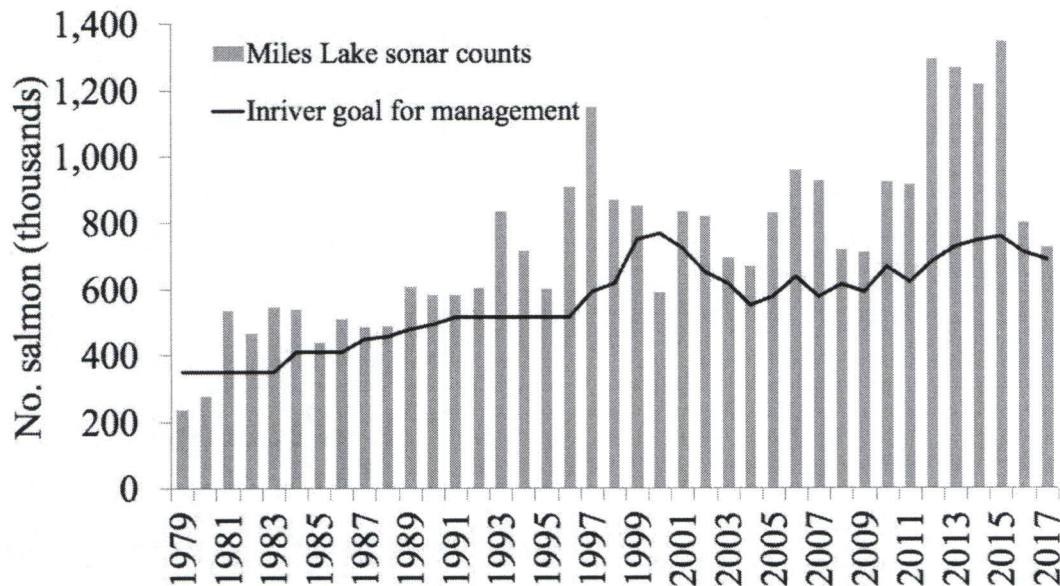


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## Sonar Counts vs Inriver Goal



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**BACKGROUND:** Escapement goals are reviewed every three years as part of the board cycle. The current Copper River sockeye salmon escapement goal was reviewed in 2014 and 2017 and the escapement goal committee concluded that the escapement goal should remain at its current range. The review committee determined that the current escapement goal likely encompasses  $S_{msy}$  and is the appropriate number of fish for sustainable management of the Copper River sockeye salmon stock complex. Since a sockeye salmon escapement goal was established in 1980, the goal has been met in 36 out of 37 years and the average annual escapement is approximately 519,000 fish. During the recent 10 years (2007–2016) sockeye salmon escapements have ranged from 477,000–970,000 and averaged approximately 694,000 sockeye salmon (Table 10-1).

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department **OPPOSES** this proposal because it would likely result in reduced yields and sockeye salmon productivity.