive sampling period for these particular transects only. Pellet densities for 1984-1986 that include all plots may be found in Appendix 1. The start location of transect #7 was missed in 1987 and it was run at least 1 mile south of it's proper location. Transect 7 was aborted in 1993.

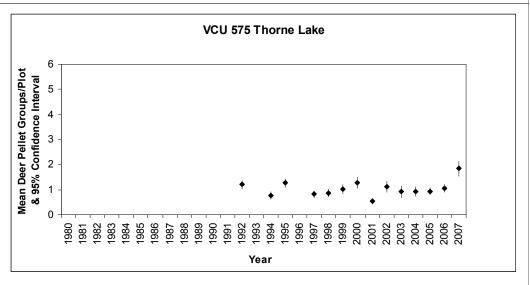


Lincoln island was surveyed in the early 1980's, and while the start locations were retained, the data was lost. ADFG surveyed this location again in 1998 to establish a baseline for the island. This area was surveyed again in 2007 in response to interest stemming from the extreme severity of the 2006-2007 winter. Although Lincoln Island is in the same VCU as Shelter Island, the data is presented separately due to the infrequent surveys of this island and because deer population trends may function differently on each island. While lower densities were detected in 2007, almost a decade had passed since the previous survey. Over such a long time, many factors other than winter severity could have affected deer population changes.



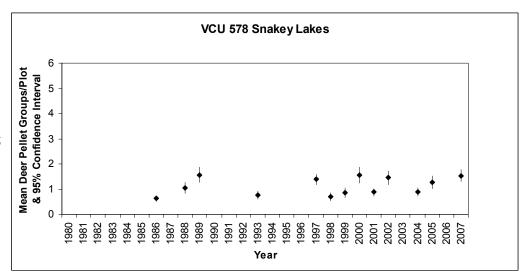
GMU 2 (Prince of Wales Island)

Thorne Lake (VCU 575): In 1992, four transects were established in along the Thorne River drainage, located in the central part of Prince of Wales Island. All four transects start along Road 3015 and are accessed by vehicle from Thorne Bay. A new start point was established for transect 2 in 1994 due to logging activity at the old location, but the transect still hits the edge of a clearcut. Higher densities in 2007 are likely related to deer concentrating on winter range, but continued monitoring will provide more information.

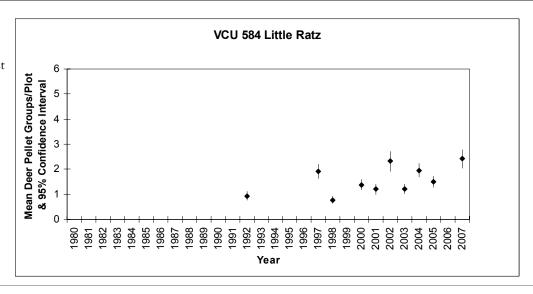


Snakey Lakes (VCU 578): Four transects were established off the road system by USFS in this VCU in 1986. This is an inland

VCU, located in the Thorne River drainage of Prince of Wales Island. Due to logging and road construction, a new starting point for transects 3 and 4 was flagged in 1993. In 2004, transect 1 and 2 were discontinued due to logging and transect 5 was created. In 2007, transects 3 and 4 were replaced with transects 6 and 7. Pellet densities in 2007 were not notably higher than the previous survey year.

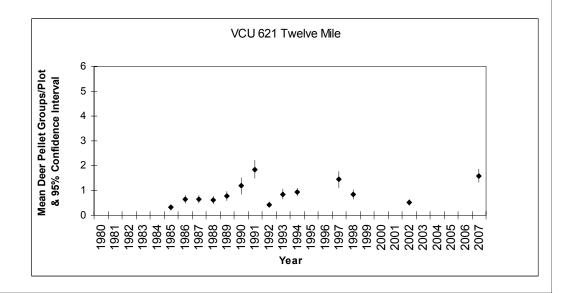


Little Ratz (VCU 584): Four transects were established in this VCU in 1992, located on the east coast of Prince of Wales Island. Access to all transects is by vehicle from Thorne Bay. Higher pellet densities in 2007 were likely related to deer concentrating on winter range. However, there does appear to be an increasing trend in this area.



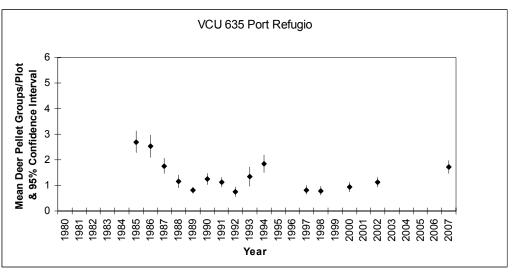
GMU 2 (Prince of Wales Island) - Continued

12 Mile Arm (VCU 621): This VCU is located near Kasaan Bay on the east-central portion of Prince of Wales Island, and has been sampled by since 1985. While pellet densities are significantly higher than in the previous survey year, it had been 5 years since the previous survey. Higher pellet densities are likely related to deer concentrating on winter range, but could also indicate an increasing deer population in this area. Future surveys will provide more trend information with which to evaluate changes to the population.



Port Refugio (VCU 635): This VCU is located on Suemez Island off the west coast of Prince of Wales Island in the Craig Ranger District. Pellet groups have been counted here since 1985. Substantial timber harvest has occurred on this island since pellet surveys were first implemented. In 2007, a new start tree was created on transect 1 in the general area of the old start tree, which could not be found. In 2007 on transect 3, a tree was marked on a logging road encountered after plot 30 to re-route the rest of the transect to the north, which was necessary in order to avoid a clearcut. These changes in transect route may have influenced pellet densities. Given the heavy logging in this area, deer pellet-group increases may be the result of deer congregating on primary winter range during this above-average snow year, but could also indicate an increasing deer population in this area. Since it had been 5 years since the previous survey, numerous factors could be influencing pellet density changes. Future surveys will provide more

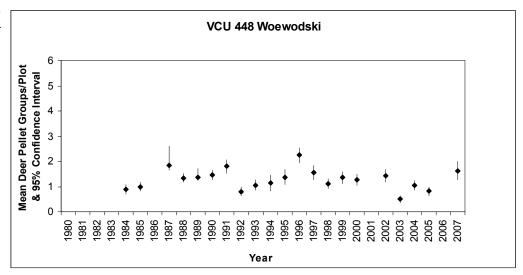
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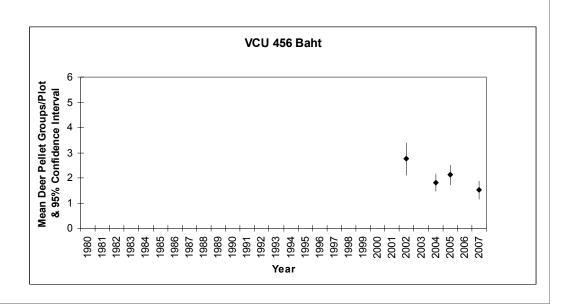
GMU 3 (Central Southeast Alaska Islands)

Woewodoski (VUC 448): Three transects were located on southwestern Mitkof Island in 1984. They are all well-marked and easily accessible by skiff from Petersburg. All climb to 1500 feet elevation through moderate volume timber. It is interesting to note that despite heavy snowfalls the winter of 1998-1999, deer pellet group counts were slightly higher than the previous year, and remained in the same range during following surveys, indicating mortality during that severe winter was likely low. Corroborating evidence from deer radio-collared by the Forest Service confirmed this, as only one of 33 adult deer on Mitkof Island diedof starvation that winter. Because deer were be below carrying capacity in this area, their winter range was able to sustain them despite winter sever-

ity. High pellet counts have again been noted after the severe winter of 2006-2007, likely due to deer concentrating on winter range. Although there are no longer deer collared on Mitkof, continued pellet surveys will help biologists evaluate whether these deer faired as well as they did in 1999.

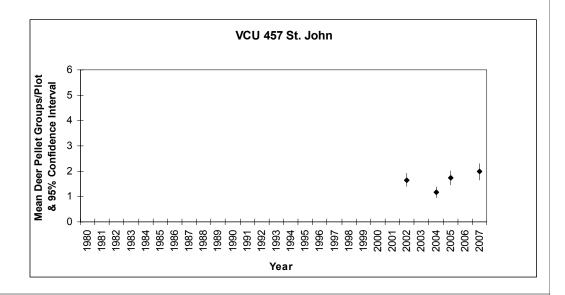


Baht (BCU 456). A single transect was established in this VCU on Zarembo Island in 2002 as a part of a greater island wide assessment of deer populations. The transect traverses medium-volume forest on a gentle north-facing slope to about 800 feet in elevation, crossing several muskegs and ending at a small lake. Given heavy snowfall in this area, we would have expected pellet densities to be higher this year on the winter range, especially given past logging in the watershed and the unavailability of those areas due to deep snow. Lower pellet groups counts may indicate higher early winter mortality in this area. The single transect in this watershed, however, limits our scope of inference. Until more transects are established in this watershed to increase sample size, little can be reliably inferred from this data with regards to changes in the deer population.

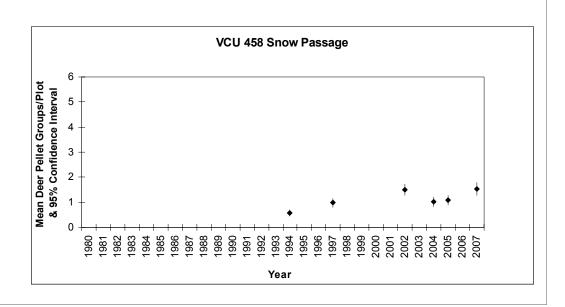


GMU 3 (Central Southeast Alaska) - Continued

St. John (VCU 457): Three new transects were established in this VCU on Zarembo Island as part of a greater island wide assessment of deer populations. All three transects originate from the road system. Due to overlapping confidence intervals, it cannot be determined with any certainty whether densities are truly higher than the previous survey year. Further surveys will provide more information.



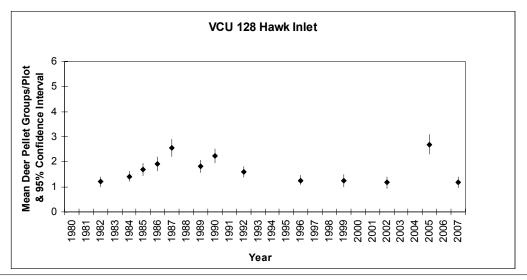
Snow Pass (VCU 458): Three transects were established in this VCU on the SW shore of Zarembo Island in 1994. This particular VCU was picked for sampling because it is still mostly unlogged and has favorable deer winter range characteristics. All three transects start on the coast and travel through mid-volume timber with occasional second growth. Much of this second growth is probably the result of windthrow as all crews reported a lot of blowdown in the first and subsequent years of surveying. Higher pellet densities in 2007 are likely related to deer concentrating on winter range during this severe winter. Further surveys will provide more information.



GMU 4 (Admiralty, Baranof & Chichagof Islands)

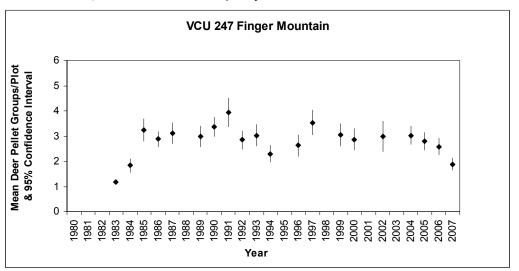
Hawk Inlet (VCU 128): Located on northern Admiralty island, this VCU was intensively sampled in 1982 on both sides of the

inlet, with transects running to 1000 feet. In 1984, 3 transects on the NW side of the inlet were selected for continued sampling. The data on this chart displays the results of the intensive sampling in 1982. In 1985, the start of T1 was moved 30m north to a small cove. Pellet densities were much lower in 2007 than 2005, perhaps indicating high early winter mortality. However, counts in 2005 appear unusually high.



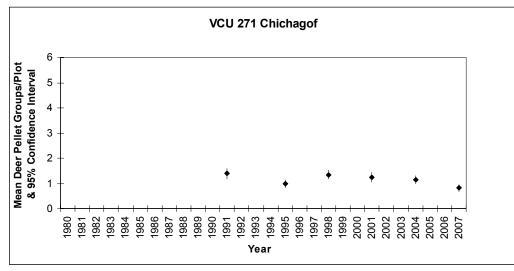
Finger Mtn (VCU 247): Located in Hoonah Sound, this VCU was intensively sampled in 1983 when 20 transects were run (see

Appendix 1). Three transects were chosen for long-term sampling in 1984. All transects have a SW facing aspect. This VCU is physiographically complex, so 3 transects does not likely reflect the entire VCU. Repeating the same 3 transects, however, should yield useful trend data. Transects 1 and 2 were run on incorrect bearings in 1991, resulting in fewer plots and higher pellet densities. Lower densities may indicate a decrease in the population in this area. Further surveys will provide more data.



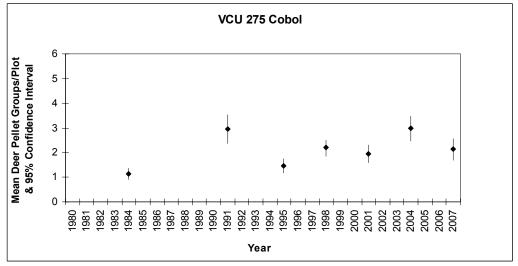
Chichagof (VCU 271): Three new transects were established in Klag Bay on the west coast of Chichagof Island in 1991. Transect

#1 crosses a peninsula from east to west and samples muskeg and low-volume old-growth forest. Most deer sign was found on the steeper slopes. Transect 2 runs up to 1500 feet on Doolth Mountain. Timber volume was low until the 1200 foot level was reached where there were several nice stands of spruce. Transect 3 samples a SW facing slope at the head of the bay. The habitat sampled was mostly muskeg, non-commercial forest, and lowvolume old growth. The population appears to have a stable to slightly decreasing trend.



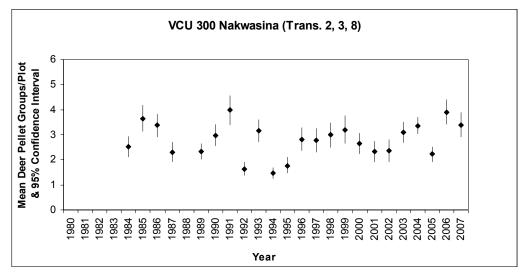
GMU 4 (Admiralty, Baranof & Chichagof) - Continued

Cobol (VCU 275): This VCU is located in Slocum Arm on the west coast of Chichagof Island. It was first sampled in 1984. The three transects run through low-volume old growth, reaching subalpine vegetation at approximately 1000 feet elevation. Pellet densities somewhat lower than the previous survey year.

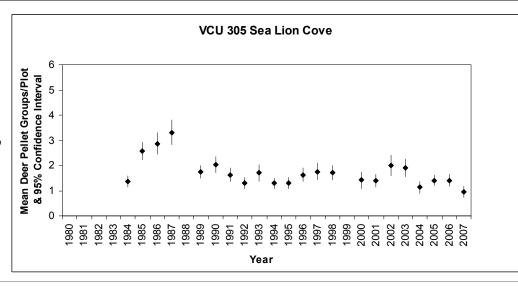


Nakwasina (VCU 300): This VCU north of Sitka is popular with local hunters and it has displayed some of the highest deer pellet densities in Southeast Alaska. This VCU was first sampled in 1984 with 12 transects. It was sampled more intensively in 1985 and 1986 (see Appendix 1). In 1987, three transects were selected for continued sampling. This chart displays only data for transects 2, 3, and 8 since 1984. All three transects have southerly aspects and traverse mid-volume forest to elevations of 1500 feet. Heavy

browsing on *Vaccinium* has been noted on all transects, and deer are likely near carrying capacity. After the heavy winter of 1990-91, deer pellet densities were high, likely from deer concentrating on winter range, but the low densities of 1992 likely reflect die-off of the 1991 winter. The winter of 2006-2007 was the most severe on record in northern Southeast Alaska, and it will be interesting to see what 2008 pellet densities tell us about changes in the population.



Sea Lion Cove (VCU 305): Although the name is misleading, these three transects are actually accessed from Kalinin Bay on Kruzof Island. In 1987 one transect was relocated to the current location to avoid dangerous steep sidehills and ravines. All transects are low to mid-volume timber. Heavy browsing followed by severe winters in 1989-90 and 1990-91 may have contributed to a decrease in the population.



Southeast Alaska Snow Report

Winter severity, particularly snow depth, can play an important role in determining deer distribution, nutritional condition, productivity and survival. As a result, biologists often rely on winter severity information in order to forecast effects of winter conditions on deer population dynamics. Due to the strong maritime influence on deer range in southeast Alaska, winter snow conditions can be extremely variable both within a given winter and between years. Snow depths vary considerably throughout the region with northern areas (e. g. Juneau) typically receiving more winter snowfall than more southerly areas (e. g. Ketchikan/Annette). Snow depth increases with increasing elevation, on northerly aspects, and where there is less or no canopy cover. Low elevation old growth forests provide important winter habitat for deer. In areas that are heavily fragmented naturally (such as by muskegs) or due to timber harvest, deer can have difficulty



Sitka Black -tailed deer in front of snow berm on beach near Tenakee Inlet, Alaska. Photo by Phil Mooney, Sitka Area Management Biologist. Spring 2007

moving between patches of winter range. Deer begin to flounder at snow depths exceeding 18 inches (chest-height for a deer). Deep soft snow buries forage, causes greater energy consumption and increases vulnerability to predators and hunters. However, freeze-thaw cycles and the formation of deer trails can eventually condense snow, enabling deer to walk on top of the crust.

Snowfall in Inches for Southeast Alaska (Winter 2006-2007)

												%
									A	verag	es ¹	Change
			_	_					_			5-year
Station Name	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	Total	5	15	30	average
Yakutat	0	26	36	68	4	80	0	213	135	148	151	58%
Elfin Cove	0	82	25	46	20	117	0	289	76	92	89	282%
Pelican		56	23	47	12	97	0	235				
Glacier Bay	0	58	23	51	18	63	1	215	77			180%
Gustavus	0	50	26	26	16	51	1	170				
Hoonah	0	70	32	31	20	141	1	293				
Skagway Power	0	2	45	23	1	29	0	99	38			161%
Skagway Customs	0	4	39	17	3	21	0	83	37			124%
Haines Customs	-	19	160	68	19	80	12	357	221	251		61%
Haines	0	43	77	82	28	78	2	309				
Juneau Airport	0	64	25	28	18	63	0	198	73	81	78	172%
Annex Creek	6	74	88	102	77	123	0	472	217			117%
Hidden Falls Hatchery	0	64	18	35	21	68	2	207	77			168%
Little Port Walter	0	78	9	45	19	120	3	275	90			207%
Port Alexander	0	27	10	7	13	57	0	113	39	53	41^2	193%
Point Baker	0	37	4	7	4	46	0	98	14			622%
Petersburg	1	63	25	24	29	88	0	230	58	61		295%
Wrangell	0	43	10	13	33	50		149				
Blasche Island	0	21	4	6	9	46	0	85	19			353%
Meyer Chuck	0	14	4	7	7	14		44				
Annette WSO	0	14	12	7	3	22	0	57	34	34	32	66%
Hollis	0	0	0	0	5	7		12				
Craig	0	9	3	7	2	23	0	45				
Hyder	2	81	89	123	42	62	5	403	190			112%

¹Average of previous 5, 15, and 30 years through June of 2006, ² only a 28 year average (1978-2006)

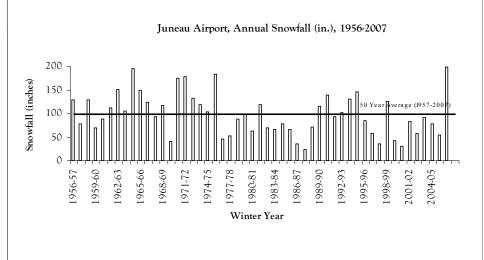
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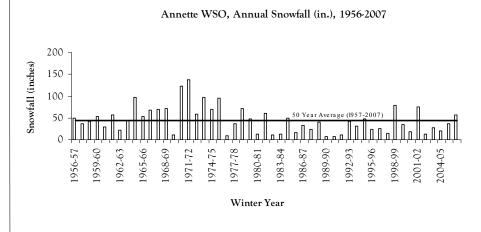
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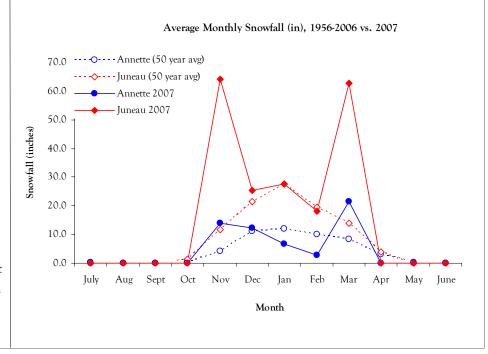
Between 1995-2006, winter conditions in southeast Alaska were relatively mild, with only 1 out of 11 winters having greater than average annual snowfall in the Juneau area, and 2 out of 11 in Annette. As a result, it is unlikely that winter conditions negatively affected deer populations during this period. However, the winter of 2006-2007 had the highest recorded snowfall since 1956 in the Juneau area, and above average snowfall at Annete WSO.

The pattern of snow conditions in relation to the spatial and temporal distribution of forage can have a profound effect on deer health and survival. Heavy snows fell suddenly and extremely early in northern Southeast Alaska. Over 60 inches of snow were recorded in November at the Juneau airport, and snow depths likely increased considerably with elevation. Deer that were at high elevations at this time likely had extreme difficulty moving between habitats. In heavily fragmented systems, high snow depths may have prevented deer from moving through non-forested areas to areas where forage would be more readily available. Many deer appeared to be concentrated at low elevations, which increased competition and their proximity to hunters. Continued snowfall further weakened deer due to the high energy expenditures that result from foraging in deep snow. Heavy snowfalls in March likely further increased mortality. Deer populations would have suffered most in areas with higher snowfall, where habitats were fragmented, and where populations were near carrying capacity.

In southern Southeast Alaska, heavy snowfall was followed by more periods of thawing and freezing, which would help compact snow so that deer could more easily walk on top. It is unlikely these deer populations were negatively effected.



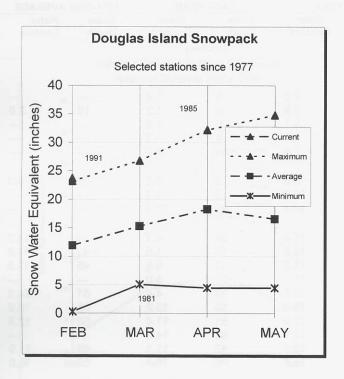


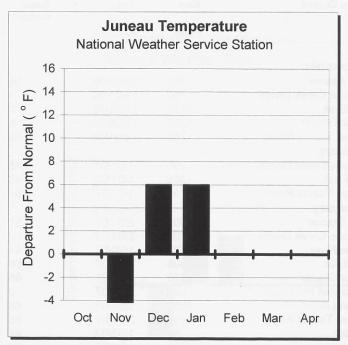


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Current Basin Conditions

Four snow courses in Southeast have set new record snow water contents for February 1st. Two snow courses on Douglas Island, across from Juneau, Cropley Lake and Eagle Crest broke previous records from 1991. The Fish Creek snow course water content is 2nd to that year.

The Petersburg Ridge snow course with 104 inches of snow depth and 40.2 inches of snow water content smashed the previous record of 94 inches of depth and 30.5 inches of snow water content; this is 32% more water content. The previous record was established in 1979 when the records began. The Petersburg Reservoir measurements broke the record of 38 inches and 12.2 inches of water content set back in 1989.

The Long Lake SNOTEL site has 99 inches of snow depth and 36.0 inches of water content.

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SNOWPACK DATA

			THIS	YEAR	LAST	YEAR	1971-2000 AVERAGE	
Snow Course	Elev.	Date	Snow	Water	Snow	Water	Snow	Water
			Depth	Content	Depth (incl	Content	Depth	Content
	(feet)							
December								
Cropley Lake	1650	11/28/06	24	5.7	3	0.6		
Eagle Crest	1200	11/28/06	26	5.8	0	0.0		
Fish Creek	500	11/28/06	17	3.6	0	0.0		
Long Lake	850	12/01/06	41	8.1	1	.3		
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	12/04/06	12	2.2	1	0.2		
Petersburg Reservoir	550	No Survey			1	0.2		
Petersburg Ridge	1650	No Survey			3	0.3		
January								
Cropley Lake	1650	12/29/06	64	16.9	1	0.2	48	14.1
Eagle Crest	1200	12/29/06	55	16.4	0	0.0	33	9.2
Fish Creek	500	12/29/06	28	8.5	0	0.0	17	3.3
Lake Grace Pass	1900	1/11/07	127	44.6	2	0.6		
Long Lake	850	1/01/07	70	23.8	11	3.5		
Lost Lake	425	1/11/07	54	12.7	0	0.0		
Mint Creek Ridge	1900	1/11/07	121	46.0	5	1.5		
Petersburg Reservoir	550	12/29/06	28	10.2	0	0.0	13	3.3
Petersburg Ridge	1650	1/03/07	90	32.9	0	1.0	40	11.3
Upper Swan Lake	1700	1/11/07	60	17.3	3	0.9		
February								
Cropley Lake	1650	1/31/07	94	34.2	31	6.6	58	18.4
Eagle Crest	1200	1/31/07	73	26.6	26	5.8	41	12.2
Fish Creek	500	1/31/07	30	10.4	14	2.9	20	5.0
Long Lake	850	2/01/07	99	36.0	35	9.6	75	23.9
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	2/01/07	59	15.8	22	7.1	62	16.9
Petersburg Reservoir	550	2/02/07	38	13.3	24	5.0	17	4.5
Petersburg Ridge	1650	2/01/02	102	40.2	38	9.2	57	16.9

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation					1971-2000	% of
Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	Ave	Average
Long Lake	850	1/31/07	74.7	91.8	77.5	96
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	2/01/07	21.9	25.3		
Snettisham	25	1/31/07	82.9	92.1	81.6	102
Swan Lake	50	1/31/07	77.8	93.2	65.1	120

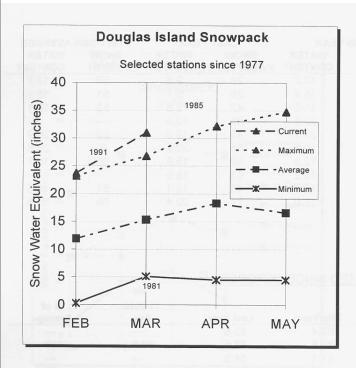
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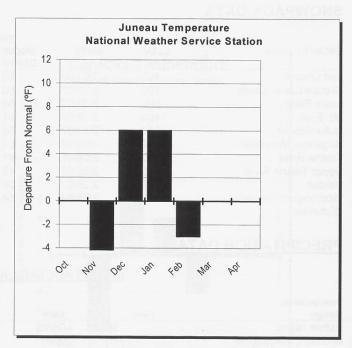
Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Douglas Island	3	465	200
Petersburg	2	377	250
Long Lake	1	220	150

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Snowcover:

Five snow courses have set record snow water contents for March 1st. The 142 inches of snow depth (2 inches shy of 12 feet) and 52.8 inches of water content at Petersburg Ridge shatters the old record of 95 inches of snow depth and 34.7 snow water content set in 1985. Petersburg Reservoir also has a new record high with 50 inches of snow depth and 15.1 inches of snow water content; the previous high (38 inches of snow and 14.0 inches of water content) was set in 1991. All 3 snow courses on Douglas Island measured record highs on March 1st for the period of record beginning in 1977, with the previous record high occurring in 1991 as well. Long Lake SNOTEL site is 188% of last year and 141% of average. This year is similar to the years 1972-1975 where the snow depths ranged from 128-160 inches and the snow water contents ranged from 45.1 to 48.5 inches. The record high for Long Lake was set in 1967 when the snowpack was 168 inches deep with 56.4 inches of water content; the period of record began in 1965.

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SNOWPACK DATA

				THIS YEAR		YEAR	1971-2000 AVERAGE	
SNOW COURSE	ELEV.	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT
Cropley Lake	1650	2/28/07	124	43.5	41	11.7	70	23.9
Eagle Crest	1200	2/28/07	93	43.5	33	8.7	48	16.1
Fish Creek	500	2/28/07	48	16.9	6	2.3	20	6.0
Long Lake	820	3/01/07	126	45.2	68	24.1	90	32.1
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	2/28/07	62	18.8	31	8.6	62	21.3
Petersburg Reservoir	550	3/01/07	50	15.1	25	6.6	18	5.8
Petersburg Ridge	1650	3/05/07	142	52.8	44	12.9	65	21.8
Speel River	280	2/27/07	98	35.3	55	17.0	75	26.8

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	30- YR AVERAGE (1000AF)	50 PERCENTILE	% OF AVERAGE	MAX (kaf)	MIN (kaf)
Gold Creek near Juneau	Apr-Jul	33	42	127	49	35

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation Gauge	Elev.	Date	This Year	Last Year	71-2000 Ave	% of Average
Long Lake	820	3/01/07	84.4	106.2	85.9	98
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	2/28/07	24.9	29.4	21.5	116
Snettisham	25	2/28/07	94.5	102.0	95.2	99
Swan Lake	50	2/28/07	91.4	105.1	77.8	118

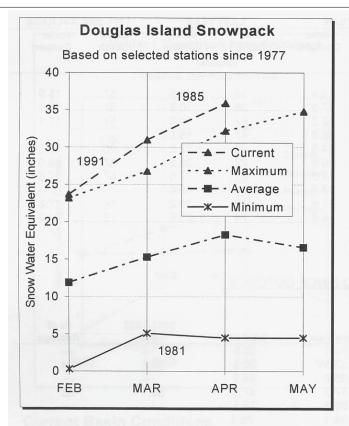
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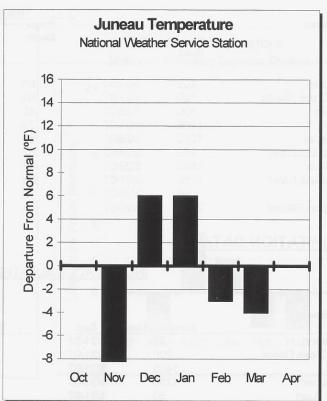
REGION / RIVER BASIN	# COURSES AVERAGED	PERCENT OF LAST YEAR	PERCENT OF AVERAGE
Douglas Island	3	410	202
Snettisham	2	196	123
Petersburg	2	348	246

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Snowcover:

Southeast Alaska continues its record high water contents with ten snow courses setting new records for April 1st. Petersburg Ridge shattered the old record again this month. The 168 inches of snow depth (14 feet) and 58.8 inches of water content at Petersburg Ridge tops the previous record of 100 inches of snow depth and 40.0 snow water content set in 1991. Petersburg Reservoir also has a new record high with 71 inches of snow and 25.0 inches of snow water content; the previous high (51 inches of snow and 18.2 inches of swe) was set in 1991. All 3 snow courses on Douglas Island measured record highs since the record began in 1977; the previous record high for these sites was also set in 1991.

Long Lake SNOTEL site is 240% of last year and 149% of average. This year tops the years 1972-1975 with 165 inches of snow depth and 58.8 inches of water content. Speel River is 2nd highest on record with 128 inches of snow and 53.3 inches of snow water content; the previous record was set in 1976 at 115 inches snow with 55.2 inches of water content.

The four Swan Lake snow courses near Ketchikan also have record high measurements. Lake Grace Pass snow course has 252 inches (21 feet) of snow with an estimated 95.8 inches of water content. These snow course records began in 1994.

The lowest elevation site at 425 feet, Lost Lake has 97 inches of snow depth with 33.5 inches of water content.

The extraordinary depth of the snowpack in Southeast made it extremely difficult to get snow measurements at these sites.

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SNOWPACK DATA

		THIS	YEAR	LAST	YEAR	1971-2000 AVERAGE	
ELEV.	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT
1650	3/30/07	147	48.4	47	15.0	81	30.3
1200	3/30/07	121	39.7	35	10.6	54	18.5
500	3/30/07	60	19.7	4	1.6	19	6.2
1900	3/29/07	252	95.8	82	29.3		
850	3/31/07	165	64.6	76	26.9	110	44.1
425	3/29/07	97	33.5	20	7.0	B (1091	elinuade
1900	3/29/07	200	76.0	81	28.7		- n
2250	4/02/07	75	26.4	33	9.2	73	20.0
550	4/02/07	71	25.0	22	7.4	15	6.2
1650	4/30/07	168	58.8	61	19.4	71	26.4
280	3/31/07	128	53.3	55	18.8	78	31.1
1700	3/29/07	130	48.5	52	18.8		
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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	30- YR AVERAGE (1000AF)	50 PERCENTILE	% OF AVERAGE	MAX (kaf)	MIN (kaf)
Gold Creek near Juneau	Apr- Jul	33	44.0	133	53.0	36.0

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation					71-2000	% of
Gauge	Elev.	Date	This Year	Last Year	Ave	Average
Long Lake	850	3/31/07	96.5	109.1	96.4	100
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	3/31/07	31.0	31.8	24.3	128
Snettisham	25	3/31/07	112.7	105.2	106.8	105
Swan Lake	50	3/31/07	114.6	109.8	88.2	130

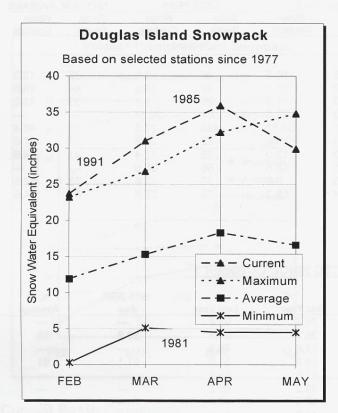
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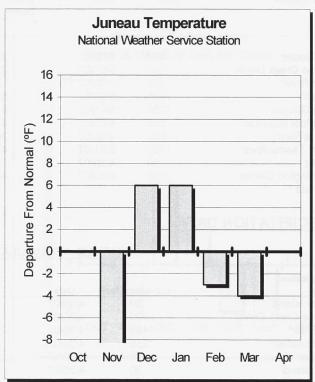
REGION / RIVER BASIN	# COURSES AVERAGED	PERCENT OF LAST YEAR	PERCENT OF AVERAGE
Douglas Island	3	396	196
Long Lake	2	258	158
Petersburg	2	313	257
Swan Lake	4	303	243

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Snowcover:

Southeast Alaska continues its record setting pace with three snow courses setting new record high snow water contents for May 1st. Petersburg Ridge exceeded the previous record again this month by 5.1 inches of water content. There is 132 inches of snow (11 feet) and 59.3 inches of water content at Petersburg Ridge; the previous record of 122 inches of snow and 54.2 inches of snow water content was set in 1985. Petersburg Reservoir also set a new record high with 39 inches of snow and 16.3 inches of snow water content. On Douglas Island, Eagle Crest recorded its second highest snowpack on record with 80 inches of snow and 35.4 inches of swe; the record high was set in 1985 with 91 inches of snow and 36.3 inches of swe. Fish Creek usually has no snow May 1st, however this year it still has 15 inches of snow and 7.2 inches of snow water content. Cropley Lake was not measured this month. Long Lake SNOTEL site has 134 inches (11 feet) of snow depth with 64.4 inches of water content and is 221% of last year and 134% of average. This year tops the previous record set in 1975 with 132 inches of snow and 64.0 inches of water content. Speel River measured its second highest snowpack on record with 96 inches of snow and 48.2 inches of snow water content; the record high was set in 1972 with 108 inches snow and 49.0 inches of water content.

The four Swan Lake snow courses near Ketchikan were not measured this month, but are most likely at or near record highs, as they were last month.

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SNOWPACK DATA

				THIS YEAR		YEAR	1971-2000 AVERAGE		
Snow Course	Elev.	Date	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	
	(feet) (inches)						S. TDEI enoriceleT		
Cropley Lake	1650	No Survey			46	19.2	73	32.8	
Eagle Crest	1200	4/30/07	80	35.4			37	15.7	
Fish Creek	500	4/30/07	15	7.2	0	0.0	3	1.3	
Long Lake	850	4/29/07	134	64.4	70	29.1	100	47.9	
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	5/01/07	61	27.2	41	13.3	46	18.9	
Petersburg Reservoir	550	4/30/07	39	16.3	0	0.0	6	2.3	
Petersburg Ridge	1650	5/01/07	128	59.3	57	22.4	51	22.1	
Speel River	280	4/28/07	96	48.2	39	16.8	59	26.1	

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	30- YR AVERAGE (1000AF)	50 PERCENTILE	% OF AVERAGE	MAX (kaf)	MIN (kaf)
Gold Creek near Juneau	May-Jul	31	42	136	50	35

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Long Lake	850	4/29/07	112.5	118.8	104.6	108
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	5/01/07	36.2	34.5	26.6	105
Snettisham	25	4/30/07	122.6	115.4	112.5	109
Swan Lake	50	4/30/07	133.2	128.1	91.1	146

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Douglas Island	2	305	189
Snettisham	2	245	152
Petersburg	2	338	312

Appendix 1: Pellet-Group Densities by VCU and Elevation

Analyzing the spatial distribution of pellet groups allows managers to better understand the relative use of habitat with increasing elevation. Use of different elevations is influenced by the presence of forage species as well as the availability of this forage given snow depth and conditions. In Spring 2007, the mean pellet-groups/plot in northern Southeast Alaska was highest in the lowest elevation category for almost all locations. In southern Southeast Alaska there is more variability, with considerable use of habitats in the middle elevation category in some locations. The winter was likely not as severe for deer where higher elevations were heavily used.

It should be noted that the number of plots in each elevation category is not equal, which may bias results to some extent. This inequality results because not all transects are created equal: some are flatter or undulating, some start with a moderate incline and become increasingly steeper with distance from the coast, while others rise steeply from sea level. Furthermore, snow conditions usually vary from transect to transect. After a severe winter, snow often persists at higher elevations and northerly aspects. Because snow hides pellets from view, transects are terminated when snow covers greater than 50% of the plot for 3 consecutive plots.

Mean Pellet Groups Per Plot by VCU and Elevation Category, Spring 2007

			0-500 feet		5	01-1000 fe	et	10	001-1500 f	eet
VCU	Name	count	# plots	mean	count	# plots	mean	count	# plots	mean
35	N DOUGLAS	259	100	2.59	117	65	1.80	0	0	
36	INNER POINT	328	124	2.65	47	42	1.12	7	16	0.44
124	LINCOLN	179	213	0.84	0	0		0	0	
124	SHELTER	294	244	1.20	58	69	0.84	2	8	0.25
128	HAWK INLET	108	83	1.30	222	164	1.35	34	58	0.59
247	FINGER MTN	294	163	1.80	111	64	1.73	63	21	3.00
271	CHICHAGOF	196	218	0.90	23	33	0.70	4	24	0.17
275	COBOL	227	64	3.55	137	79	1.73	10	33	0.30
300	NAKWASINA	316	93	3.40	161	48	3.35	90	26	3.46
305	SEA LION COVE	133	102	1.30	71	68	1.04	5	51	0.10
Northern	Southeast	2334	1404	1.66	947	632	1.50	215	237	0.91
448	MITKOF	153	88	1.74	111	62	1.79	30	30	1.00
456	LITTLE BAHT	114	56	2.04	49	52	0.94	0	0	
457	ST. JOHNS	372	153	2.43	20	11	1.82	26	47	0.55
458	SNOW PASS	192	174	1.10	171	82	2.09	77	34	2.26
575	THORNE LAKE	229	127	1.80	131	60	2.18	16	17	0.94
578	SNAKEY LAKES	336	243	1.38	87	23	3.78	23	24	0.96
584	LITTLE RATZ	239	101	2.37	176	58	3.03	147	74	1.99
621	12 MILE ARM	206	119	1.73	81	54	1.50	13	16	0.81
635	PORT REFUGIO	317	184	1.72	213	122	1.75	5	5	1.00
716	HELM BAY	108	209	0.52	13	34	0.38	0	0	
999	GRAVINA	111	108	1.03	32	59	0.54	0	0	
Southern	Southeast	2377	1562	1.52	1084	617	1.76	337	247	1.36
ALL SOU	THEAST ALASKA	4711	2966	1.59	2031	1249	1.63	552	484	1.14

VCU	Name	Transect	Pellet	Plots	Mean	Lower	Upper
			Groups		PG/	95%	95%
			(PG)		Plot	C. I.	C. I.
35	N DOUGLAS	1	93	45	2.07	1.15	2.99
35	N DOUGLAS	2	122	53	2.30	1.57	3.03
35	N DOUGLAS	3	161	67	2.40	1.67	3.13
35	N DOUGLAS	Total	376	165	2.28	1.83	2.73
36	INNER POINT	1	164	50	3.28	2.20	4.36
36	INNER POINT	2	83	59	1.41	1.01	1.81
36	INNER POINT	3	135	73	1.85	1.32	2.38
36	INNER POINT	Total	382	182	2.10	1.70	2.50
124	LINCOLN	1	54	59	0.92	0.51	1.32
124	LINCOLN	2	39	100	0.39	0.23	0.55
124	LINCOLN	3	86	54	1.59	0.98	2.21
124	LINCOLN	Total	179	213	0.84	0.62	1.06
124	SHELTER	4	68	50	1.36	0.76	1.96
124	SHELTER	5	47	48	0.98	0.59	1.36
124	SHELTER	6	30	50	0.60	0.30	0.90
124	SHELTER	7	59	46	1.28	0.83	1.73
124	SHELTER	8	59	57	1.04	0.65	1.42
124	SHELTER	18	91	70	1.30	0.97	1.63
124	SHELTER	Total	354	321	1.10	0.93	1.27
128	HAWK INLET	1	76	90	0.84	0.56	1.13
128	HAWK INLET	2	92	90	1.02	0.74	1.31
128	HAWK INLET	3	196	125	1.57	1.12	2.02
128	HAWK INLET	Total	364	305	1.19	0.97	1.41

Pellet-Groups	Per Plot b	v VCU and Transect,	Spring 2007

VCU	Name	Transect	Pellet	Plots	Mean	Lower	Upper
			Group	os	PG/	95%	95%
			(PG)		Plot	C. I.	C. I.
247	FINGER RIVER	1	104	93	1.12	0.86	1.38
247	FINGER RIVER	2	174	103	1.69	1.37	2.00
247	FINGER RIVER	3	190	52	3.65	3.02	4.29
247	FINGER RIVER	Total	468	248	1.89	1.65	2.13
271	CHICHAGOF	1	77	88	0.88	0.59	1.16
271	CHICHAGOF	2	57	87	0.66	0.45	0.86
271	CHICHAGOF	3	89	100	0.89	0.65	1.13
271	CHICHAGOF	Total	223	275	0.81	0.67	0.95
275	COBOL 1	69	77	0.90	0.58	1.21	
275	COBOL 2	118	55	2.15	1.56	2.73	
275	COBOL 3	187	44	4.25	2.99	5.51	
275	COBOL	Total	374	176	2.13	1.69	2.56
300	NAKWASINA	2	210	44	4.77	3.63	5.92
300	NAKWASINA	3	127	63	2.02	1.49	2.54
300	NAKWASINA	8	230	60	3.83	3.00	4.66
300	NAKWASINA	Total	567	167	3.40	2.90	3.89
305	SEA LION COVE	1	41	84	0.49	0.30	0.67
305	SEA LION COVE	2	117	87	1.34	0.94	1.75
305	SEA LION COVE	3	51	50	1.02	0.50	1.54
305	SEA LION COVE	Total	209	221	0.95	0.73	1.16
448	MITKOF	1	158	44	3.59	2.60	4.58
448	MITKOF	2	51	68	0.75	0.46	1.04
448	MITKOF	3	85	68	1.25	0.73	1.77

VCU	Name	Transect	Pellet	Plots	Mean	Lower	Upper
			Group	s	PG/	95%	95%
			(PG)		Plot	C. I.	C. I.
448	MITKOF	Total	294	180	1.63	1.26	2.00
456	LITTLE BAHT	6	163	108	1.51	1.14	1.88
456	LITTLE BAHT	Total	163	108	1.51	1.14	1.88
457	ST. JOHNS	4	188	81	2.32	1.79	2.86
457	ST. JOHNS	5	184	72	2.56	1.94	3.17
457	ST. JOHNS	9	46	58	0.79	0.41	1.18
457	ST. JOHNS	Total	418	211	1.98	1.65	2.31
458	SNOW PASS	1	55	99	0.56	0.33	0.78
458	SNOW PASS	2	254	100	2.54	2.00	3.08
458	SNOW PASS	3	131	90	1.46	1.03	1.88
458	SNOW PASS	Total	440	289	1.52	1.26	1.78
575	THORNE LAKE	2	199	91	2.19	1.68	2.69
575	THORNE LAKE	3	133	75	1.77	1.25	2.29
575	THORNE LAKE	4	44	38	1.16	0.78	1.53
575	THORNE LAKE	Total	376	204	1.84	1.54	2.15
578	SNAKEY LAKES	5	138	102	1.35	1.03	1.67
578	SNAKEY LAKES	6	171	111	1.54	1.16	1.92
578	SNAKEY LAKES	7	137	77	1.78	1.20	2.36
578	SNAKEY LAKES	Total	446	290	1.54	1.30	1.78
584	LITTLE RATZ	1	216	97	2.23	1.69	2.77
584	LITTLE RATZ	3	227	64	3.55	2.77	4.33
584	LITTLE RATZ	4	119	72	1.65	1.17	2.14
584	LITTLE RATZ	Total	562	233	2.41	2.06	2.77

Pellet-Groups Per Plot by VCU and Transect, Spring 2007

VCU	Name	Transect	Pellet	Plots	Mean	Lower	Upper
			Group	s	PG/	95%	95%
			(PG)		Plot	C. I.	C. I.
621	TWELVE MILE ARM	1	157	83	1.89	1.46	2.33
621	TWELVE MILE ARM	2	62	39	1.59	0.93	2.24
621	TWELVE MILE ARM	3	81	67	1.21	0.84	1.58
621	TWELVE MILE ARM	Total	300	189	1.59	1.32	1.86
635	PORT REFUGIO	1	208	105	1.98	1.51	2.45
635	PORT REFUGIO	2	146	81	1.80	1.29	2.32
635	PORT REFUGIO	3	181	125	1.45	1.15	1.75
635	PORT REFUGIO	Total	535	311	1.72	1.48	1.96
716	HELM BAY	1	76	125	0.61	0.37	0.84
716	HELM BAY	2	23	53	0.43	0.18	0.68
716	HELM BAY	3	22	65	0.34	0.14	0.54
716	HELM BAY	Total	121	243	0.50	0.35	0.64
999	GRAVINA	2	74	85	0.87	0.60	1.14
999	GRAVINA	3	69	82	0.84	0.60	1.08
999	GRAVINA	Total	143	167	0.86	0.68	1.04
SOUT	HEAST ALASKA	Grand Total	7294	4698	1.55	1.49	1.62

		Land				Pellet-Group		
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL*	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.	
20	Comet	9,662	12%	1994	180	0.00	0.00-0.00	
27	Auke Bay	15,245	45%	1987	381	0.99	0.87-1.12	
35	North Douglas	4,430	49%	1991	300	0.80	0.65-0.96	
				1993	324	0.74	0.62-0.87	
				1994	315	0.91	0.74-1.09	
				1995	306	0.86	0.70-1.02	
				1996	323	0.97	0.81-1.12	
				1997	323	1.43	1.24-1.62	
				1998	321	1.54	1.32-1.77	
				1999	273	1.03	0.86-1.19	
				2000	282	0.88	0.71-1.04	
				2001	335	1.01	0.85-1.17	
				2002	200	0.68	0.50-0.85	
				2003	267	0.93	0.77-1.09	
				2004	288	1.52	1.28-1.76	
				2005	151	2.08	1.61-2.54	
				2006	263	2.02	1.74-2.29	
				2007	165	2.28	1.83-2.73	
36	Inner Point	3,965	44%	1985	256	1.30	1.10-1.51	
30	illier rollit	3,903	77 70	1986	235	1.97	1.68-2.25	
				1987	262	1.76	1.53-2.00	
				1988	200	1.70	1.02-1.39	
				1989	258	1.31	1.02-1.59	
				1989		2.05		
				1992	204 254	2.05 1.41	1.75-2.36 1.21-1.60	
				1995	240	1.68	1.45-1.91	
				1990	252		.08-2.64	
				1997	280	2.36 0.84	0.69-0.98	
				1999	239	1.06	0.87-1.25	
				2000	280	1.09	0.87-1.25	
				2002	198	0.82	0.90-1.28	
				2002	272	0.76	0.64-1.00	
				2003	242	0.76	0.60-0.92	
				2006	147	2.33	1.93-2.72	
				2007	182	2.10	1.70-2.50	
38	Rhine Creek	6,357	2%	1997	108	0.31	0.14-0.47	
65	Sumdum Glacier	40,906	15%	1987	262	1.76	1.53-2.00	

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		Land	%			Pellet	Group
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
82	Negro Creek	12,212	31%	1989	312	0.21	0.13-0.29
89	Farragut Bay	na	na	1994	314	0.02	0.00-0.04
94	Sullivan Island	3,985	78%	1990	250	1.39	1.17-1.62
117	Couverden	9,933	10%	1993	350	0.35	0.27-0.44
124	Shelter Island (All Transects)	6,162	43%	1984 1985 1986	713 774 727	1.46 1.82 2.20	1.33-1.60 1.67-1.97 2.02-2.37
124	Shelter Island (Trans. 4-8, 18)			1984 1985	300 296	1.52 2.52	1.34-1.70 2.24-2.81
				1986 1987 1988	292 288 130	3.24 2.91 3.16	2.91-3.57 2.57-3.24 2.62-3.70
				1989 1990 1993	300 300 250	1.43 1.60 2.00	1.23-1.62 1.37-1.82 1.73-2.26
				1995 1997 1999	297 312 290	1.38 2.51 1.63	1.20-1.56 2.23-2.78 1.42-1.85
				2001 2003	231 300	2.07 1.41	1.79-2.36 1.19-1.63
				2005	200 321	1.86	1.59-2.13 0.97-1.41
124	Lincoln Island			1998	207	1.52	1.27-1.77
				2007	213	0.84	0.62-1.06
125	Barlow Cove	13,712	24%	1982 1984 1985 1990	2,567 347 347 270	1.07 1.69 1.55 1.42	1.01-1.12 1.46-1.92 1.35-1.76 1.18-1.65
127	Calm Station	4,941	66%	1982	1,054	1.65	1.53-1.77

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		Land	%			Pellet	t-Group	
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.	
128	Hawk Inlet	14,318	57%	1982	1,605	1.21	0.99-1.42	
				1984	339	1.42	1.22-1.63	
				1985	270	1.69	1.43-1.95	
				1986	286	1.92	1.64-2.19	
				1987	278	2.54	2.19-2.89	
				1989	364	1.82	1.56-2.08	
				1990	250	2.24	1.94-2.53	
				1992	319	1.61	1.38-1.83	
				1996	325	1.26	1.07-1.46	
				1999	176	1.25	1.00-1.50	
				2002	183	1.17	0.93-1.42	
					2005	322	2.69	2.30-3.08
				2007	305	1.19	0.97-1.41	
140	Dorn Island	9,485	81%	1984	230	1.27	1.02-1.53	
148	Lake Kathleen	14,693	57%	1987	207	2.13	1.76-2.49	
150	Lake Florence	21,342	52%	1988	294	1.48	1.27-1.69	
162	Thayer Lake	25,342	79%	1987	313	2.81	2.49-3.12	
				1989	283	2.04	1.75-2.32	
				1994	282	2.27	1.98-2.56	
				1998	308	2.13	1.87-2.38	
171	Hood Bay	44,355	79%	1987	358	2.31	1.99-2.63	
	~~~ = mj	,	. 7 / 0	1989	366	1.77	1.54-2.00	
				1990	375	1.85	1.61-2.09	
				1992	360	1.91	1.64-2.18	
				1994	371	1.64	1.41-1.88	
				2000	349	1.04	0.87-1.21	
				2003	220	1.41	1.17-1.65	
				2006	355	2.76	2.5-3.02	
182	Pybus Bay	41,501	62%	1981	390	1.34	1.16-1.52	
				1984	300	1.02	0.86-1.18	
				1985	269	1.86	1.60-2.12	
				1986	235	2.00	1.70-2.29	

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ne nt Island	Acres 8,738	CFL	Year  1987 1989 1990 1992 1995 1998	Plots  242 199 221 236 205 256	2.03 2.00 1.72 1.13 1.48	95%C.I.  1.69-2.37 1.63-2.36 1.44-2.01 0.97-1.30
nt Island	8,738	16%	1989 1990 1992 1995	199 221 236 205	2.00 1.72 1.13 1.48	1.63-2.36 1.44-2.01 0.97-1.30
nt Island	8,738	16%	1990 1992 1995	221 236 205	1.72 1.13 1.48	1.44-2.01 0.97-1.30
ıt Island	8,738	16%	1992 1995	236 205	1.13 1.48	0.97-1.30
nt Island	8,738	16%	1995	205	1.48	
nt Island	8,738	16%				
nt Island	8,738	16%	1998	256	1 27	1.23-1.74
nt Island	8,738	16%			1.37	1.16-1.59
			1991	311	1.38	1.18-1.57
			1992	210	1.34	1.09-1.59
			1993	305	1.77	1.52-2.02
			1994	356	1.22	1.04-1.40
			1997	300	1.80	1.54-2.06
			1999	223	1.82	1.55-2.08
			2002	351	1.96	1.71-2.20
			2005	312	1.33	1.11-1.55
lthorp	8,040	27%	1988	195	1.80	1.47-2.13
			1991	223	1.92	1.55-2.29
			1992	261	1.36	1.11-1.60
			1993	248	1.39	1.15-1.62
			1994	253	1.31	1.06-1.56
			1998	281	1.48	1.27-1.70
			2001	225	1.81	1.49-2.13
Inlet	53,183	22%	1988	258	1.34	1.09-1.60
mict	55,105	2270	1992	219	0.94	0.69-1.19
			1992	305	0.56	0.45-0.68
			1994	294	0.71	0.58-0.84
			1998	273	1.11	0.92-1.30
			2001	308	0.94	0.78-1.11
			2004	296	1.05	0.85-1.25
rederick	16,619	52%	1988	242	1.87	1.62-2.13
Cucrex	10,017	3270	1996	226	1.02	0.82-1.23
Jo. 2	6,613	32%	1983	1,155	1.12	1.01-1.22
	13 108	400%	1988	272	1 22	1.00-1.44
neen Cr	1.5,170	T2/0				0.94-1.33
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		Land	%			Pellet-Group			
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.		
				2002	218	1.32	1.03-1.60		
				2005	329	1.46	1.25-1.66		
211	Point Augusta	4,688	63%	1983	757	1.78	1.62-2.01		
	_			1993	286	2.08	1.80-2.36		
				1997	234	3.30	2.90-3.70		
218	Pavlof River	18,866	50%	1988	325	1.78	1.50-2.06		
				1992	341	1.56	1.32-1.81		
				1996	349	1.50	1.30-1.70		
				1997	313	1.71	1.47-1.94		
				1999	213	2.24	1.83-2.67		
				2002	249	2.48	2.10-2.87		
				2005	323	2.30	2.06-2.55		
221	Whip Station	4,708	53%	1981	193	0.86	0.64-1.08		
222	Sand Station	12,231	50%	1981	253	0.60	0.48-0.73		
223	Upper Tenakee	3,833	54%	1988	253	1.47	1.24-1.70		
				1992	265	0.58	0.47-0.70		
				1993	249 319	0.47 0.61	0.36-0.58		
				1994 1996	263	0.56	0.48-0.74 0.38-0.75		
224		40.450	210/	1000	254	0.00	4 (0.0.05		
231	Saltery Bay	18,478	31%	1988	256	2.02	1.69-2.35		
				1992 1993	256	0.96	0.79-1.14		
				1993 1994	227 193	0.76 0.97	0.56-0.96 0.79-1.15		
				199 <del>4</del> 1996	152	1.90	1.47-2.33		
				1997	170	1.99	1.59-2.39		
234	Inbetween	6,002	62%	1981	35	0.49	0.08-0.89		
		,							
235	Kadashan	33,641	53%	1981	96	0.54	0.32-0.76		
				1988	221	2.67	2.18-3.16		
				1992	282	1.62	1.38-1.86		
				1993	385	1.12	0.95-1.30		
				1994	294	1.39	1.18-1.60		
				1995	195	2.64	2.20-3.07		
				1996	204	2.36	1.96-2.76		

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		Land	%			Pellet	Group
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
236	Corner Bay	10,930	66%	1981	60	0.35	0.17-0.53
				1992	206	2.27	1.91-2.64
				1993	50	1.72	1.25-2.19
				1994	198	1.69	1.41-1.98
246	Broad Island	17,145	38%	1981	209	1.41	1.18-1.63
247	Figure Manageria	15 010	200/	1002	2.145	1 17	1 11 1 24
247	Finger Mountain	15,918	38%	1983	2,145	1.17	1.11-1.24
				1984 1985	302 279	1.83 3.23	1.57-2.09
				1985 1986	279 277	3.23 2.88	2.79-3.67 2.57-3.19
				1986	236	3.11	2.71-3.52
				1989	305	2.99	2.57-3.40
				1990	225	3.36	2.99-3.74
				1990	150	3.93	3.36-4.51
				1991	207	2.85	2.48-3.22
				1993	179	3.03	2.60-3.47
				1994	275	2.29	1.96-2.62
				1996	221	2.62	2.20-3.04
				1997	227	3.53	3.05-4.02
				1999	169	3.04	2.59-3.50
				1900	217	2.87	2.45-3.30
				2002	162	2.99	2.37-3.60
				2004	229	3.03	2.67-3.39
				2005	299	2.79	2.45-3.13
				2006	280	2.58	2.24-2.92
				2007	248	1.89	1.65-2.13
249	Lisianski	19,677	24%	1988	255	0.97	0.79-1.14
				1991	170	1.53	1.22-1.84
				1995	317	0.70	0.56-0.85
				1998	321	0.88	0.75-1.02
254	Soapstone	17,695	29%	1988	274	1.92	1.67-2.17
				1991	270	2.05	1.77-2.33
				1993	243	1.88	1.59-2.16
				1994	310	1.34	1.16-1.52
				1995	283	1.48	1.27-1.69
				2001	246	1.95	1.65-2.25
271	Chichagof	20,680	10%	1991	301	1.39	1.19-1.58
- *	(Klag Bay)	,	/-	1995	303	0.98	0.83-1.14
				1998	319	1.34	1.16-1.53
				2001	291	1.23	1.04-1.43

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		Land	%			Pellet-Group		
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.	
				2004	303	1.15	0.99-1.31	
				2007	275	0.81	0.67-0.95	
275	Cobol	14,618	49%	1984	224	1.15	0.92-1.37	
				1991	185	2.96	2.37-3.54	
				1995	218	1.45	1.16-1.74	
				1998	219	2.19	1.86-2.51	
				2001	180	1.94	1.59-2.30	
				2004	232	2.97	2.48-3.46	
				2007	176	2.13	1.69-2.56	
279	Rapids Point	7,637	65%	1983	2,734	0.77	0.73-0.81	
281	Ushk Bay	20,770	38%	1981	94	0.63	0.41-0.85	
288	Range Creek	6,929	33%	1983	1,788	0.51	0.46-0.55	
200	Range Creek	0,929	3370	1984	303	0.71	0.40-0.93	
				1985	224	1.32	1.02-1.62	
				1997	353	1.44	1.21-1.67	
				2003	355	1.65	1.43-1.87	
				2006	359	1.82	1.57-2.06	
295	Lake Eva	12,362	65%	1987	172	1.81	1.46-2.15	
296	Portage Arm	16 101	59%	1981	213	0.53	0.39-0.68	
296	Portage Arm	16,101	39%					
				1990 1997	214 39	3.09 1.59	2.70-3.48 0.86-2.32	
				2003	103	2.77	2.28-3.26	
298	M. Arm Kelp Bay	28,424	21%	1990	306	2.68	2.35-3.01	
				1997	100	2.67	2.04-3.30	
				2003	140	1.41	1.12-1.70	
				2006	248	2.10	1.83-2.38	
300	Nakwasina	19,575	48%	1984	196	2.51	2.14-2.88	
	(All Transects)			1985	1046	3.92	3.67-4.17	
				1986	715	3.50	3.26-3.76	
300	Nakwasina	19,575	48%	1984	138	2.51	2.10-2.93	

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		Land	%			Pellet	-Group
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
	(Trans. 2,3,8)			1985	218	3.65	3.13-4.17
				1986	205	3.38	2.91-3.84
				1987	195	2.31	1.90-2.71
				1989	244	2.32	2.00-2.65
				1990	255	2.98	2.56-3.40
				1991	175	3.98	3.39-4.57
				1992	223	1.64	1.37-1.90
				1993	188	3.15	2.70-3.60
				1994	230	1.46	1.24-1.68
				1995	216	1.75	1.48-2.10
				1996	210	2.82	2.35-3.29
				1997	188	2.79	2.31-3.27
				1998	217	2.99	2.48-3.49
				1999	146	3.20	2.64-3.76
				2000	181	2.64	2.23-3.05
				2001	186	2.33	1.91-2.75
				2002	132	2.35	1.90-2.80
				2003	221	3.09	2.68-3.50
				2004	211	3.36	3.02-3.70
				2005	254	2.22	1.91-2.52
				2006	205	3.91	3.42-4.40
				2007	167	3.40	2.90-3.89
05	Sea Lion Cove	9,293	69%	1984	320	1.36	1.15-1.58
	(Kalinin Bay)			1985	292	2.57	2.23-2.91
				1986	235	2.87	2.44-3.29
				1987	226	3.31	2.82-3.80
				1989	303	1.75	1.50-2.00
				1990	227	2.03	1.71-2.35
				1991	219	1.63	1.36-1.91
				1992	239	1.30	1.08-1.51
				1993	198	1.70	1.38-2.02
				1994	221	1.29	1.09-1.48
				1995	210	1.30	1.08-1.52
				1996	225	1.63	1.35-1.90
				1997	223	1.76	1.43-2.10
				1998	241	1.71	1.44-1.99
				2000	201	1.42	1.09-1.76
				2001	231	1.40	1.14-1.66
				2002	119	2.01	1.60-2.41
				2003	249	1.90	1.55-2.25
				2004	206	1.13	0.90-1.36
				2005	252	1.40	1.20-1.61
				2006	245	1.41	1.18-1.65
				2007	221	0.95	0.73-1.16

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		Land %			Pellet-Grou		
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I
308	South Kruzof	71,158	25%	1993	345	1.62	1.41-1.83
300	South Kruzoi	71,150	2570	1994	370	1.71	1.52-1.90
				1999	365	1.38	1.16-1.58
315	Basin Kelp Bay	8,460	60%	1990	151	1.85	1.41-2.28
321	Redoubt Bay	9,045	58%	1989	304	2.17	1.88-2.47
339	Cape Ommaney	13,725	32%	1988	172	1.74	1.43-2.05
JJ9	Cape Ommaney	15,725	3270	2000	270	1.74	1.43-2.03
				2003	221	1.56	1.31-1.81
344	Whale Bay	na	na	2000	260	1.40	1.17-1.62
J11	whate Day	Ha	Ha	2003	279	1.70	1.43-1.97
348	West Crawfish	57,434	16%	1989	360	1.35	1.36-1.57
J 10	West Stavillar	31,131	1070	2000	211	1.34	1.07-1.61
				2003	313	1.31	1.07-1.55
361	Knight Island	10,419	40%	1991	100	0.81	0.61-1.01
				1992	100	0.95	0.74-1.16
				1994	90	0.44	0.25-0.64
				1996	153	0.00	0.00-0.00
				1997	192	0.03	0.01-0.05
				2003	117	0.22	not avail
363	Humpback	7,721	74%	1991	118	0.01	0.00-0.03
368	Yakutat Islands	1,021	99%	1991	415	0.32	0.24-0.39
				1992	243	0.48	0.37-0.58
				1993	106	1.07	0.81-1.32
				1994	251	0.66	0.52-0.80
				1996	379	0.59	0.48-0.69
				1997	344	0.59	0.48-0.70
				2000	145	0.90	0.85-0.95
				2002	200	0.66	not avail
				2003 2004	325 274	0.58 0.86	not avail not avail
369	Ankau	na	na	1991	116	0.03	0.00-0.05

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		Land	%			Pellet	Group
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
400	Security Bay	28,040	79%	1984	360	0.02	0.01-0.04
				1989	304	0.25	0.16-0.34
				1995	268	0.22	0.15-0.29
				2000	200	0.09	0.05-0.14
403	Pillar Bay	28,227	65%	1988	337	0.16	0.10-0.22
	,	,		2000	265	0.18	0.13-0.23
408	Malmesbury	18,151	68%	1990	206	0.11	0.05-0.18
				2000	254	0.06	0.03-0.09
417	Conclusion Island	12,561	99%	1987	207	2.66	2.32-3.01
				1989	200	0.95	0.72-1.18
				1991	200	0.71	0.53-0.88
				1996	191	1.45	1.19-1.70
427	Big John Bay	32,711	29%	1994	300	0.38	0.29-0.48
428	Rocky Pass	49,403	35%	1989	298	0.40	0.27-0.53
431	Point Barrie	22,187	27%	1988	357	0.23	0.17-0.29
151	Tome Barre	22,101	2170	1993	375	0.77	0.64-0.90
434a	Big Level Island	727	61%	1981	399	1.54	1.45-1.63
	8		0 - 7 -	1983	336	1.56	27,0 2300
				1986	382	1.66	1.41-1.90
				1989	227	1.07	,,-
				1991	456	2.16	1.90-2.41
				1999	427	2.00	1.74-2.26
434b	Little Level Island	263	92%	1981	114	2.48	2.02-2.94
				1983	136	2.34	
				1986	122	1.39	1.07-1.70
				1989	137	1.52	
				1991	132	3.59	3.07-4.11
				1999	123	2.84	2.28-3.40
435	Castle River	32,724	36%	1984	312	0.19	0.12-0.26
				1987	305	0.51	0.37-0.65
				1989	312	0.40	0.25-0.56
				1994	310	0.32	0.24-0.40

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		Land	%			Pellet	Group
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				1998	281	0.36	0.28-0.44
437	E. Duncan	23,744	55%	1990	227	1.12	0.92-1.32
				1992	213	0.78	0.63-0.94
				1998	153	1.04	0.77-1.30
				2002	254	1.89	1.59-2.19
442	Portage Bay	11,269	49%	1993	282	0.43	0.31-0.56
				1995	277	0.43	0.33-0.53
				1998	285	0.39	0.29-0.49
448	Woewodski	20,931	53%	1984	295	0.88	0.69-1.08
	(Mitkof)			1985	209	1.00	0.82-1.19
				1987	195	1.65	1.85-2.61
				1988	433	1.33	1.16-1.51
				1989	417	1.35	1.24-1.73
				1990	355	1.46	1.28-1.64
				1991	316	1.80	1.52-2.07
				1992	248	0.79	0.62-0.97
				1993	230	1.06	0.85-1.27
				1994	152	1.14	0.82-1.46
				1995	157	1.38	1.08-1.67
				1996	243	2.25	1.95-2.55
				1997	282	1.56	1.27-1.84
				1998	282	1.10	0.91-1.29
				1999	196	1.36	1.11-1.60
				2000	226	1.27	1.05-1.50
				2002	220	1.43	1.17-1.68
				2003	216	0.50	0.36-0.64
				2004	250	1.06	0.87-1.25
				2005	279	0.82	0.65-0.98
				2007	180	1.63	1.26-2.00
448a	Woewodski Island	20,931	53%	1991	461	1.86	1.66-2.05
				1994	510	1.30	1.15-1.46
449	Frederick	6,835	70%	1981	945	0.08	0.06-0.11
		•		1990	180	0.55	0.36-0.74
				1992	227	0.54	0.42-0.65
452	Blind Slough	30,655	55%	1990	324	1.35	1.15-1.56
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		Land	%			Pellet	Group
VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				1993	265	1.28	1.04-1.51
				1997	245	1.61	1.34-1.88
454	Dry	11,033	74%	1981	91	0.92	0.56-1.28
				1993	210	1.44	1.17-1.72
				1997	188	1.26	0.88-1.39
455	Vank	8,437	99%				
	a) Sokolof			1981	900	1.73	1.61-1.85
				1999	360	0.92	0.76-1.08
	b) Rynda			1981	281	0.25	0.18-0.32
				1999	280	0.27	0.18-0.36
	c) Greys			1981	284	0.25	0.18-0.32
456	Baht	16,972	69%	2002	109	2.75	2.10-3.41
				2004	108	1.80	1.45-2.15
				2005	101	2.12	1.73-2.51
				2007	108	1.51	1.14-1.88
457	St. John	26,112	53%	2002	220	1.65	1.38-1.93
				2004	229	1.17	0.96-1.38
				2005	213	1.75	1.44-2.03
				2007	211	1.98	1.65-2.31
458	Snow Passage	31,572	46%	1994	345	0.58	0.45-0.70
				1997	315	0.98	0.80-1.16
				2002	280	1.50	1.28-1.72
				2004	306	1.02	0.84-1.20
				2005	262	1.08	0.89-1.27
				2007	289	1.52	1.26-1.78
459	Meter	42,438	46%	2002	180	0.87	0.64-1.10
				2004	180	0.89	0.68-1.10

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				2005	155	1.41	1.75-1.07
461	Woronkofski	14,500	63%	1985	646	1.63	1.45-1.81
	(All Transects)						
461	Woronkofski			1985	218	2.01	1.62-2.39
	(Trans. 10,11,12)			1987	201	2.23	1.85-2.61
	,,/			1989	223	2.52	2.18-2.85
				1991	203	1.59	1.32-1.85
				1993	225	0.22	0.13-0.31
				1994	224	0.26	0.18-0.34
				1999	216	0.11	0.06-0.17
				2004	227	0.08	0.03-0.13
467	Mosman	25,573	54%	1993	304	0.07	0.03-0.11
473	Onslow	28,947	55%	1984	321	0.37	0.28-0.46
		-,- ,-		1985	334	0.59	0.48-0.70
				1986	347	0.72	0.59-0.84
				1987	336	0.42	0.31-0.55
				1988	329	0.44	0.32-0.55
				1991	322	0.66	0.51-0.80
				1993	341	0.68	0.55-0.82
				1994	340	0.88	0.74-1.02
				1997	346	0.73	0.59-0.86
				2002	332	0.97	0.81-1.13
				2006	363	0.60	0.48-0.71
474	Fisherman's Cove (Canoe)			2001	228	0.11	0.06-0.17
480	Fools Inlet	30,906	44%	1994	194	0.54	0.38-0.70
				2001	201	0.61	0.45-0.77
489	Muddy River	40,275	37%	1996	348	1.53	1.26-1.80
490	Horn	9,815	55%	1998	250	0.60	0.47-0.74
				2003	290	0.67	0.53-0.81
504	Madan	na	60%	2001	244	0.23	0.14-0.31

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	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.	
511	Harding	na	20%	2001	207	0.02	0.00-0.05	
524	Frosty Bay	17,959	41%	1991	266	0.70	0.55-0.86	
527	Protection	6,257	100%	1997	332	1.15	0.99-1.30	
521	rocccion	0,231	10070	1998	281	0.59	0.47-0.71	
				2000	325	0.56	0.46-0.66	
				2002	349	0.70	0.56-0.83	
				2003	319	0.69	0.53-0.85	
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528	Mt. Calder	9,232	83%	1988	252	2.14	1.78-2.49	
				1997	272	1.17	0.96-1.39	
				1999	165	0.48	0.31-0.62	
532	Red Bay	15,145	66%	1987	177	0.32	0.18-0.47	
				1994	256	0.94	0.74-1.14	
				1996	281	1.19	0.97-1.41	
				1997	248	1.07	0.89-1.25	
				1998	283	0.73	0.59-0.88	
				2001	337	0.76	0.61-0.90 1.28-1.71	
				2002	289	1.49		
				2003	314	1.15	0.94-1.34	
				2004	315	0.85	0.68-1.02	
				2006	295	1.54	1.31-1.78	
539	Exchange Cove	10,406	74%	1988	266	1.39	1.15-1.64	
				1992	125	1.10	0.83-1.38	
				1997	303	1.25	1.04-1.46	
549	Sarheen	11,875	52%	1989	310	1.73	1.44-2.01	
**		,	/0	1996	334	1.00	0.83-1.16	
				1997	330	1.00	0.85-1.14	
				1998	355	0.42	0.33-0.51	
				1999	284	0.64	0.51-0.78	
				2000	293	0.98	0.78-1.17	
				2001	319	0.45	0.36-0.55	
				2002	263	0.69	0.54-0.83	
				2005	257	0.78	0.64-0.93	
554	Sarkar	32,183	60%	1988	298	1.28	1.06-1.50	

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.	
				1994	292	0.92	0.77-1.07	
				1997	263	0.61	0.48-0.74	
				1998	312	0.29	0.21-0.37	
				1999	281	0.74	0.60-0.88	
				2001	330	0.45	0.35-0.55	
				2002	283	0.76	0.62-0.90	
				2003	333	0.50	0.38-0.62	
				2004	340	0.61	0.51-0.71	
561	Warm Chuck	12,348	85%	1984	326	1.02	1.02-1.38	
				1985	295	1.60	1.36-1.84	
				1989	302	2.21	1.91-2.50	
				1991	291	2.05	1.73-2.37	
				1996	276	1.39	1.17-1.61	
				1997	247	1.21	1.01-1.41	
				1998	246	1.29	1.08-1.51	
				2000	288	0.99	0.81-1.16	
				2002	221	1.17	0.94-1.39	
				2006	277	1.23	1.01-1.45	
		40.425	<b>600</b> 4	1002	(0)	4.00	101106	
564	Coronation	19,107	69%	1983	696	1.20	1.04-1.36	
				1985	228	2.34	1.17.1.77	
				1988	408	1.41	1.17-1.66	
				1989 1997	293 289	1.63	1.28-1.98 0.34-0.55	
				2001	336	0.44 0.85	0.67-1.03	
570	n.i.	21.002	600/	1001	256	2.20	2 24 2 12	
569	Baker	31,802	68%	1991	256	0.08	0.04-0.12	
				1997	250	0.14	0.08-0.20	
575	Thorne Lake	17,970	68%	1992	334	1.20	1.03-1.37	
				1994	293	0.76	0.62-0.91	
				1995	299	1.27	1.09-1.45	
				1997	303	0.84	0.66-0.96	
				1998	316	0.87	0.71-1.03	
				1999	231	1.02	0.83-1.21	
				2000	311	1.28	1.06-1.51	
				2001	327	0.53	0.42-0.63	
				2002	284	1.12	0.90-1.35	
				2003	123	0.91	0.66-1.16	
				2004	218	0.94	0.75-1.13	
				2005	287	0.94	0.79-1.10	
				2006	287	1.04	0.89-1.20	

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				2007	204	1.84	1.54-2.15
578	Snakey Lakes	6,431	84%	1986	279	0.62	0.51-0.73
	,	-,,-		1988	300	1.05	0.84-1.26
				1989	200	1.56	1.26-1.86
				1993	356	0.77	0.61-0.93
				1997	310	1.39	1.17-1.60
				1998	225	0.71	0.55-0.87
				1999	250	0.86	0.67-1.05
				2000	263	1.55	1.24-1.86
				2001	358	0.89	0.74-1.03
				2002	180	1.45	1.19-1.71
				2004	203	0.89	0.72-1.06
				2005	235	1.27	1.03-1.51
				2007	290	1.54	1.30-1.78
581	Luck Lake	19,818	67%	1986	178	1.74	1.41-2.07
501	Luck Lake	17,010	0170	1988	300	2.11	1.80-2.41
				1993	175	1.10	0.87-1.32
				2001	320	0.60	0.47-0.72
584	Little Ratz	12,392	65%	1992	272	0.94	0.76-1.13
				1997	255	1.93	1.64-2.21
				1998	282	0.78	0.64-0.91
				2000	304	1.38	1.18-1.59
				2001	287	1.20	1.00-1.39
				2002	195	2.32	1.92-2.71
				2003	335	1.21	1.03-1.39
				2004	228	1.96	1.68-2.24
				2005	291	1.51	1.28-1.73
				2007	233	2.41	2.06-2.77
507	T. 1.	12 120	770/	1000	200	1.00	0.041.20
587	Tuxekan	12,129	77%	1988 1997	300	1.06	0.84-1.28
				1997	314 353	1.04	0.87-1.22 0.37-0.58
				1998 1999	328	0.48 1.26	1.03-1.49
				1777	320	1.20	1.05-1.49
621	12 Mile	23,344	59%	1985	196	0.31	0.19-0.43
				1986	300	0.64	0.48-0.81
				1987	370	0.65	0.49-0.81
				1988	302	0.62	0.46-0.77
				1989	235	0.78	0.59-0.98

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				1990	176	1.18	0.84-1.52
				1991	231	1.84	1.48-2.21
				1992	250	0.43	0.32-0.55
				1993	258	0.84	0.63-1.05
				1994	324	0.93	0.76-1.09
				1997	202	1.45	1.10-1.79
				1998	280	0.83	0.63-1.02
				2002	220	0.51	0.38-0.63
				2007	189	1.59	1.32-1.86
625	Trocadero	16,624	75%	1995	235	1.74	1.41-2.06
023	Tiocaucio	10,027	(9/0	1997	235	1.18	0.97-1.38
				1997	267	0.97	0.78-1.16
				2002	332	0.93	0.75-1.10
628	Pt. Amagura	10,477	26%	1997	255	1.04	0.83-1.24
				1998	325	0.93	0.78-1.08
635	Port Refugio	9,118	50%	1985	317	2.69	2.27-3.12
0.55	Tort Kerugio	7,110	30 70	1986	324	2.52	2.09-2.96
				1987	369	1.76	1.46-2.07
				1988	270	1.15	0.90-1.40
				1989	507	0.80	0.68-0.93
				1990	232	1.25	1.03-1.48
				1991	367	1.13	0.95-1.32
				1992	254	0.76	0.57-0.95
				1993	213	1.35	0.98-1.71
				1994	280	1.85	1.51-2.19
				1997	276	0.82	0.65-1.00
				1998	315	0.78	0.61-0.96
				2000	272	0.94	0.75-1.13
				2002	317	1.12	0.93-1.31
				2007	311	1.72	1.48-1.96
679	Kitkun Bay	15,359	75%	1988	240	0.31	0.20-0.42
	/	- 10-2-	• • • •	1989	273	0.89	0.71-1.07
				1995	264	0.40	0.28-0.52
				1997	261	0.31	0.19-0.44
685	Nutkwa	17,079	73%	1988	234	0.09	0.02-0.16
716	Helm Bay	16,127	57%	1981	704	0.16	0.12-0.19

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				1984	302	0.54	0.44-0.65
				1985	181	0.85	0.65-1.05
				1988	247	1.66	1.38-1.95
				1991	240	1.63	1.35-1.92
				1992	169	1.25	0.96-1.53
				1993	286	1.37	1.16-1.59
				1995	284	1.31	1.09-1.52
				1997	265	0.79	0.65-0.99
				1998	232	0.44	0.34-0.55
				1999	82	0.70	0.53-0.87
				2001	251	0.41	0.30-0.51
				2004	170	0.25	0.15-0.35
				2005	286	0.22	0.15-0.29
				2007	243	0.50	0.35-0.64
719	Port Stewart	21,482	55%	1993	289	1.22	1.03-1.42
		,		1995	278	1.61	1.35-1.87
				1997	289	1.29	1.08-1.50
				1999	182	0.77	0.57-0.97
				2001	289	0.21	0.13-0.29
722	Spacious Bay	31,461	44%	1993	300	0.54	0.43-0.64
				1995	283	0.45	0.35-0.54
				1997	276	0.43	0.33-0.53
				1999	161	0.09	0.04-0.13
				2001	285	0.06	0.02-0.09
738	Margaret	19,286	67%	1985	515	0.57	0.47-0.66
				1986	251	0.84	0.69-1.00
				1988	110	1.31	0.96-1.67
				1989	129	0.62	0.44-0.80
				1990	274	0.56	0.44-0.68
				1991	272	0.76	0.58-0.94
				1993	281	0.31	0.23-0.39
				1995	304	0.70	0.56-0.84
				1997	297	0.56	0.43-0.68
				1999	264	0.47	0.98-1.45
				2001	279	0.44	0.34-0.54
748	George Inlet	19,448	28%	1981	110	0.21	0.09-0.33
				1984	344	0.27	0.19-0.35
				1985	313	0.52	0.39-0.65
				1989	169	1.41	1.08-1.75
				1990	240	1.03	0.82-1.25

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				1991	168	1.49	1.15-1.84
				1992	195	0.65	0.49-0.81
				1994	309	0.95	0.79-1.11
				1996	305	0.98	0.76-1.19
				1998	314	0.52	0.40-0.65
				2000	270	0.51	0.38-0.64
				2002	227	0.18	0.09-0.28
				2004	309	0.25	0.18-0.32
752	Whitman Lake	6,015	38%	1981	45	0.18	0.02-0.33
				1987	187	0.16	0.09-0.23
				1990	193	0.46	0.32-0.59
				1992	189	0.20	0.12-0.28
				1997	181	0.81	0.63-0.98
				1998	209	0.47	0.33-0.61
758	Carroll Pt.	11,629	34%	1985	118	0.66	0.46-0.86
150	Carron 1 t.	11,027	3470	1986	118	0.75	0.56-0.95
				1988	85	1.15	0.81-1.48
				1992	87	0.28	0.14-0.41
				1994	125	0.70	0.49-0.90
				1998	125	0.51	0.38-0.64
				2002	84	0.36	0.21-0.50
759	Moth Bay	7,652	23%	1985	140	0.59	0.42-0.74
	•			1986	156	0.98	0.79-1.17
				1988	78	0.71	0.46-0.97
				1992	136	0.48	0.30-0.66
				1994	136	0.94	0.71-1.17
				1998	176	0.68	0.53-0.82
				2002	150	1.09	0.84-1.34
760	Lucky Cove	12,377	43%	1985	335	1.16	1.00-1.33
				1986	258	1.16	0.95-1.32
				1988	65	1.01	0.68-1.34
				1990	263	1.10	0.92-1.27
				1991	271	1.39	1.07-1.70
761	Vallenar			2003	96	0.99	0.74-1.24
764	Blank Inlet	3,640	19%	1981	108	1.24	0.89-1.59
765	Dall Head	4,803	63%	1981	69	0.52	0.31-0.74

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VCU	Name	Acres	CFL	Year	Plots	Mean	95%C.I.
				1996	295	1.07	0.90-1.24
				1998	287	0.84	0.67-1.01
				2000	285	0.96	0.77-1.14
				2002	284	0.76	0.59-0.94
				2003	279	0.91	0.71-1.11
				2004	282	0.66	0.53-0.79
				2005	177	0.87	0.62-1.12
67	Duke Island	39,171	17%	1996	294	0.05	0.02-0.09
01	Duke Island	37,171	1770	2000	282	0.13	0.08-0.18
				2002	292	0.19	0.12-0.26
69	Alava Bay	13,563	60%	1985	311	0.52	0.39-0.65
				1986	326	0.85	0.68-1.01
				1991	143	1.64	1.22-2.05
				1994	326	0.79	0.64-0.94
				1996	324	0.93	0.77-1.09
				1998	335	0.66	0.52-0.79
				2000	329	0.75	0.56-0.93
				2002	107	1.22	0.90-1.55
				2004	313	0.92	0.75-1.09
	T3 only			2006	92	1.01	0.75-1.27
72	Wasp Cove	4,882	90%	1985	271	0.41	0.31-0.51
	•	,		1986	300	0.50	0.38-0.62
				1989	145	0.58	0.39-0.77
				1991	207	0.13	0.07-0.18
21	Winstanley Island	14,104	45%	1991	49	0.27	0.11-0.42
359	Very Inlet	na	na	2002	306	0.11	0.07-0.16
200				1001	227	1.00	2 00 1 22
199	Gravina	na	na	1981	226	1.06	0.89-1.22
	(All Transects)			1984	1,087	0.86	0.78-0.94
				1985 1986	1,172 1,267	1.23 1.40	1.13-1.32 1.30-1.50
				1,00	-,1	2.10	1.50 1.50
99	Gravina			1984	376	0.88	0.73-1.03
	(Trans. 1,2,3)			1985	224	1.44	1.20-1.67
	·			1986	346	1.62	1.43-1.81
				1987	334	1.63	1.41-1.84
				1988	278	2.06	1.78-2.35

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			1989	182	1.13	0.86-1.41
			1990	279	1.40	1.12-1.68
			1991	154	1.12	0.80-1.43
			1992	302	1.22	1.05-1.38
			1994	331	1.58	1.37-1.79
			1996	338	1.47	1.28-1.67
			1997	274	1.71	1.47-1.95
			1998	307	1.34	1.12-1.56
			2000	267	1.24	1.06-1.42
			2003	78	0.87	0.54-1.20
			2005	205	1.20	0.95-1.46
T1 only			2006	89	0.83	0.57-1.09
T2 & T3 only (logging on T1)			2007	167	0.86	0.68-1.04
T2 & T3 only (logging on T1)			2007	167	0.86	0.68-1.04