

Unfortunately, the salmon project had to be discontinued prematurely when severe late summer precipitation resulted in flood conditions on the Innoko River. The camp was evacuated in mid-August with minor loss of gear. This precluded any assessment relative to fall run chum salmon, which is a data set we were particularly interested in. Data from the project were being processed at year's end and thus not available for this report.



The fisheries work had to be discontinued prematurely due to late summer rains causing flooding on the Innoko River. (EM 9/93)

For those interested in a more detail report, the following summary is a Fisheries Division report of the Preliminary Salmon Stock Assessment work completed this past summer:

Innoko River.— Test gillnetting for chum salmon (*Onchorhynchus keta*) in the Innoko River mainstem was conducted during 19 evenings throughout July, 1993, approximately two kilometers upstream from the mouth of the Dishna River. A total of 121 hours of gillnet effort resulted in 320 male chum salmon and 19 female chum salmon, with an overall mean catch per unit effort (CPUE) of 2.8 fish/hr. A positive gear bias for male chum salmon, attributable to kype formation, is largely responsible for the disparate catch rates observed between sexes.

Chum salmon were present at the initial sampling on July 8 and remained present through July 31, the end of sampling. A graph