

**2025 ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**GUNNUK CREEK HATCHERY**  
NORTHERN SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

This Annual Management Plan (AMP) is prepared to fulfill the requirements of 5 AAC 40.840. This plan is prepared to guide hatchery operations in accordance with the hatchery permit. The plan must be developed with consideration of the hatchery's production cycle and must organize and guide the hatchery's operations regarding production goals, broodstock management, and harvest management of hatchery-produced salmon. The production cycle begins with adult returns, that lead to egg takes and end with fish releases. Action may be taken outside of the management plan if allowed under the hatchery permit or modified by emergency order. In season assessments and project alterations by Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) or Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G or department) may result in changes to this AMP in order to reach or maintain program objectives. NSRAA will notify the ADF&G private nonprofit (PNP) hatchery program coordinator in a timely manner of any departure from the AMP. The ADF&G PNP coordinator will advise as to whether an amendment, exception report, or other action is warranted. No variation or deviation will be implemented until an AMP amendment has been approved or waived by both the department and NSRAA. This policy applies to all hatchery operations covered under the AMP.

## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.1 *Background***

Gunnuk Creek Hatchery (GCH) is a private nonprofit facility, previously owned and operated by Kake Nonprofit Fisheries Corporation (KNFC) and currently owned by the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA). The hatchery is located in the city of Kake, on the northwest tip of Kupreanof Island. Gunnuk Creek (109-42-004) supplies the hatchery water via one 10" high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipeline. Up to 5.0 cubic feet per second of water is available. In 2021, the Inside Passage Electric Cooperative completed the Gunnuk Creek Hydro Electric project. A 54" penstock supplies water to the new turbine building neighboring the Gunnuk Creek Hatchery facility. In addition to NSRAA's 10" penstock, the facility now has an 18" HDPE tap from the 54" tied into the facility's supply system.

### **1.2 *New This Year*** (production, harvest management, culture techniques, etc.)

In 2024, NSRAA collected approximately 5.4 million chum eggs from GCH returns. Hidden Falls Hatchery (HFH) collected the remaining 14.6 million eggs to reach the 20 million broodstock program goal for GCH and transferred those eggs to the facility as eyed eggs.

The GCH return in 2025 will be comprised of 3–6-year-old chum. Very few 3-year-old chum returned in 2024 and thus the resultant forecast is small at only 32,000 adults. NSRAA expects to utilize the entire run escapement to Gunnuk Creek for broodstock.

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Gunnuk Creek continues to experience elevated losses on eggs collected from returns to the facility; though significant improvement was made in 2024. A portion of the eggs collected at GCH may be moved to HFH at the eyed stage with eggs collected at HFH replacing those for the broodstock program. This may be attempted to alleviate hatch issues at GCH, as historically eyed eggs transferred to the facility have performed significantly better. GCH began a protocol to harden the incubation water through the addition of sodium bicarbonate in 2024. That process will be continued and refined in 2025.

The return of close to 1,200 Chinook salmon to GCH in 2023 prompted the first egg take of that species at the facility on behalf of the HFH permit. NSRAA obtained FTP 23J-1005 and collected and transported approximately 170,000 green eggs from GCH returns. Due to a significant shortfall at Medvejie Creek Hatchery (MCH), an additional FTP (23J-1011) on behalf of the MCH permit was acquired to allow eggs from the GCH return to be transferred to MCH via HFH to backfill that facilities core programs.

The 2025 GCH Chinook salmon forecast is slightly less than the 2024 forecast. No Chinook egg takes occurred in 2024. NSRAA's forecast for MCH should provide adequate broodstock for all of NSRAA's Andrew Creek production. Returns to GCH are unlikely to be used for broodstock in 2025.

### 1.3 *New permits or permit amendments needed this year*

Three FTP's issued to Hidden Falls expire at the end of 2025. These FTP's were permitted prior to NSRAA's completion of the GCH facility upgrades, and during the period that fish were still returning to GCH and Southeast Cove (SEC). Two permits will be allowed to expire; FTP 16J-1004 allowed for up to 55,000,000 green chum gametes to be collected from the GCH SHA and transferred to HFH, and FTP 20J-1026 which allowed for 55,000 adult chum to be transferred to HFH from the GCH SHA. FTP 16J-1005 will be renewed for an additional term. This FTP allows for up to 55,000 adults to be transferred from the SEC SHA to HF.

### 1.4 *Expected Returns*

Species	Release Location	Common Property Harvest	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total Return
Chum salmon	Southeast Cove THA/SHA	287,000	300,000	<b>587,000</b>
Chum salmon	Gunnuk Creek SHA	0	32,000	<b>32,000</b>
Chinook salmon	Gunnuk Creek SHA <sup>2</sup>	425	425	<b>850</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes cost recovery, broodstock, escapement, etc.

<sup>2</sup> The production summary and egg take for Chinook salmon returns to the GCH SHA are in the HFH AMP.

*Note:* THA = Terminal Harvest Area.

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### 1.5 *Production Summary*

Program Name	Release Date	Life Stage	Planned Release Number
Gunnuk Creek chum salmon	May 2025	Fed fry	3,500,000
Southeast Cove chum salmon	May 2025	Fed fry	42,000,000

### 1.6 *Egg takes*

NSRAA plans to conduct an egg take at GCH in 2025 on returns of 3-6 year old chum.

Species	Ancestral Stock(s)	Egg-take Site	Current Year Goal	Permitted Maximum
Chum salmon	Kadashan R	GCH	20,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	65,000,000

<sup>1</sup> Alternate egg sources will be used if needed to meet maximum permitted capacity.

See Hidden Falls Hatchery (HFH) AMP for details on eggs taken at Hidden Falls and transferred to Southeast Cove or GCH.

Species	Ancestral Stock(s)	Egg-take Site	Current Year Goal	Permitted Maximum
Chum salmon	Kadashan R	HFH	45,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	65,000,000

<sup>1</sup> Alternate egg sources will be used if needed to meet maximum permitted capacity.

### 1.7 *Current permitting*

In 2018, NSRAA was issued PNP Hatchery Permit #50 to operate the GCH. The permitted capacity of GCH is 65 million green chum salmon eggs, 20 million green pink salmon eggs, and 500,000 green coho salmon eggs. Gunnuk Creek Hatchery may take additional chum salmon eggs for transport to Port Armstrong Hatchery or HFH, if requested. There are no plans for coho or pink salmon production at this time.

HFH is permitted to release up to 200,000 Chinook salmon smolt from the Gunnuk Creek net pens and 700,000 at Southeast Cove. See the HFH AMP for details about the Chinook program.

FTPs listed below are issued to Hidden Falls Hatchery:

FTP #	Ancestral Stock	Egg take, transport, or release	Transport from To	Maximal #, life stage	Expires
Chum Salmon					
17J-1019	Kadashan R	Transport, Release	HFH to GCH	20,000,000 fry	12/31/32
12J-1022	Kadashan R	Transport, Release	HFH to SEC	55,000,000 fry	12/31/32

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FTP #	Ancestral Stock	Egg take, transport, or release	Transport from To	Maximal #, life stage	Expires
16J-1004	Kadashan R	Egg take, Transport	GCH SHA to HFH	55,000,000 eggs	12/31/25
20J-1026	Kadashan R	Transport	GCH SHA to HFH	55,000 adult	12/31/25
16J-1005	Kadashan R	Transport, Egg take	SEC to HFH	55,000 adult	12/31/25
20J-1034	Kadashan R	Egg take, transport	GCH to HFH	101,000,000 eggs	12/31/30

SEC = Southeast Cove.

FTPs listed below are issued to Gunnuk Creek Hatchery:

FTP #	Ancestral Stock	Egg take, transport, or release	Transport from To	Maximal #, life stage	Expires
Chum Salmon					
19J-1020	Kadashan R	Egg take, Transport	HFH to GCH	65,000,000 eggs	12/31/29
20J-1005	Kadashan R	All	GCH	65,000,000 eggs 20,000,000 fry	12/31/29
20J-1006	Kadashan R	Transport, Release	GCH to SEC	55,000,000 fry	12/31/29
22J-1012	Kadashan R	Egg take, Transport	MCH to GCH	65,000,000 eggs	12/31/32

SEC = Southeast Cove.

## 2.0 SUMMER RUN CHUM SALMON PRODUCTION

### 2.1 *This Year's Planned Egg Takes*

Program Name	Ancestral Stock(s)	Egg-take Site, Stat Area	Primary or Alternate Source?	Current Year Egg Goal	Permitted Maximum
Gunnuk Creek chum salmon	Kadashan R	GCH	P	20,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	65,000,000
Southeast Cove chum salmon	Kadashan R	HFH	P	45,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	55,000,000
Species/Run Totals				65,000,000	65,000,000

<sup>1</sup> Alternate egg sources will be used if needed to meet maximum permitted capacity of 65 million green eggs.

## 2.2 *Broodstock capture method*

Broodstock will volitionally enter Gunnuk Creek and make their way upstream to the facility location. There is an adjustable bar picket weir installed just upstream of the terminus of the fish ladder. Fish are held in raceways above the ladder until ready for spawning.

## 2.3 *Spawning*

Broodstock will be collected from the adult holding raceways, and eggs and sperm removed in an adjacent covered spawning area. Fertilization occurs in the spawning area; eggs are transported by elevator to the incubation room on the main hatchery level. There they are rinsed and then water-hardened in bulk R-48 type incubators. Broodstock carcasses are likely to be sold and will be iced and loaded on tenders. Attempts will be made to donate unsold carcasses prior to grinding or disposing of whole broodstock carcasses at ADEC approved disposal locations.

## 2.4 *Egg-take schedule*

Egg take will occur in late July through mid-August.

## 2.5 *Carcass disposal*

Carcass disposal is according to the DEC-approved plan. Broodstock carcass priority will be to sell to a processor, donate to local community, whole carcass discharge, or, if multiple mechanical failures preclude accessing the marine disposal site and the carcasses cannot be temporarily stored until mechanical failures are corrected to allow the third option, landfill disposal as last option. The likelihood of disposing of carcasses in the landfill is very low.

## 2.6 *Planned releases this calendar year of previous brood years' production*

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Brood Year</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Number to Release<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Life Stage</b>	<b>Type of Mark, % Marked</b>
Gunnuk Creek SHA chum salmon	2024	May 2025	3,500,000	Fed fry	Otolith thermal- marked, 100%
Southeast Cove THA/SHA chum salmon	2024	May 2025	42,000,000	Fed fry	Otolith thermal- marked 100%

<sup>1</sup> See chum salmon production table for more detail.

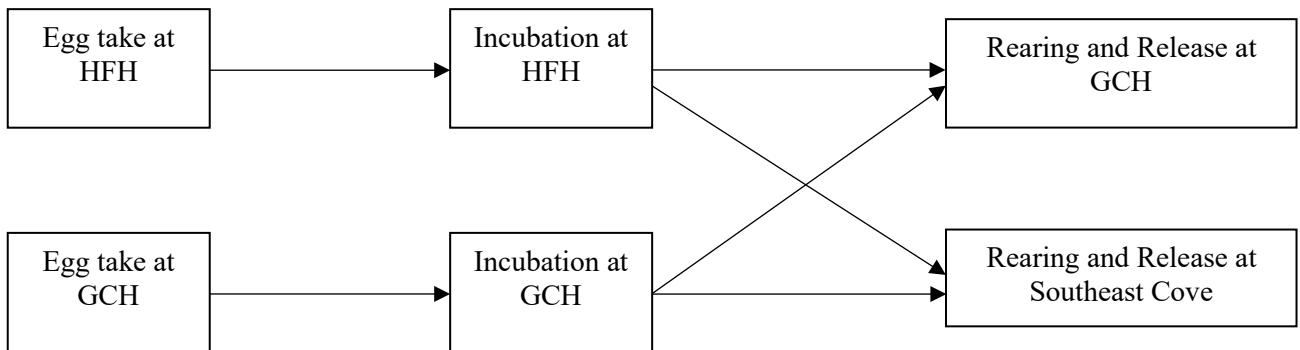
On February 2–3 2025, GCH experienced a large-scale mortality event shortly after the BY 2024 chum salmon fry were ponded to the GCH net pens. Fry had been in pens for 3–7 days depending on ponding date. The mortality event occurred overnight with no previous signs of stress or issues. Water samples were collected on the day of discovery

and low levels of the Chaetoceros plankton were observed. The mortality event is assumed to have occurred because of a harmful plankton bloom that stressed the newly ponded fry and caused them to dogpile the bottom of the net and suffocate themselves. The total loss was an estimated 13 million fish. This will result in reduced broodstock returns in 2028 and to a lesser extent in 2027 and 2029. There are no directed common property opportunities for these fish. If returns exceed broodstock needs, cost recovery harvest has and would occur for these fish.

## 2.7 *Previous brood years that will remain in culture during the entire calendar year*

None.

## 2.8 *Standard operational diagram*



## 2.9 *Program details*

The purpose of the program is to provide chum salmon to the common property fishery in Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait, as well as broodstock and cost recovery for GCH. The chum salmon program at GCH started in 1977. GCH has two chum salmon release sites, one at the hatchery, and one remote release site at Southeast Cove. All chum salmon production will be split 50/50 with a target size of 2 grams and 4 grams with releases occurring in late May to early June.

## 3.0 **HARVEST MANAGEMENT**

### 3.1 *Special/Terminal Harvest Areas*

Southeast Cove THA: Described in 5 AAC 33.387, *District 9: Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan*. (Statistical Area 109-41)

Southeast Cove SHA: Described in 5 AAC 40.073, *District 9: Southeast Cove Special Harvest Area*. (Statistical area 109-41)

Gunnuk Creek SHA: Described in 5 AAC 40.071, *District 9: Gunnuk Creek Special Harvest Area*. (Statistical area 109-40)

### 3.2 *Projected returns to special/terminal harvest areas this year*

Species	Program	Projected Common Property Harvest	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total Projected Return, Current Year
Chum salmon	Southeast Cove THA/SHA	287,000	300,000	587,000
Chum salmon	Gunnuk Creek SHA	0	32,000	32,000
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<sup>1</sup> Includes cost recovery, broodstock, and escapement, etc.

<sup>2</sup> HFH production.

### 3.3 *Common property fisheries management*

**Commercial fisheries:** In February 2012, the Alaska Board of Fisheries supported establishing Southeast Cove SHA as a THA.

Weekly openings may occur from the third Sunday of June through the first Saturday in August. After the first Saturday in August, only cost recovery may occur in a very limited area due to run timing of local pink salmon stocks. However, if significant numbers of fish remain, additional common property opportunity may be provided via emergency order, or a cost recovery fishery may be implemented dependent on the presence of wild salmon stocks in the area.

At its spring 2022 Board of Directors meeting, NSRAA passed a motion to allow gillnetting in the Southeast Cove THA/SHA on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the 2022 season with direction for rotation as follows: seine Sunday and Thursday; gillnet Tuesday and Wednesday; troll Monday, Friday, and Saturday. The NSRAA board mirrored that schedule for the 2023-2024 season. The board decided to change the rotation at its spring 2025 Board of Directors meeting to provide more troll opportunity. The rotation will be as follows: seine Sunday and Thursday; gillnet Friday; troll Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. The NSRAA board also passed a motion directing the cost-recovery harvest split across NSRAA sites. Southeast Cove returns will be harvested to target approximately \$1,200,000 in revenue.

In 2025 the following harvest management strategy will be implemented with cost-recovery harvest occurring around the peak of the return, estimated to be during stat weeks 28-31:

**Seine:**

- Will open on Sundays and Thursdays, June 15 through July 3, 2025.

**Gillnet:**

- Will open on Fridays, June 20 through July 4, 2025.

**Troll:**

- Will open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, June 16 through July 5, 2025.

For 2025 information and schedule of fishing by gear group, see the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area advisory announcement issued April 29, 2025.

**Sport fisheries:** With the expected return of approximately 850 adult Chinook salmon to GCH and broodstock use only a backup option in this location, the sport fishery will open to the harvest of Chinook salmon within the boundaries of the Gunnuk Creek SHA between June 1–June 14. This area has been included in the marine waters closed to retention of Chinook salmon from April 1–June 14 as part of the regional actions to protect Southeast Alaska wild stock Chinook salmon. This action will allow sport fishing opportunity for these hatchery-produced Chinook salmon in a limited area during the expected timing of their return. The regional Chinook salmon regulations will apply in the Gunnuk Creek SHA between June 1 and June 14 and continue to apply once this area opens to the retention of Chinook salmon after June 14 through the remainder of the year. Returning chum salmon to Southeast Cove and Gunnuk Creek are not expected to attract additional sport fishing effort. The regional bag and possession limits for chum salmon will continue to apply in these areas. The department may use emergency order authority to address issues as they arise in-season.

Additionally, under regional actions to conserve wild Southeast Alaska Chinook salmon stocks, commercial troll THA initial openings are delayed until June 1. Correspondingly, the Gunnuk Creek THA will open to provide continuous troll opportunity between June 1–30, unless closed by emergency order.

### 3.4 *Cost-recovery harvest management*

Chum salmon: No cost recovery or common property commercial openings are anticipated to occur in the Gunnuk Creek SHA. If a surplus to broodstock exists, cost recovery may be conducted in conjunction with cost recovery efforts in the Southeast Cove THA/SHA.

The Southeast Cove THA/SHA will likely be limited to cost recovery harvest after August 2 to minimize pink salmon interception during pink salmon management for the area. NSRAA intends to collect approximately \$1,200,000 of revenue from the Southeast Cove THA/SHA. Cost recovery operations will likely be conducted during the peak of the run with a commercial common property fishery closure to facilitate cost recovery harvest.



#### 4.0 APPROVAL

Recommendation for Approval: Gunnuk Creek Hatchery Annual Management Plan, 2025

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#### Approval:

The 2025 Gunnuk Creek Hatchery Annual Management Plan is hereby approved:

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### Appendix 1.– Historical Production Tables.

BY	Eggs Collected	Releases		Return Year	Cost Recovery		Common Property		Hatchery return
		Southeast Cove SHA	Kake SHA		Kake SHA	Southeast Cove	Kake SHA	Southeast Cove	
1978	10,000		3,000						
1979	16,000		1,000						
1980	129,000		0						
1981	0		0						
1982	831,000		608,000						
1983	1,070,000		55,000						
1984	2,000,000		1,982,000		2,851		900		5,322
1985	8,400,000		8,110,000		19,638		2,518		46,721
1986	10,930,000		10,825,000		29,033		912		49,270
1987	10,856,000		10,752,000		37,111		1,536		58,825
1988	10,216,000		9,880,000		41,245		18,233		95,395
1989	12,008,000		5,644,000		9,755		18,337		48,012
1990	14,305,000		7,054,000		10,467		14,610		72,471
1991	14,256,000		13,119,000		30,031		2,085		65,619
1992	16,495,000		15,073,000		291,041		40,203		557,828
1993	16,292,000		13,981,000		241,768		43,056		365,983
1994	21,046,000	8,198,485	6,260,447		98,407		73,858		369,637
1995	43,932,000	28,914,600	6,744,470		251,153		128,194		512,968
1996	51,742,000	36,244,635	6,177,285		519,795		168,737		835,524
1997	66,739,700	47,528,221	6,360,760		323,395		41,390		364,839
1998	54,237,000	36,156,200	6,522,900		203,449		0		203,449
1999	70,614,000	54,526,806	6,395,219	1999	70,538	229,210	10,581	34,382	344,711
2000	71,560,000	36,941,430	6,476,062	2000	186,544	429,053	62,675	122,650	800,922
2001	54,250,920	34,951,864	6,476,062	2001	84,383	228,615	9,896	25,956	348,850
2002	44,655,000	31,841,655	6,556,146	2002	58,948	243,830	25,600	104,323	432,701
2003	75,783,000	45,234,731	6,562,396	2003	105,414	1,219,839	11,813	135,538	1,472,604
2004	36,208,000	23,469,265	6,710,670	2004	54,708	596,561	21,883	197,861	871,013
2005	24,814,468	0	5,086,391	2005	42,283	79,025	16,952	0	138,260
2006	45,884,872	26,802,293	8,876,563	2006	76,895	145,375	32,332	62,556	317,158
2007	24,740,082	9,717,483	8,651,228	2007	31,364	25,523	13,161	10,769	80,817
2008	7,607,960	1,000,000	6,112,117	2008	6,942	2,579	1,041	387	10,949
2009	55,000,000	46,395,837	8,000,000	2009	8,492	2,092	3,385	837	14,806
2010	17,309,590	9,000,000	6,000,000	2010	3,000	200	19,479	22,000	44,679
2011	30,000,000	22,000,000	8,000,000	2011	209	7,120	61,463	18,512	18,783
2012	55,151,585	18,446,625	7,289,595	2012	100	22,000	33,001	32,345	67,441

**Notes:**

1978–1998 numbers from 2004 AMP; some return data missing thru 1988.

1980 - Eggs destroyed in 1980 due to septicemia brought on by ammonia toxicity.

1981 - Hatchery built.

1976–1979 - Operated under a scientific-educational permit with Kake School district. Few eggs and few records kept.

1984–1987, 2001, 2009, 2010 - Received some eyed eggs from Hidden Falls Hatchery and/or Port Armstrong Hatchery.

1999 - Present production numbers from web page. Web page reports returns by return year and does not break down to brood year.

2000 - Old dam failure.

2001–2006 - Hatchery on temporary pipeline intake.

2006–2007 - New Gunnuk Dam construction.

2008 - Hatchery online in new dam.

2010 - Very hot drought conditions affected return (creek very dry).

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Pink salmon production Gunnuk Creek Hatchery (KNFC)

BY	Eggs Collected	Releases	Returns from Annual Report			% OS
		Kake SHA	Estimated CPH	Hatchery	Total BY Returns	
<b>1976</b> <sup>a</sup>	0	0				
<b>1977</b>	30,000	5,000				
<b>1978</b>	0	0				
<b>1979</b>	0	0				
<b>1980</b> <sup>b</sup>	16,000	0				
<b>1981</b>	0	0				
<b>1982</b>	1,018,000	270,000				
<b>1983</b>	1,044,000	103,000			1,000	1.0%
<b>1984</b>	0	0				0.0%
<b>1985</b>	3,300,000	3,066,000	6,000	17,830	56,000	1.8%
<b>1986</b>	3,076,000	2,874,000	10,000	28,235	43,330	1.5%
<b>1987</b>	4,498,000	4,160,000	6,000	33,293	58,041	1.4%
<b>1988</b>	4,486,000	4,193,000	45,000	68,400	194,655	4.6%
<b>1989</b>	5,992,000	3,883,000	64,900	52,654	155,090	4.0%
<b>1990</b>	7,170,000	6,422,000	91,840	32,169	150,855	2.3%
<b>1991</b>	5,981,000	5,597,000	14,000	4,900	40,310	0.7%
<b>1992</b>	6,029,000	5,486,000	139,415	65,590	268,825	4.9%
<b>1993</b>	2,267,000	1,996,000	16,900	940	33,800	1.7%
<b>1994<sup>c</sup></b>	Program discontinued					
<b>2007</b> <sup>d</sup>	5,989,628	341,245	17,991	27,729	45,720	13.4%
<b>2008</b>	1,819,738	1,637,764	17,797	97,859	115,656	7.1%
<b>2009</b>	9,575,429	9,000,000	195,673	49,327	245,000	2.7%
<b>2010</b>	20,239,999	18,239,275	101,241	94,901	196,142	1.1%
<b>2011</b>	17,003,254	15,836,693				
<b>2012</b>	19,987,327	18,000,000				

<sup>a</sup> 1976–1999 operated as Science and Educational facility with the Kake School district. Few eggs collected and few records kept.

<sup>b</sup> All alevins were destroyed on demand of ADF&G due to bacterial septicemia brought on by ammonia toxicity.

<sup>c</sup> All data from 1976–1994 came from 2004 AMP.

<sup>d</sup> Bulk of fish released in the Southeast Cove THA/SHA.

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**Coho salmon production**

<b>Brood Year</b>	<b>Eggs Collected</b>	<b>Releases</b>		<b>Returns from Annual Report</b>			<b>Percent Ocean Survival</b>
		<b>Traditional Rearing</b>	<b>Zero-Check</b>	<b>Estimated Common Property</b>	<b>Hatchery</b>	<b>Total Returns by Brood Year</b>	
<b>1994</b>	50,000	35,000	0	482		964	2.75%
<b>1995</b>	40,000	35,000	0	653		1,306	3.73%
<b>1996</b>	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
<b>1997</b>	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
<b>1998</b>	15,000	13,000	0	170		340	2.62%
<b>1999</b>	47,000	33,000	0	420		840	2.55%
<b>2000</b>	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
<b>2001</b>	72,920	0	59,573	745		745	1.25%
<b>2002</b>	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
<b>2003</b>	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
<b>2004</b>	0	0	0	0		0	0.00%
<b>2005</b>	25,000	4,143	8,000	25	64	89	0.73%
<b>2006</b>	28,759	1,025	18,232	100	101	201	1.04%
<b>2007</b>	25,000	8,803	9,180	238	250	488	2.71%
<b>2008</b>	50,000	35,978	0	2,274	2,561	4,835	10.52%
<b>2009</b>	135,000	98,272	0	4,906	2,563	7,469	7.60%
<b>2010</b>	260,665	91,385	25,000				
<b>2011</b>	507,736	456,962					
						Average (BY05 to present)	4.76%

BY94–00 data from 2004 AMP.

1994–2004 all fry releases for USFS projects at Portage Bay Creek and Duncan Creek.

BY05–current have been smolt releases at GCH.

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### Appendix 2.- NSRAA Production Tables

Appendix 2a. Chum Salmon Release and Survival Data for Gunnuk Creek and SE Cove releases.

Brood Year	Egg Source	Release Site	Number Fry Released	Size (g)	Size (g) Weighted Avg.	Release Dates	% Marine Survival	Total Return
<b>SOUTHEAST COVE</b>								
2012	HF	SE COVE	8,712,136	4.01	4.01	6/8/2013	2.20%	191,518
2013	HF	SE COVE	9,142,373	3.89	3.89	6/7/2014	0.39%	35,794
2014	HF	SE COVE	17,478,583	4.15	4.15	5/30/2015	0.46%	80,447
2015	HF	SE COVE	42,758,270	2.3-4.1	2.87	5/8-13, 5/23-27/16	2.58%	1,101,995
2016	HF	SE COVE	46,749,525	2.0-4.2	2.87	5/8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 29-31, 6/1, 3, 4/17	0.20%	91,812
2017	HF	SE COVE	43,109,082	2.1-4.1	2.83	5/18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 6/8, 9 10/18	0.17%	72,420
2018	HF	SE COVE	36,644,291	2.3-4.3	3.34	5/19, 21, 22, 23, 25-30/19	0.41%	148,881
2019	HF	SE COVE	40,951,776	2.12-4.09	3.10	5/19/20, 5/25,26,27,28,30,31,6/2/20	1.18%	482,277 <sup>1</sup>
2020	HF	SE COVE	35,357,207	2.01-3.44	3.06	5/27-29/21, 6/8-10/21	0.69%	243,072 <sup>1</sup>
2021	HF	SE COVE	36,087,907	2.0-4.12	3.08	5/6-18/22, 5/29-6/5/22	0.28%	102,603 <sup>1</sup>
2022	HF	SE COVE	41,895,230	2.06-4.19	3.14	5/22/23, 6/6/23		
2023	HF	SE COVE	42,050,244	1.92-4.27	3.10	5/2/24, 5/30/24		
<b>GUNNUK CREEK</b>								
2017	HF	GUNNUK GREEK	8,866,586	4.39	4.39	5/30, 31, 6/1, 2/18	0.57%	50,932
2018	HF	GUNNUK GREEK	15,857,078	2.5-4.2	3.40	5/17, 25, 29-30/19	0.16%	24,580
2019	HF	GUNNUK GREEK	16,142,492	2.3-4.24	3.27	5/7-9, 6/3/20	0.10%	15,723 <sup>1</sup>
2020	HF	GUNNUK GREEK	17,566,539	2.3-4.44	3.33	5/10/2021, 6/1/21	0.44%	76,805 <sup>1</sup>
2021	GCH+HF	GUNNUK GREEK	16,747,099	1.98-4.84	3.27	5/6-20/22, 5/29-6/5/22	0.005%	770 <sup>1</sup>
2022	GCH+MCIF	GUNNUK GREEK	12,799,791	2.19-4.21	3.20	5/22/23, 6/2/23		
2023	GCH+HF	GUNNUK GREEK	14,267,627	2.01-4.40	3.29	4/29/24, 5/24.25/24		

<sup>1</sup> Incomplete Returns.

Appendix 2b. Chum Salmon Release Data for Gunnuk Creek and SE Cove.

BY	Southeast Cove Fed Fry Regular	Southeast Cove Fed Fry Late - Large	Total Fed Fry	Release Biomass (kg)
2012		8,712,136	8,712,136	34,936
2013		9,142,373	9,142,373	35,564
2014		17,478,583	17,478,583	72,536
2015	29,441,527	13,316,743	42,758,270	122,826
2016	29,183,809	17,565,716	46,749,525	134,014
2017	27,367,140	15,741,942	43,109,082	121,897
2018	17,074,771	19,569,520	36,644,291	122,567
2019	20,068,712	20,883,064	40,951,776	127,958
2020	9,198,802	26,158,405	35,357,207	107,441
2021	17,710,505	18,377,402	36,087,907	111,151
2022	20,727,576	21,167,654	41,895,230	131,391
2023	20,880,991	21,169,253	42,050,244	130,428
BY	Gunnuk Creek Fed Fry Regular	Gunnuk Creek Fed Fry Late - Large	Total Fed Fry	Release Biomass (kg)
2017		8,866,586	8,866,586	38,924
2018	7,071,823	8,785,255	15,857,078	53,943
2019	6,475,719	9,666,773	16,142,492	55,881
2020	8,344,163	9,222,376	17,566,539	59,554
2021	8,484,195	8,262,904	16,747,099	54,763
2022	6,378,447	6,421,344	12,799,791	41,003
2023	6,229,022	8,038,605	14,267,627	46,884

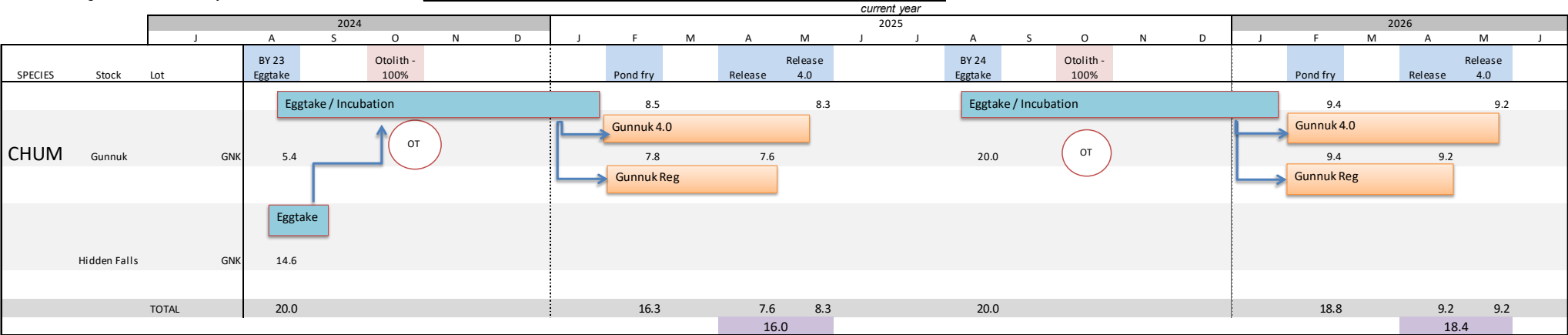
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Appendix 3.- Production Timeline

PRODUCTION SUMMARY

Organization or Hatchery

NSRAA: GUNNUK CREEK HATCHERY



GUNNUK CREEK CHUM BY 24

100.0% 94.0% 98.0%  
94.0% 92.1%

Millions

STOCK	REL SITE	AGENCY	GROUP	GREEN EGGS	FRY	REL GOAL
GUNNUK	GNK	NSRAA	Reg	5.4	3.7	3.6
HFH	GNK	NSRAA	4.0	10.0	8.5	8.3
HFH	GNK	NSRAA	Reg	4.6	4.1	4.0
Total				20.0	16.3	16.0

**Codes:**  
Egg take ET number & site  
Tagging T number  
Release R number & site  
transfers "to \_\_\_\_"  
Otolith OT  
SJ permit held by Sheldon Jackson College Hatchery  
BC Bear Cove  
DI Deep Inlet  
LL4.0 or 4.0 Late Large (4.0 g target size)

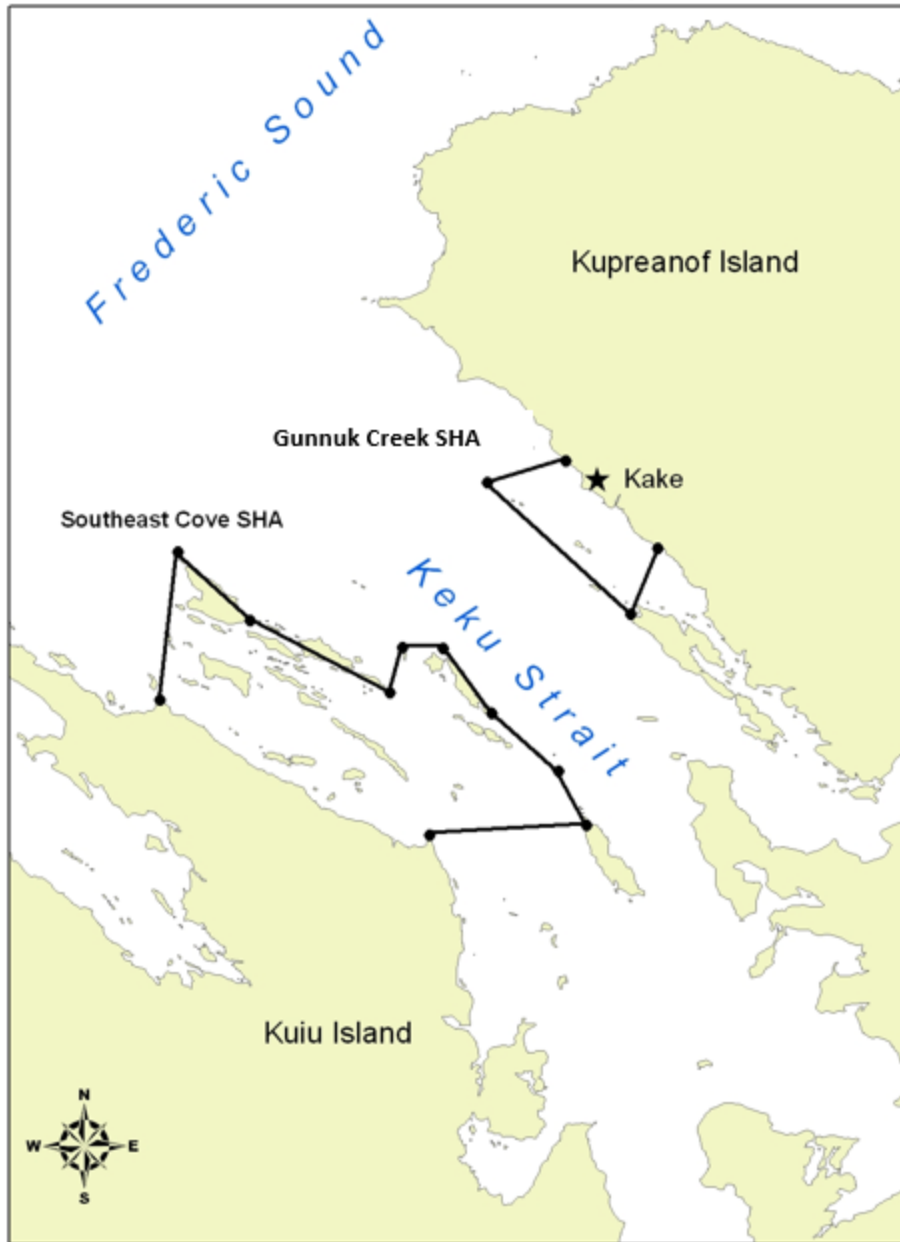
GUNNUK CREEK CHUM BY 25

100.0% 94.0% 98.0%  
94.0% 92.1%

Millions

STOCK	REL SITE	AGENCY	GROUP	GREEN EGGS	FRY	REL GOAL
GUNNUK	GNK	NSRAA	4.0	10.0	9.4	9.2
GUNNUK	GNK	NSRAA	REG	10.0	9.4	9.2
Total				20.0	18.8	18.4

## Gunnuk Creek Hatchery SHAs



**Figure 1–Location of Gunnuk Creek Hatchery SHA and Southeast Cove THA/SHA, in Southeast Alaska.**