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SUMMARY

Results of aerial mountain goat surveys can only be interpreted as minimum population values. Study data indicate that by conducting repeated surveys from fixed-wing aircraft a total count similar to those obtained from helicopter surveys can eventually be attained, but the number of fixed-wing surveys needed is not known. Variables which influence survey results are numerous and for the most part probably unquantifiable. Further research into the refinement of aerial censusing of mountain goat populations is needed.

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BACKGROUND

Effective management of any wildlife species depends to a large extent on the availability, reliability and validity of population indices. Since 1959 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has conducted aerial mountain goat (*Oreamnos americanus*) censuses in both Southcentral and Southeastern Alaska. Data from these surveys have exhibited a great deal of variation in total numbers of goats observed and in kid/adult ratios during the same survey year and between years.

Life history studies of mountain goats in other states have relied upon aircraft for the collection of gross population statistics (Brandborg 1955; Hibbs et al. 1969 and Lentfer 1955). These investigations resulted in speculation that ground counts were preferable to aerial counts because they gave high numbers and a more precise breakdown of population composition (kids, adult females and males and yearlings vs. kids and adults). None of the methods used, however, were checked for reliability and/or validity.

Alaska undoubtedly has the largest populations of mountain goats in the United States. Their widespread distribution throughout Southeastern and Southcentral Alaska precludes use of ground counts as a method of annual censusing over large areas. Therefore, aircraft surveys of some type must be relied upon for obtaining population indices. Since hunter pressure on mountain goats is increasing and some goat populations are apparently declining, knowledge of population numbers must be acquired so management decisions can be based on the best possible data.

OBJECTIVES

To determine the daily variability of late summer and early fall aerial mountain goat surveys.

PROCEDURES

During July and August 1974 flights with fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters were conducted over two study areas located in the lower Chilkat Range in Southeastern Alaska: Area 1 - Endicott River to Sullivan River and Area 2 -William Henry Mountain (Fig. 1). Vegetation and topography of the areas

were typical of those described for Southeastern Alaska by Palmer (1942). These areas were selected because they had been surveyed in previous years and, due to topographical barriers, it was believed they contained discrete populations.

Preliminary surveys were conducted in June with a Piper Subercub (PA-18) on floats to insure that both areas contained a suitable number of goats. In late July a helicopter (Heller 12E) survey was conducted in an attempt to acquire the best estimate of the goat populations. All other surveys, with the exception of one ground count on Area 2 which was performed in early August, were conducted from a Cessna 180 aircraft on floats.

All aerial surveys were initiated at the highest point on each study area. From that point the area was circled until completely surveyed, then the area of search was lowered 300 to 400 feet in altitude and another circle was begun. If the age composition of goats observed was not readily discernable the aircraft was circled over the animals until the goats were classified to the satisfaction of the observer.

Surveys were conducted in the shortest possible span of days, depending primarily on suitable flying weather. Efforts were made to duplicate most normal surveying procedures, and this meant that the initiation and conclusion of each survey were dependent on the availability of pilot, aircraft and flying weather.

Percent cloud cover and temperature recordings were made prior to each survey. During the course of each survey both the pilot (5 different pilots) and study leader participated in locating and classifying goats as either adults or kids. Data on goat numbers, age composition and estimated elevation and temperature at each location were recorded on standard forms and topographic maps. Elevations where goats were observed were estimated according to the relative position of the aircraft to the goats, while temperatures were those of the air immediately outside the aircraft.

Early in the study a subjective index of goat reactions to the survey vehicle was devised. Each goat observation was given a score according to the following criteria: 1) no observable reaction, 2) animal ran short distance (less than 25 yds.) and 3) animal ran more than 25 yards (usually until no longer observable). In conjunction with recording reaction scores the general cover type, or lack of it, at each observation site was also recorded.

FINDINGS

Of 11 goat surveys conducted (Table 1) seven were replicate counts made with a Cessna 180, two were preliminary surveys made with a Piper Supercub, one was a helicopter survey and one was conducted on foot. The highest goat count for both study areas was obtained using the helicopter. Replicate counts from a Cessna 180 varied from 29.5 percent to 96.7 percent of the total number observed from a helicopter. Number of goats observed from a Cessna 180 averaged about 66 percent of those observed from the helicopter (66.1% for Endicott River and 65.3% for William Henry Mountain).

Table 1 - Replicate goat counts on two study areas in Southeastern Alaska.

Survey No.	Date of Survey	Pilot No.	Survey Vehicle	Survey Area - <u>William Henry Mountain</u>				<u>Endicott River to Sullivan River</u>			
				No. of Adults Observed	No. of Kids Observed	Total No. of Goats	Kid/100 Adult Ratio	No. of Adults Observed	No. of Kids Observed	Total No. of Goats	Kid/100 Adults Ratio
1.	6/19/74	1	Supercub	28	12	40	42.9				
2.	6/26/74	1	Supercub					32	12	44	37.5
3.	7/28/74	2	Cessna 180	29	7	36	24.1	26	9	35	34.6
4.	7/29/74	3	Helicopter	38	17	55	44.7	42	19	61	45.2
5.	7/31/74	4	Cessna 180	14	6	20	42.9	17	1	18	5.9
6.	8/2-6/74	-	Ground Count	33	15	48	45.5	--	--	--	--
7.	8/10/74	5	Cessna 180	28	10	38	35.7	31	13	44	41.9
8.	8/11/74	5	Cessna 180	25	10	35	40.0	44	15	59	34.1
9.	8/19/74	5	Cessna 180	31	10	41	32.3	43	14	57	32.6
10.	8/29/74	5	Cessna 180	35	9	44	25.7	21	6	27	28.6
11.	8/30/74	2	Cessna 180	33	9	42	27.3	28	9	37	32.1
Averages of Cessna Counts =				27.86	8.71	36.57		30.0	9.57	39.57	
Variance σ^2				48.14	2.57	63.95		106.00	24.62	225.29	
Standard deviation σ				6.94	1.65	7.99		10.29	4.96	15.01	
Variance test $\sigma^2 = \sigma_2^2$				Adults $\frac{106.0}{48.14} = 2.20$ kids $= \frac{24.62}{2.57} = 9.58$ total $= \frac{225.29}{63.95} = 3.52$							

$$F_{\sigma, \sigma.05} = 3.87$$

From August 2 through August 6 a ground count was conducted on William Henry Mountain (Table 1) and 79 individual goat observations were recorded; at least 48 of these were different goats (33 adults and 15 kids or a 45.5 kid:100 adult ratio). Weather during the ground count consisted primarily of fog and rain which prevented a higher number of observations.

The variances of the means for the Cessna 180 counts on both study areas were compared with a F-Test to determine if they were equal (Table 1). No significant differences ($p > .05$) between study areas were detected for numbers of adults and total numbers, however, there was a significant difference for numbers of kids ($p < .05$).

The ratios of total numbers of goats observed from aerial surveys (Cessna and helicopter) for each area were compared with a heterogeneity Chi-square analysis to determine if total numbers between each area fluctuated in the same manner. No significant difference was detected ($\chi^2 = 12.97$, $p > .05$), however, these data did approach significance so a more in-depth analysis was performed. An individual breakdown of the seven degrees of freedom revealed that 83 percent of the Chi-square value was due to the differences ($p < .001$) in total numbers for observation days 8 and 10. Therefore, on at least 5 of 7 Cessna surveys the ratios varied in the same manner ($p > .807$). This indicated that factors which influenced variation in total counts were operating at the same magnitude on both study areas.

The ratios of adults to kids for each area were also subjected to a heterogeneity Chi-square analysis to determine if the ratios obtained from aerial surveys (Cessna and helicopter) were consistent regardless of fluctuations in total numbers. No significant difference was detected for either study area ($\chi^2 = 4.94$, $p > .75$ for Endicott River area and $\chi^2 = 2.93$, $p > .75$ for William Henry Mountain area). However, examination of Table 1 reveals that the kid/adult ratio for Survey No. 5 on the Endicott area was totally unacceptable for management purposes even though not statistically significant. Further analysis of these data, excluding Survey No. 5 for the Endicott area, still revealed no significant difference in ratios ($p > .995$).

An attempt was made to correlate mean air temperature and percent cloud cover with the number of goats observed each day and the elevation at which they were seen (Table 2). Both sets of data exhibited such large variations that no trends were detected. Detailed weather data from Juneau, Alaska, located approximately 38 miles southeast of the study area, are contained in Appendix I. No correlations were discovered for numbers of goats observed each day per area.

Fig. 2 shows the relationship between the time of day each Cessna survey was initiated and the resultant total number of goats observed for each area. Although the relationship was not statistically significant these data indicate that the time a survey was initiated had little relationship to the total number of goats observed.

Table 2. Miscellaneous data collected during replicate goat counts
on two study areas in S.E. Alaska.

William Henry Area						Endicott Area					Total cost per survey
Survey No.	Initia- tion time	Survey time (min)	Percent cloud cover	Mean weighted air temp. of goat sightings	Mean weighted elevations of goat sightings	Initia- tion time	Survey time	Percent cloud cover	Weighted air temp. of goat sight.	Weighted elev. of goat sight.	
1	9:41am	48	40	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$71
2	--	--	--	--	--	10:20am	100	0	--	--	\$148
3	1:10pm	45	20	51.5	3102	2:05pm	40	20	50.3	3571	\$180
4	12:15pm	40	40	49.5	3149	10:55am	75	60	50.0	3403	\$465
5	3:35pm	40	0	52.3	3300	4:15pm	55	5	52.7	3511	\$172
6	5 day ground count										
7	3:35pm	40	10	52.2	3213	4:20pm	50	0	54.5	3857	\$172
8	3:38pm	52	0	58.8	3353	4:33pm	80	0	59.2	3233	\$216
9	2:40pm	43	100	50.0	3015	3:25pm	55	100	47.3	2768	\$180
10	2:20pm	45	0	65.6	3329	3:15pm	70	0	68.6	3329	\$223
11	6:38pm	34	0	69.6	3267	7:17pm	52	0	69.1	3156	\$173

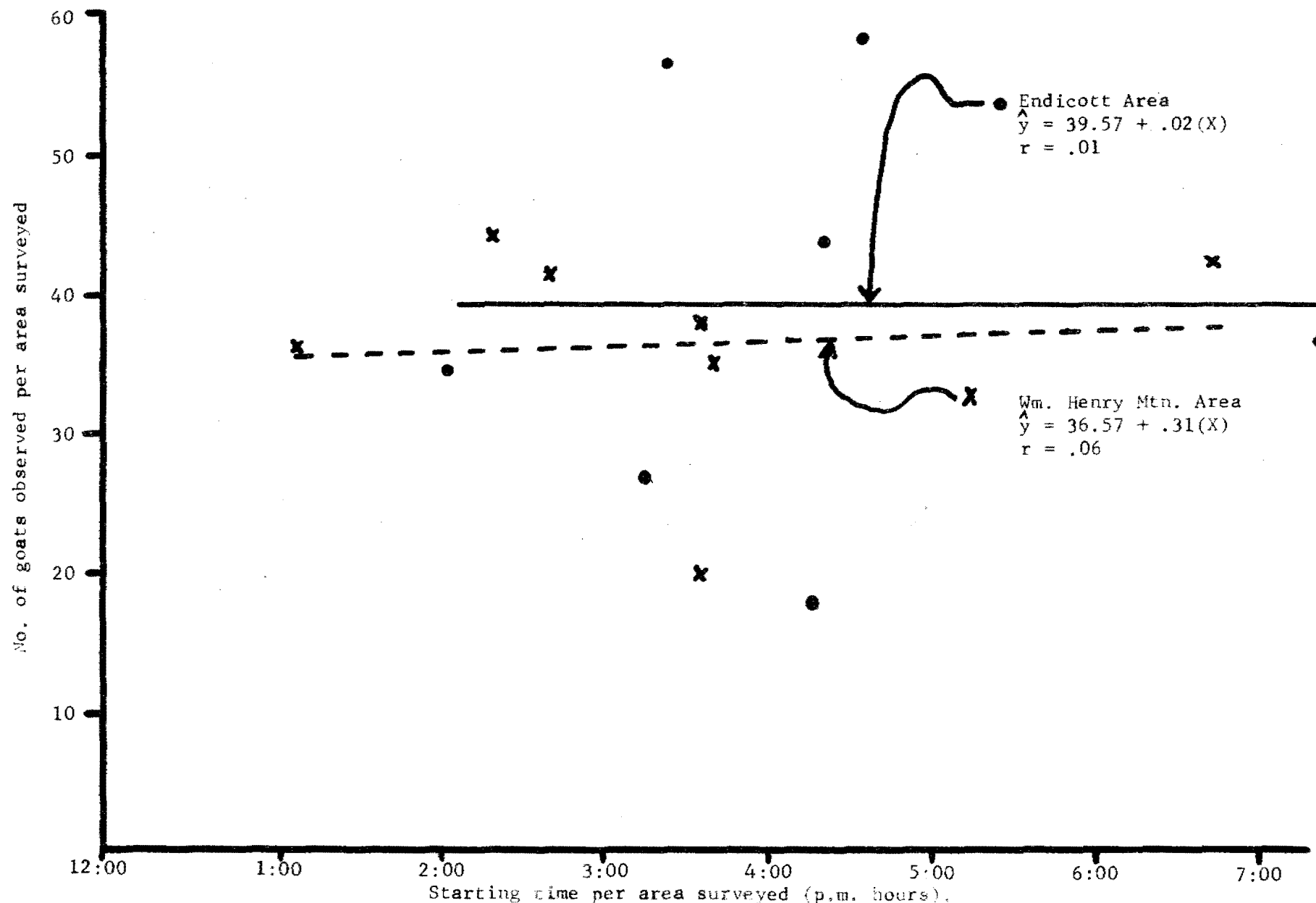


Fig. 2. Relationship between no. of goats observed per Cessna 180 survey and the initiation time of such surveys for two study areas in Southeast Alaska, August, 1974.

The relationship between numbers of goats observed and the amount of time spent per Cessna 180 survey was also assessed (Fig. 3). For the Endicott area the data indicated that more goats were observed as the surveying time increased. Whether or not this increase in goats observed was due to double counting of animals is unknown, however, it is believed that errors of that type were kept to a minimum by recording goat locations on topographic maps. Data for the William Henry Mountain area indicated no relationship between goats observed and surveying time.

It was hypothesized that the probability of observing groups of goats was greater than that of observing single goats. Some of the survey data support this hypothesis. Fig. 4 indicates that higher counts coincided with increased sightings of groups ($p < .05$). No relationship was detected between total numbers of goats observed and the number of single goats observed (Fig. 5). However, as the mean group size increased (Fig. 6), the number of observed singles decreased.

Figs. 7 and 8 show the frequency of goats observed from aerial surveys at various elevations for each study area. Adults with kids were observed at significantly lower elevations ($t = 3.45$, $p < .001$) than were adults without kids. Based upon these data it was hypothesized that as the mean elevation of observed adults with kids decreased the resulting kid:100 adult ratio would decline as a result of a disproportionate count of adults. Data graphically presented in Fig. 9 support this hypothesis although they were not statistically significant. Even if this were the case, the indicated decline in ratio would still be acceptable for most management purposes.

Goat reactions to survey aircraft were also investigated during this study. Adults with kids showed more pronounced reactions to survey aircraft than did adults without kids ($t = 3.72$, $p < .001$). It was hypothesized that an animal's reaction would partially depend upon the availability of cover. Goat (both adults with and without kids) reactions to the survey aircraft were not significantly different ($p > .05$) between those observed in rock and vegetative cover vs. those observed in the open or on snowbanks, however. Significant differences ($p < .05$) between mean reaction scores per aerial observation day were detected for both study areas (Table 3). Goats in the William Henry area had significantly higher reaction scores ($f = 7.0$, $p < .001$) than did those in the Endicott River area. Generally higher reaction scores were tallied early in the study for both study areas. Goat reactions to helicopter surveys were thought to be more severe than those observed during fixed-wing surveys. The high reaction scores for the helicopter surveys (Survey No. 4) support these observations.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of conducting any survey of a game animal population is to attempt to determine trends in sex and age composition and total numbers. Results from this study indicate that for mountain goats, total counts conducted from a Cessna 180 during July and August may vary from 30 to 97 percent (mean=66%) of the total number observed from a helicopter. If these data are representative, it can be inferred that single goat surveys performed annually may not reflect trends in total numbers. Therefore, any management decision based upon aerial surveys alone must be viewed with skepticism.

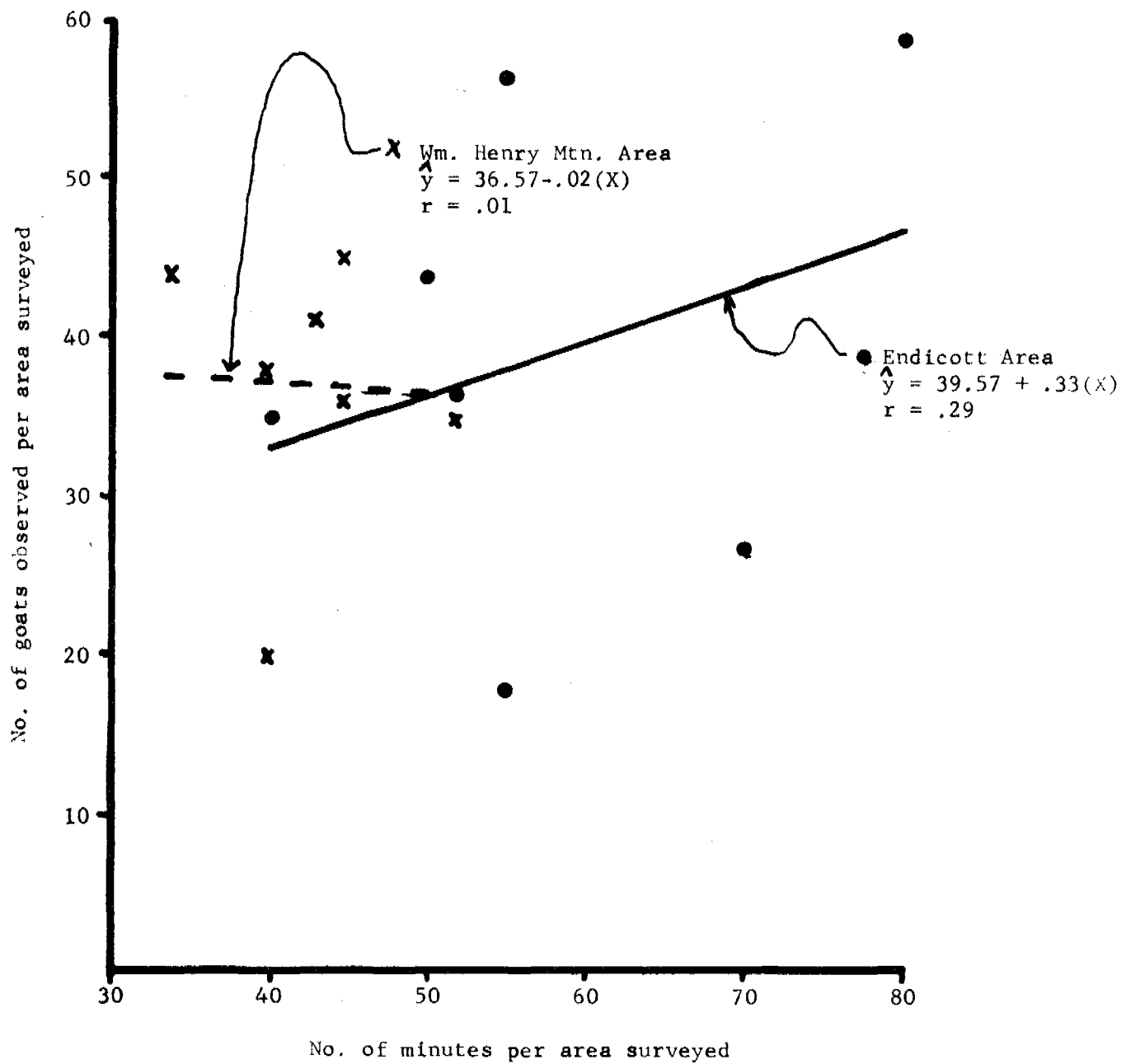


Fig. 3. Relationship between numbers of goat observed per Cessna 180 survey and the amount of time spent surveying for two study areas in Southeast Alaska, August, 1974.

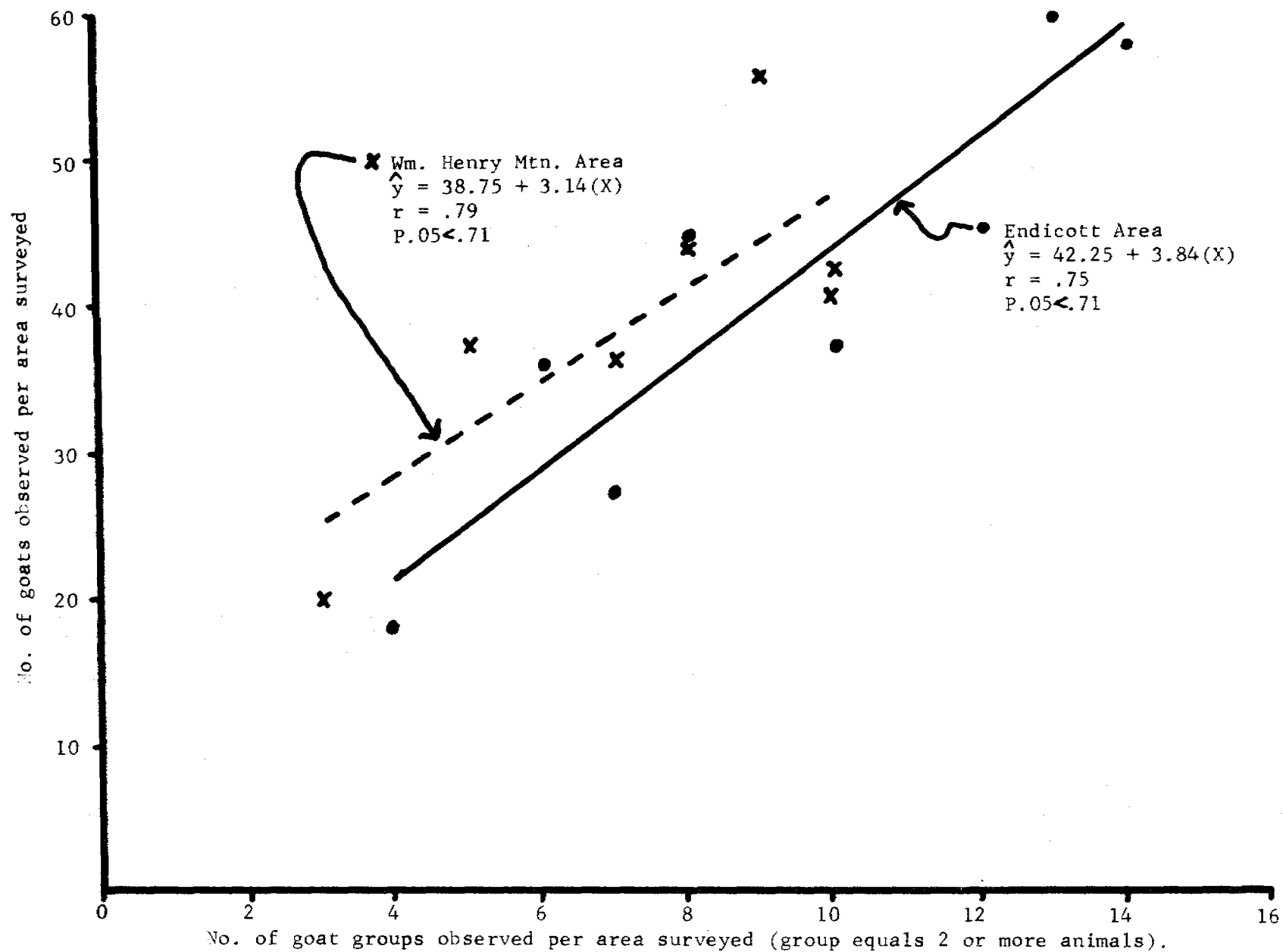


Fig. 4. Relationship between total numbers of goats observed per survey and the number of goat groups observed on two study areas in Southeast Alaska, July and August, 1974.

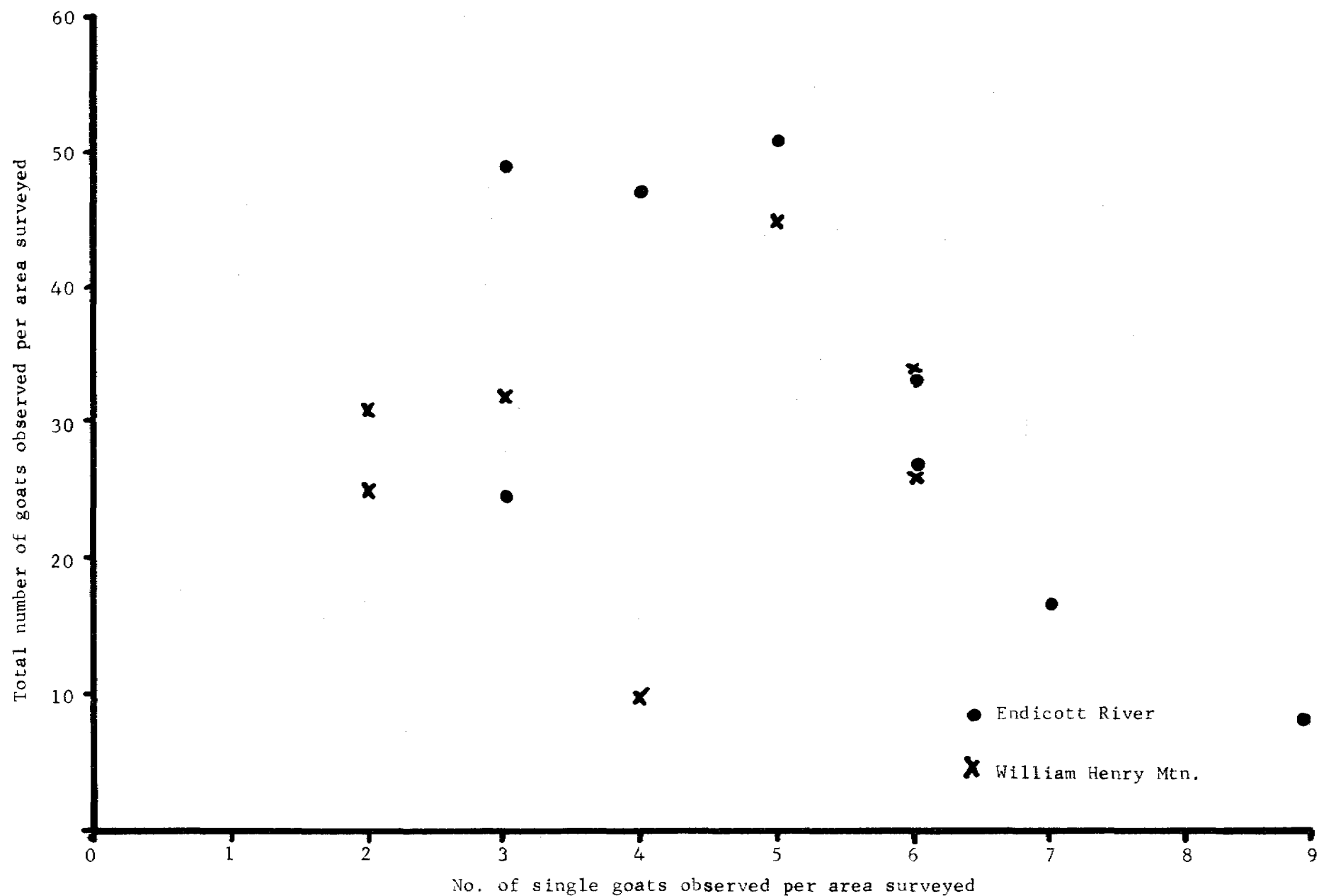


Fig. 5. Relationship between total numbers of goats observed per survey and the no. of single goats observed per survey on two study areas in Southeast Alaska, July and August, 1974.

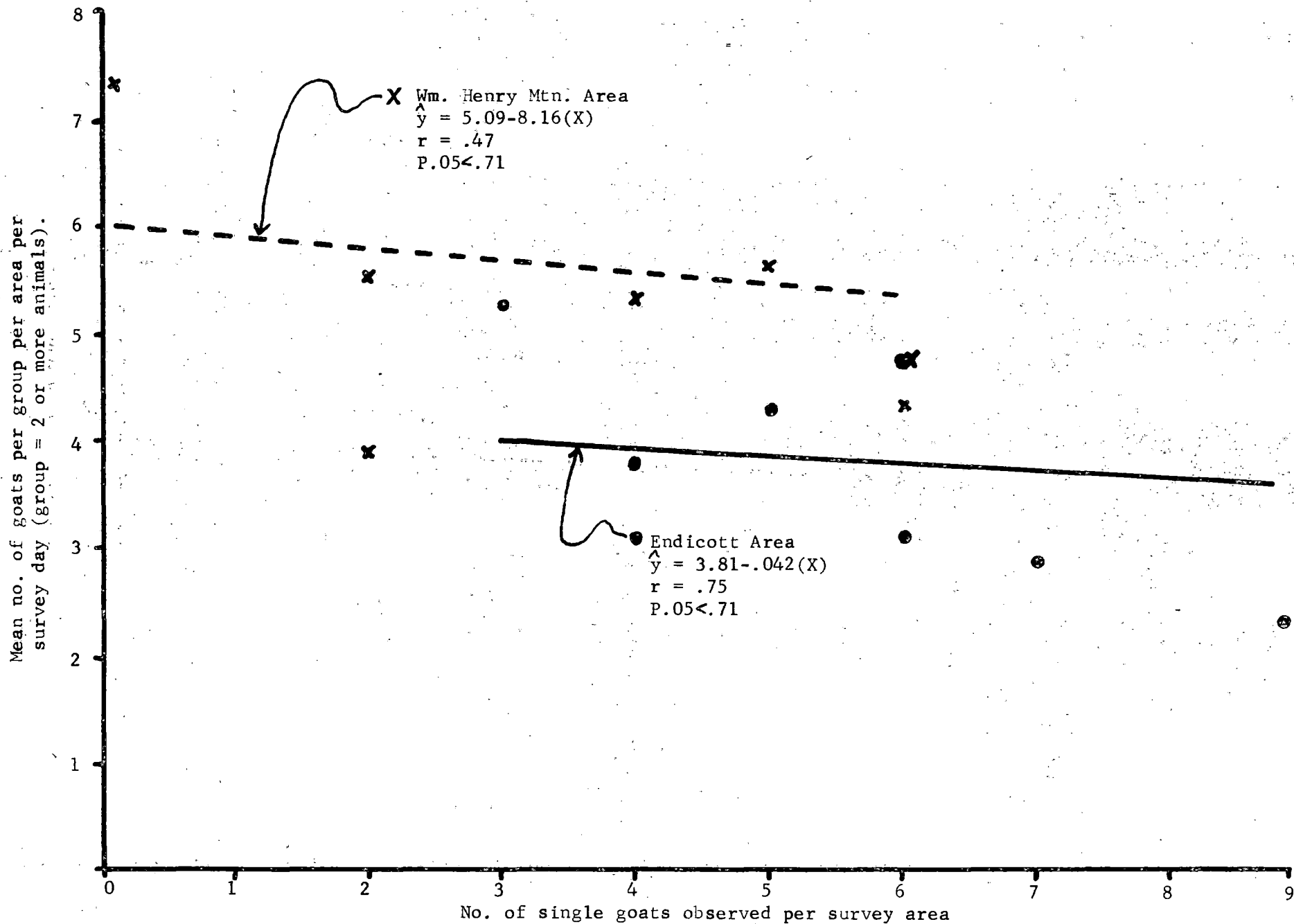


Fig. 6. Relationship between average group size of goats per survey verse the number of single goats observed per survey on two study areas in Southeast Alaska, July and August, 1974.

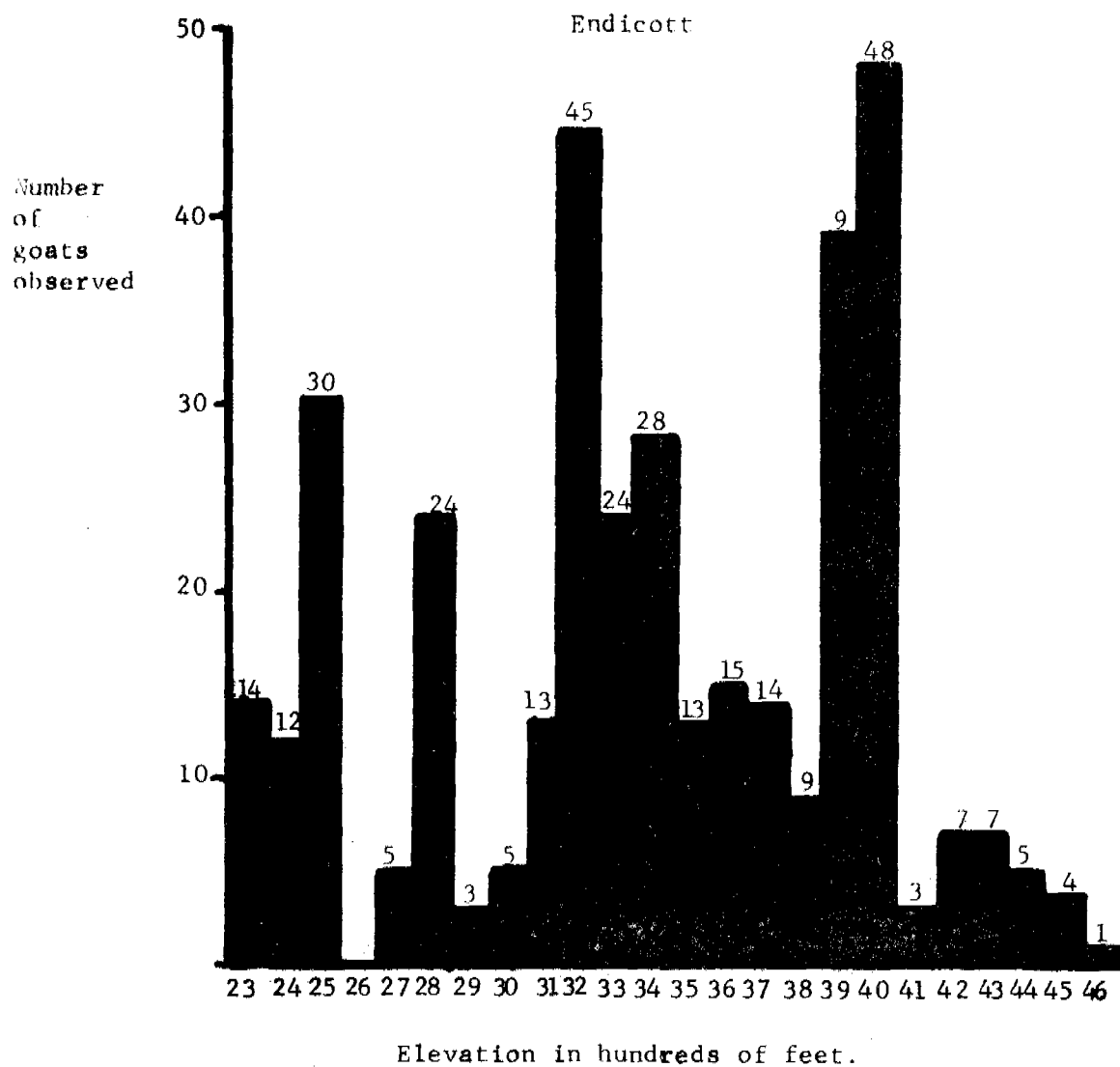


Fig. 7. Frequency of goat observations at various elevations as observed from aerial surveys over the Endicott River study area in Southeast Alaska, July and August, 1974.

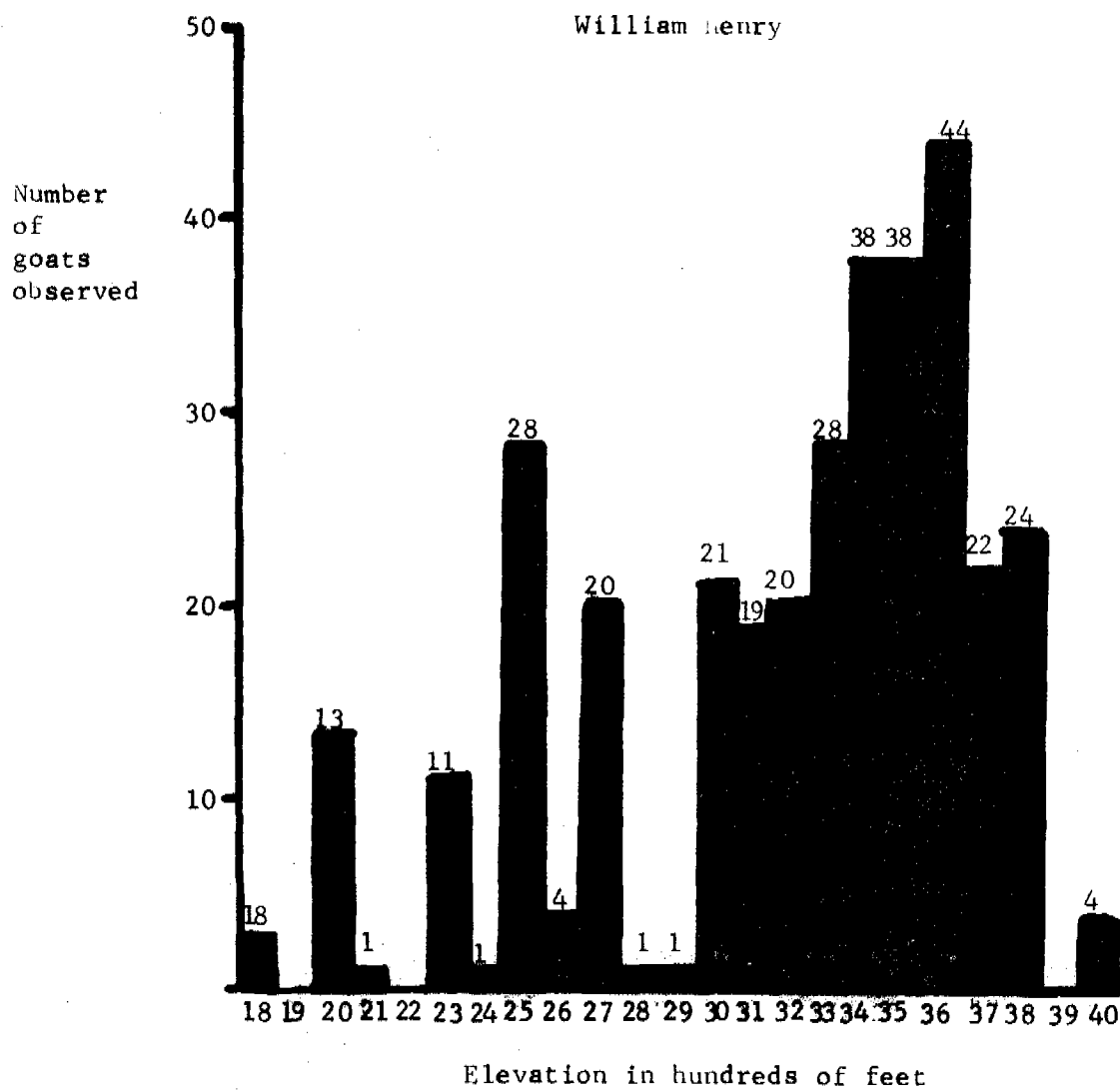


Fig. 8. Frequency of goat observations at various elevations as observed from aerial surveys over the Wm. Henry Mtn. study area in Southeast Alaska, July and August, 1974.

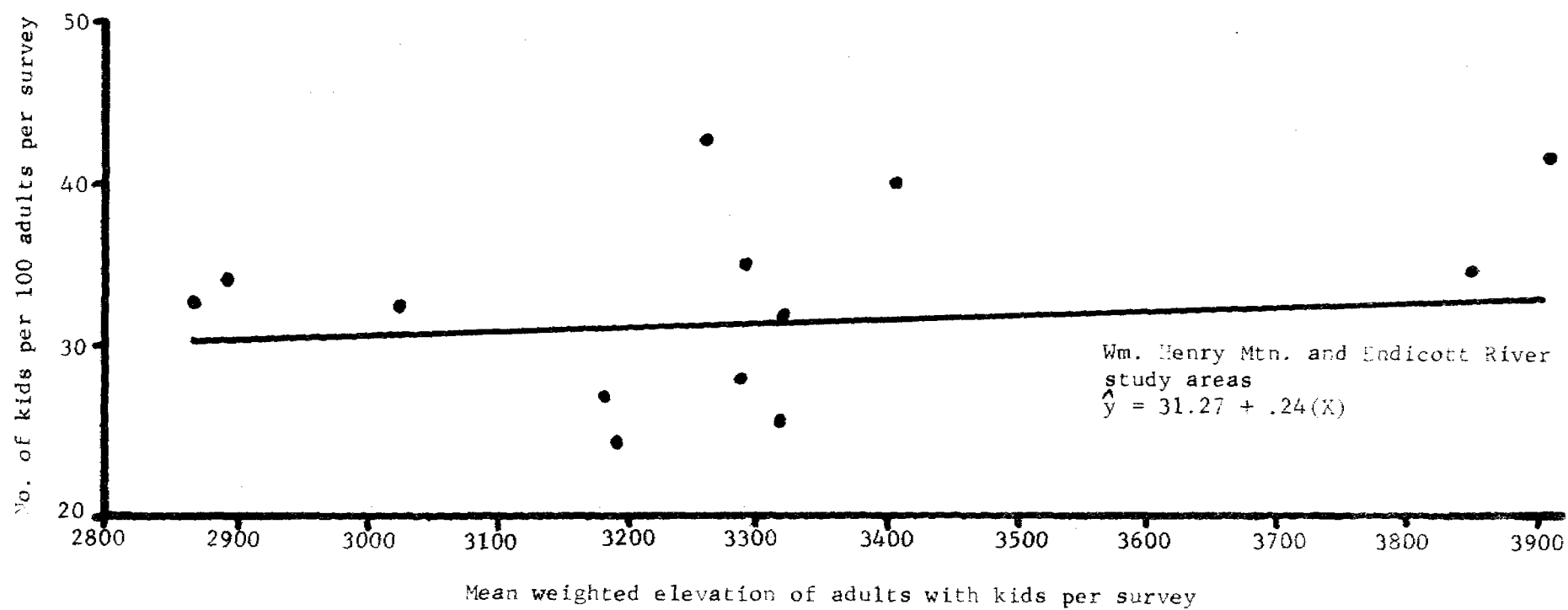


Fig. 9. Relationship between the calculated kid/100 adult ratio per survey verse the mean weighted elevation of observed adults with kids for two study areas in Southeast Alaska, July and August, 1974.

Table 3. Duncan's NMRT showing individual differences for goat mean reaction scores 1/between aerial surveys conducted on two study areas in Southeast Alaska, July and August 1974. 2/

William Henry Mtn. Study Area								
Survey Number	5	9	10	3	11	4	8	7
Mean Reaction Score	<u>1.6</u>	<u>1.61</u>	<u>1.91</u>	<u>1.97</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.33</u>	<u>2.89</u>	<u>2.95</u>
Endicott Area Study Area								
Survey Number	11	10	5	8	9	7	3	4
Mean Reaction Score	<u>1.14'</u>	<u>1.37</u>	<u>1.44</u>	<u>1.49</u>	<u>1.65</u>	<u>1.80</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.18</u>

1. Score definition 1= No major reaction, 2= Ran short distance (25 yds.), 3= Ran more than 25 yds, usually until no longer observable.
2. Mean Reaction Scores that are underlined indicates that the means were not significantly different.

Although there were large variations in total numbers observed these data indicate that single aerial surveys may provide useful indices to productivity. Kid:100 adult ratios obtained in this study varied from 25.7 to 45.5 (excluding Survey No. 5 - Endicott area). Currently, at the low levels of population exploitation over most of Southeastern Alaska, the observed variation in kid/adult ratios is acceptable for most management purposes. However, as exploitation increases this type of variation in kid/adult ratios would not allow an accurate estimation of productivity and thus would provide little basis for intensive management decisions.

The helicopter survey produced both the highest total counts and the highest kid counts, indicating that helicopter surveys may provide more reliable population statistics than do surveys by fixed-wing aircraft. During the helicopter surveys several goats were observed that were under a canopy of deciduous vegetation. They were seen only because they shook the vegetation as they fled from the helicopter. It was also noted that many goats attempted to evade the helicopter and kids were more visible since they were unable to hide under the nanny as was the case on several occasions during fixed-wing surveys. The ability to thoroughly search vegetated areas and get a closer look at all goats observed undoubtedly produces more complete counts. However, the amount of daily variation associated with such surveys and their effects on goat behavior have not been determined, therefore, the resulting data should be viewed with caution. In addition, comparative cost figures reveal that helicopter surveys were about 2.5 times more expensive than Cessna 180 surveys which would probably prohibit their use except for localized problem areas.

The lowest number of goats counted during this study occurred during Survey No. 5. This survey was conducted two days after the helicopter survey. Although there are no firm data to support the contention that the helicopter survey caused a low count during the fixed-wing survey two days later, it does appear to be a possibility. Goat reaction scores (Table 2) and general observations indicated that the goats responded strongly to helicopters. If the goats remained upset after the helicopter survey, perhaps this caused them to move to areas with better cover making them unobservable. Chadwick (1973) reported that goats in Idaho appeared to move out of areas which received frequent helicopter use. He also stated that helicopters seemed to present a terrifying stimulus to mountain goats. Conceivably this stimulus could alter goat behavior for a period of time after a single encounter with a helicopter.

Causes of variations in total numbers between Cessna 180 counts were not determined in this study. Erickson and Siniff (1963) and LeResche and Rausch (1974) enumerated a variety of factors which influenced the accuracy and precision of their surveys on brown bears (*Ursus arctos*) and moose (*Alces alces*), respectively. Probably all the factors they listed, particularly observer experience, animal density, physiography, weather and equipment, apply to surveying mountain goat populations. For goats, however, emphasis could possibly be placed on their altitudinal migrations and problems associated with replicate surveys.

During this study an effort was made to correlate weather factors with daily counts. Although no correlations were detected, it is believed that perhaps the manner in which the variables were measured and the small number of surveys performed may account for this. Based on this study and other management surveys it is believed that a broad correlation exists between low goat counts and clear, sunny survey days; the probability of low counts being greater on days which are clear and sunny, resulting in higher air temperatures. It is believed that under these environmental conditions most goats either occupy lower elevations which are densely vegetated, or higher elevations which have large amounts of snow cover hindering observation from fixed-wing aircraft.

In Idaho Brandborg (1955) observed that goats with kids occupied lower elevations than did lone adults. Data from this study support his observations. If these observations are correct, it appears logical that a daily, varying percentage of the population occupies elevations where vegetation would not permit observation and could account for some of the variations in total numbers and numbers of kids. Determining the type of conditions and time of year when goats are found at relatively high elevations, if such a case exists, and then conducting aerial surveys may eliminate some of the daily variations.

Data from both study areas indicated that there were larger variations in kid counts for the Endicott area than for the William Henry area. This is possibly due to differences in topography and/or goat reactions to the survey aircraft. On many occasions the goats appeared uneasy at the sight of the survey aircraft and although goat groups may not have fled, kids frequently sought cover under the nanny and would not be observable unless the nanny started to run. Goats on William Henry Mountain reacted more strongly to survey aircraft than those on the Endicott area. It is believed that the Endicott area has more cover than does the William Henry area and Endicott goats are not forced to run resulting in less opportunity to observe kids.

Another factor which could explain some of the variations in survey data is that mountain goats may not lend themselves to being replicately surveyed with fixed-wing aircraft. During Survey No. 8 a competent observer was located on the William Henry Mountain area. He observed that before the survey aircraft was even in sight the goats became upset and started to scatter, apparently in reaction to hearing the change in prop pitch of the survey vehicle (Rausch, ADF&G, pers. comm.). Goat reaction data collected on that date (Table 3) supported his observation that the goats were nervous. Goat reaction data collected during the entire study indicated that goats on the Endicott area became partially accustomed to being surveyed as their mean reaction scores generally decreased as the study progressed. However, this was not true for the William Henry Mountain area. Causes for the apparent differences in goat behavior on the two areas are unknown, but are possibly related to the quantity of cover available. Visual comparisons of the two study areas indicate that they differ in their topography; William Henry Mountain having more open areas (fewer rock outcroppings) with fewer places of potential concealment. Possibly a more open environment may explain the more severe reactions of the William Henry goats to survey aircraft.

Both study areas were open to sport hunting during the month of August. Minimum harvest figures for that month, based on an overall 60.8 percent response of mandatory hunter reports, indicated that 4 and 0 goats were harvested from the William Henry and Endicott areas, respectively, during this study. No doubt a reduction in goat numbers while the study was being conducted accounted for some of the variation in total numbers, however, to what extent is unknown. The influence of disturbance by hunting upon goat behavior is unknown.

Most studies of the accuracy and reliability of aerial surveys have utilized the same pilot and survey vehicle. During this study an attempt was made to simulate some of the normal surveying procedures (conducting surveys with the first available pilot and aircraft). It has been generally accepted by Game Division personnel that a Piper Supercub is superior to a Cessna 180 for goat surveys. Data from this study show that on 4 of 7 surveys for the Endicott area and 5 of 7 surveys for the William Henry area the Cessna counts were higher, or within 10 percent of the Supercub counts. This indicates, although by no means conclusively, that Cessna counts may be no less accurate than counts performed from a Supercub. If this were true Cessna 180's should be used because surveys can be conducted in shorter periods of flying time resulting in lower observer fatigue and/or the ability to survey more areas in the same period of time.

During this study five different pilots were utilized. It is interesting to note that the lowest Cessna counts (Table 1, Survey No. 5) occurred with Pilot No. 4. Since this was the only survey flown with Pilot No. 4, it might be concluded that he may have been at least partially responsible for the low count. In my opinion, however, the low count would have occurred with any of the pilots utilized during the study. In fact, if the pilot utilized during any one survey contributed to daily survey variability it could have been predicted that higher counts should have occurred with Pilot No. 4 since he had the most goat surveying experience. It is believed that some variation in total counts may result from changing pilots, but most probably occur as a result of variations in observability of the goats themselves.

Merriam (1965) indicated that the starting time of a survey influenced the number of goats counted. He believed that goats were more active and more observable in the early morning and late evening hours. Data from this study showed little relationship to starting time during the afternoon hours, however, most surveys were conducted in the middle of the afternoon and may not have been late enough to observe goats during their peak activity period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For management and future research of mountain goat populations it is imperative that reliable baseline population data be gathered. The success of any management or research project would ultimately rest with our ability to at least assess trends in population levels and composition. At present this methodology does not exist. Therefore, it is recommended that the present project be continued to include the following:

Prior to any replicate surveys as many goats as physically possible should be marked by dyeing. Marking goats could be accomplished by using a spray gun mounted on a helicopter. Marking of goats would then allow calculation of a total population estimate by formulating a ratio of marked to unmarked goats as observed from replicate surveys.

Since there is some indication that helicopter surveys may provide better population statistics a very limited number of replicate surveys should be initiated. Further refinement of helicopter surveys may provide a method for accurately measuring management problem areas.

In an effort to predict the best possible surveying conditions a minimum of two ground weather stations should be established on the study areas.

Additional fixed-wing aircraft replicate surveys should also include the use of Piper Supercubs whenever available.

Survey times should be varied in an attempt to determine the optimum time period for initiating surveys.

Surveys should be conducted year-round in an attempt to determine the best season for surveying and to acquire data on goat habitat preferences.

It is recommended that a basic life history study, in conjunction with measuring the effects of various levels of population exploitation, be initiated as soon as possible in Southeastern Alaska.

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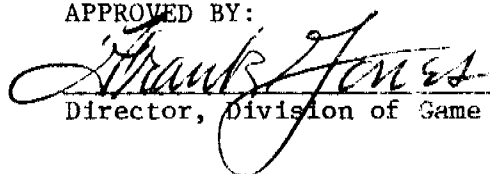
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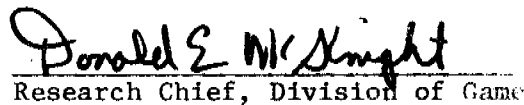
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DATE	TEMPERATURE °F								WEATHER TYPES ON DATES OF OCCURRENCE 1 FOG 2 HEAVY FOG 3 THUNDERSTORM 4 ICE PELLETS 5 HAIL 6 DRIZZLE 7 DUSTSTORM 8 SMOKE, HAZE 9 BLINDING SNOW	SNOW- ICE PELLETS OR ICE ON GROUND AT 10AM IN. IN.	PRECIPITATION		AVG. STATION PRES- SURE IN. IN. FEET M.S.L.	WIND				SUNSHINE		SAT. COVER TENTHS		DATE
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	AVERAGE DEW POINT	DEGREE DAYS BASE 65°		WATER EQUIV. LBS. IN			SNOW- ICE PELLETS IN.	RESULTANT DIRECTION		RESULTANT SPEED M.P.H.	AVERAGE SPEED M.P.H.	FASTEST MILE DIRECTION	HOURS AND TENTHS	PERCENT OF POSSIBLE	SUMMER TO SUMMIT	WINTER TO MEAN TIME		
						HEATING	COOLING															
						7A	7A															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7A	7A	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	52	46	54	-1	47	11	0	1	0	.35	0	29.60	09	5.5	6.3	13	09	9.3	52	7	7	1
2	65	42	54	-1	45	11	0	0	0	.04	0	29.84	11	2.8	6.6	13	08	12.4	62	7	7	2
3	67	39	53	-2	44	12	0	0	0	0	0	29.84	26	2.4	7.2	14	07	16.8	63	0	0	3
4	84	40	52	-3	45	13	0	0	0	0	0	29.90	30	4.6	7.2	15	24	9.1	50	7	8	4
5	59	46	54	-1	45	11	0	0	0	0	0	30.06	34	2.2	5.8	8	34	0.0	0	10	10	5
6	90	47	53	-2	45	12	0	0	0	T	0	29.98	33	3.0	5.6	9	35	0.0	0	10	10	6
7	62	43	53	-2	44	12	0	0	0	0	0	29.90	30	4.0	5.8	9	24	6.8	38	7	7	7
8	60	38	54	-1	45	11	0	0	0	0	0	29.77	32	5.0	5.8	12	25	17.7	99	0	0	8
9	71	41	56	-1	45	9	0	0	0	0	0	29.63	32	4.5	5.5	10	36	17.4	97	8	6	9
10	58	45	52	-1	47	13	0	1	0	.37	0	29.72	11	7.1	6.5	20	12	1.5	8	10	9	10
11	66	44	55	-1	47	10	0	0	0	.01	0	29.90	36	2.0	6.6	9	08	8.2	46	9	9	11
12	58	41	50	-1	47	15	0	0	0	.17	0	30.05	08	3.6	5.8	12	11	0.7	4	10	9	12
13	58	43	56	0	46	9	0	0	0	T	0	30.20	31	2.7	6.2	10	26	9.4	93	8	8	13
14	75	39	57	1	46	8	0	0	0	T	0	29.94	11	1.6	7.2	15	11	11.9	87	6	8	14
15	56	47	52	-1	50	13	0	1	0	.59	0	29.83	09	6.6	7.0	13	10	0.0	0	10	10	15
16	58	47	53	-3	49	12	0	0	0	.07	0	29.81	32	3.7	4.8	7	22	2.1	12	10	10	16
17	56	47	52	-1	48	13	0	0	0	.30	0	29.78	08	4.5	6.3	12	08	0.4	2	10	10	17
18	63	46	55	-1	49	10	0	0	0	T	0	29.99	05	1.9	4.5	10	10	3.8	22	10	10	18
19	57	47	52	-1	48	13	0	1	0	.25	0	30.08	05	2.7	3.7	7	07	0.0	0	10	10	19
20	61	47	54	-2	49	11	0	0	0	.02	0	30.21	08	5.0	5.8	10	08	0.0	0	10	10	20
21	63	46	55	-1	49	10																

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TIME	SLOT	STATION	OVERHEADS					RESULTANT WIND	
			PRESSURE	TEMPERATURE			RELATIVE HUMIDITY	WIND SPEED	DIRECTION
				AIR °F	WET BULB °F	COOL °F			
01	30.00	48	48	45	88	8.1	08	4.1	
04	30.00	49	47	45	93	5.3	05	3.2	
07	30.00	49	47	45	90	6.9	30	3.0	
10	30.00	49	47	45	82	6.2	05	1.2	
13	30.00	50	50	50	79	7.5	17	2.2	
16	29.99	50	50	50	73	8.2	20	1.2	
19	29.99	50	53	45	73	7.5	05	2.3	
22	29.99	50	48	45	83	7.3	04	4.5	

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NOTES

CEILING COLUMN-
UNL INDICATES AN UNLIMITED
CEILING

WEATHER COLUMN-

Y	TORNADO
X	THUNDERSTORM
W	SQUALL
V	RAIN
UW	RAIN SHOWERS
2W	FREEZING RAIN
U	DRIZZLE
Z	FREEZING DRIZZLE
S	SNOW
CP	SNOW PELLETS
IC	ICE CRYSTALS
SW	SNOW SHOWERS
SD	SNOW DRAINS
ICL	ICE PELLETS
F	HAZE
FDG	FOG
IF	ICE FOG
GF	GROUND FOG
BL	BLINDING FOG
BN	BLINDING SNOW
BLW	BLINDING SNOW
BY	BLINDING SPRAY
A	SMOKE
H	HAZE
D	DUST

WIND COLUMNS.

DIRECTIONS ARE THOSE FROM WHICH THE WIND BLOWS, INDICATED IN TENS OF DEGREES FROM TRUE NORTH, I.E., 09 FOR EAST, 18 FOR SOUTH, 27 FOR WEST. ENTRY OF 00 IN THE DIRECTION COLUMN INDICATES CALM.

SPEED IS EXPRESSED IN KNOTS;
MULTIPLY BY 1.15 TO CONVERT
TO MILES PER HOUR.

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LATITUDE 58° 22' N LONGITUDE 134° 35' W ELEVATION (GROUND) 12 FT. STANDARD TIME USED: PACIFIC WBAN #25309

SUN	SUN	TOTAL		TOTAL	TOTAL		TOTAL		FOR THE MONTH		TOTAL	X	SUN	MAX
1996	1996	3.15		0	NUMBER OF DAYS		5.78	0	30.06.08	1.0	6.0	21	12	205.0
AVG.	AVG.	DEP.		DEP.	PRECIPITATION		DEP.					DATE	23	POSSIBLE
64.4	45.0	54.7	0.4	48	-0.1 INCH		0.78							475.2
		17		0	SNOW (ICE) PELLETS		15							43
		TOTAL		TOTAL	1.0 INCH		0	GREATEST IN 24 HOURS AND DATES		GREATEST DEPTH ON GROUND OF SNOW.				
NUMBER OF DAYS		TOTAL		TOTAL	THUNDERSTORMS		1	PRECIPITATION		SNOW		ICE PELLETS OR ICE AND DATE		
MAXIMUM TEMP.		MINIMUM TEMP.		66.9	HEAVY FOG		X	2.62		23-24		0		
30		32		0	CLEAR		0	PARLY CLOUDY		7		CLOUDY 17		

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THE SEASON FOR DEGREE DAYS BEGINS WITH JULY FOR HEATING AND JANUARY FOR COOLING. DATA IN COLUMNS 9, 17, 18, 14, AND 15 ARE BASED ON 8 OBSERVATIONS PER DAY AT 3-HOUR INTERVALS. WIND SPEED IS THE AVERAGE OF 8 OBSERVATIONS PER DAY. WIND DIRECTION IS THE WIND BLOW-RESULTANT WIND IS THE VECTOR SUM OF WIND DIRECTIONS AND SPEEDS DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS. FIGURES FOR DIRECTIONS ARE TENS OF DEGREES FROM TRUE (NORTH). E.G., 100 = 10 DEGREES, 27-MS = 27, 36-NORTH = 360. DO-CD (HOW MANY DIRECTIONS ARE IN TENS OF DEGREES IN COLUMN 17). ENTRIES IN COLUMN 18 ARE FASTEST OBSERVED 1-MINUTE SPEEDS. IF THE -APPEARS IN COLUMN 17, SPEEDS ARE DUSTY.

THE DATA SET IS BE COMPILED AND CHANGES IN WIND DIRECTION ARE HANDLED IN THE WIND SURVEY.

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TIME	MILES LOCAL TIME	AVERAGES										RESULTANT WIND	
		SKY COVER PERCENT	STATION PRESSURE IN.	TEMPERATURE			RELATIVE HUMIDITY %	WIND SPEED M.P.H.	DIRECTION	SPEED K.P.H.			
				AIR °F	WET BULB °F	DEW PT. °F							
01	6	30.07	48	47	46	80	5.4	08	2.9				
04	6	30.07	48	46	45	82	4.5	04	2.5				
07	7	30.07	48	47	46	91	4.4	08	2.7				
10	7	30.07	55	52	50	82	5.0	13	2.7				
13	7	30.07	60	56	51	74	7.2	21	3.1				
16	6	30.06	62	56	51	71	7.0	12	3.4				
19	6	30.04	59	54	50	75	6.8	04	3.4				
22	6	30.05	50	46	46	66	6.5	05	3.4				

