



Fishery Division camp at the confluence of the Innoko and Dishna Rivers to conduct preliminary salmon stock assessment. (EM 7/93)

This cooperative project was launched by the Fisheries Division on June 29th when fishery biologist Mike Millard and fishery technician Warren Platts set up their camp at the confluence of the Innoko and Dishna Rivers. The Refuge provided watercraft, fuel, equipment, supplies, and aircraft support for the project. In addition, Refuge volunteers were rotated in on a weekly basis to assist.

Actual netting commenced on July 8th. Gill nets were set on both the Innoko and Dishna Rivers. The catch remained steady throughout July averaging 25 "chums" each day on the Innoko, and seven daily on the Dishna. Small numbers of King salmon, three on the Innoko and one on the Dishna, were also captured. We speculate that most of the kings had already passed the net sites prior to commencement of operations. An earlier start date is planned for next year. In addition to the Innoko and Dishna, gill nets were set on Scandinavian and Finland Creeks. Seven chum salmon were netted and two carcasses were observed in Scandinavian Creek, and two were netted in Finland Creek. Spawning in these tributaries had not been previously documented.