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## 1. SUMMARY

Five species of Pacific salmon return to freshwater systems, including the Susitna River, in Upper Cook Inlet. The Upper Cook Inlet commercial fishery harvests mixed stocks and species migrating north of Anchor Point, with a long term average catch of 2.8 million fish, worth approximately 17.9 million dollars.

The commercial sockeye salmon harvest has averaged 1.2 million fish the past ten years. This species is economically the most valuable species, receiving greatest emphasis in management and research. A stock identification program using scale pattern analysis has been developed to estimate stock contribution of major river systems to the commercial harvest. Estimates for the 1979 and 1980 fisheries show stock contribution by the Susitna River was $22.7 \%$ and 19.2\% respectively.

The Upper Cook Inlet chum salmon catch has averaged 707,000 fish the past ten years. Though available escapement data identify the Susitna River as the major producer, river systems on the west side of Cook Inlet are known to support chum salmon populations. Evaluation of west side production is necessary to determine the need for a stock separation program. Electrophoresis and scale pattern analysis are two options for stock identification, should a program prove necessary.

The Upper Cook Inlet coho catch has averaged 204,000 fish the past ten years. Though the Susitna River appears to be the single largest producing system in

Upper Cook Inlet, contribution of west side river systems must be addressed. Previous stock identification has been attempted with positive results using fish weight and scale pattern analysis. However, prior to implementing a stock identification program, major Upper Cook Inlet systems must be confirmed to estimate Susitna River contribution.

The ten year average catch for Upper Cook Inlet pink salmon is 146,000 and 1.7 million fish for odd and even years respectively. Two leading pink salmon producers are the Kenai and Susitna river drainages. However, production of west shore systems is unknown. When major producing river systems have been defined, electrophoresis and length-weight data should be examined as stock identification techniques.

Because migration timing relative to 25 June commercial season opening, Susitna River chinook salmon currently are not significantly exploited in the Upper Cook Inlet fishery; a stock separation program is not necessary at this time.

The Susitna River drainage is the largest watershed in the Cook Inlet basin. Though considered the highest salmon producing system in Upper Cook Inlet, quantitative contribution of the Susitna River to the commercial fishery is unknown due to the high number of intra-drainage spawning and rearing areas, the paucity of data on other known and suspected salmon producing systems in Upper Cook Inlet and the overlap in migration timing of mixed stocks and species in Cook Inlet harvest areas.

This report focuses on the feasibility of assessing the Susitna River contribution to the commercial salmon fishery in Upper Cook Inlet through a stock identification program and is intended to serve as a planning document. In preparing this report, fishery harvest data was examined and a literature review was conducted centering on stock identification techniques and escapement investigations in Upper Cook Inlet.

This study is part of the Fish Ecology (Subtask 7.10) Phase I investigations of the Susitna Hydroelectric Project.

The primary objectives of the fish ecology studies relative to Susitna Hydroelectric Project are to: (1) describe the fisheries resources of the Susitna River, (2) assess the impacts of development and operation of the Susitna Hydroelectric Project on these fisheries resources, and (3) propose the mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts (Alaska Power Authority Susitna Hydroelectric Project, Environmental Studies Procedures Manual, Subtask 7.10, Fish Ecology Impact Assessment and mitigation planning, prepared
by Terrestrial Environmental Specialists August 1981). The task of meeting the first of these study objectives is the responsibility of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF\&G) under a reimbursable services agreement (RSA) with the Alaska Power Authority (APA) and the second and third are the responsibility of Terrestrial Environmental Specialists (TES).

## 3. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this project was to identify and determine methods, means and feasibility of estimating Susitna River salmon stock contribution to the Upper Cook Inlet commercial fishery.

## 4. METHODS

Accomplishing the stated objective required examination of salmon harvest data for the Cook Inlet commercial fishery, and review of literature regarding the Upper Cook Inlet fishery programs and stock identification techniques.

To determine the contribution of Susitna River salmon to the Cook Inlet commercial fishery, assessment of salmon production in remaining Cook Inlet river systems is required. Therefore, salmon abundance data in freshwater systems was researched for chinook, sockeye, coho, pink and chum salmon. Whereas the term escapement in literature refers to the total number of adult salmon which have achieved spawning migration into freshwater, the terminology "escapement enumeration or counts" used in this text and appendices refers to sonar, weir or tower escapement monitoring. Reference to "survey counts" or "peak survey counts" is aerial or stream survey data. Aerial ground survey and escapement monitoring data were provided by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF\&G) Division of Commercial Fisheries, Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement Division and Division of Sport Fish, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, Dowl Engineers, and Woodward-Clyde Consultants. Biologists from ADF\&G Division of Sport Fish, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association and Woodward-Clyde


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Consultants were interviewed regarding observations of fish in areas which had been surveyed but as yet, not documented. Additional observations were provided by Dowl Engineers. Sport fish harvest data (Mills 1980) was included as an indicator of species presence, particularly where escapement or survey data was not available. The abundance data is tabled in the appendices by geographical area and listed by river system in alphabetical order.


## 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 5.1 The Cook Inlet Commercial Fishery

Cook Inlet is divided into two management areas. The region north of the latitude of Anchor Point is Upper Cook Inlet and the area between the latitudes of Anchor Point and Cape Fairfield on the Kenai Peninsula is defined as Lower Cook Inlet. Commercial fisheries in Lower Cook Inlet are primarily terminal, occurring in small bays. Therefore, few salmon migrating to Upper Cook Inlet are intercepted in the lower inlet area (Middleton 1980). Upper Cook Inlet fisheries harvest stocks bound for river systems north of Anchor Point. These systems account for $78 \%$ of the salmon produced in the Cook Inlet area.

To regulate commercial catch and effort, Upper Cook Inlet is divided into two management sections, the Central and Northern districts. These districts in turn are broken into subdistricts (Figure E.5.i) and again into statistical areas. Both set and drift gill nets are fished in the Central District, and only set nets are legal in the Northern District. Five salmon species are harvested in Upper Cook Inlet fisheries. Most of the catch occurs in the


Figure E.5.1. Upper Cook Inlet Management Area, Adult Anadromous Investigations, 1902.

Central District (Tables E.5.1 - E.5.3). The commercial catch has averaged 2.8 million fish between 1970 and 1980 , with an ex-vessel value of 17.9 million dollars.

### 5.2 Sockeye Salmon (Oncorhynchus nerka)

Sockeye salmon is the species of highest value in the commercial fishery, receiving greatest attention in management and research by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF\&G). The commercial catch of sockeye salmon has averaged 1.2 million fish, the past ten years, with an ex-vessel value 6.9 million dollars (Table E.5.1). In 1981, about 1.4 million fish were harvested of which $43 \%$ were taken by the drift fleet in the Central District. The fishing season opens by regulation 25 June, except for the Western Subdistrict which opens 16 June. Fishing periods are scheduled Monday and Friday of each week, and are regulated by emergency order, depending on catch and escapement levels.

Major river systems in Upper Cook Inlet are glacially turbid, preventing visual monitoring of escapement. Consequently, hydroacoustic techniques are primarily employed. Side scan sonar counters are used to monitor escapement in the Kenai, Crescent, Kasilof, and Susitna rivers by ADF\&G, Division of Commercial Fisheries. Escapement is enumerated by weirs in Fish and Cottonwood creeks by ADF\&G Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement Division (F.R.E.D.), and Packers and Wolverine creeks by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (C.I.A.A.). .

Table E.5.1. Commercial catch of upper Cook Inlet salmon in numbers of fish by species, 1960-1981, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1960 | 27,512 | 923,314 | 311,461 | $1,411,605$ | 659,597 | $3,333,889$ |  |
| 1961 | 19,737 | $1,162,303$ | 117,778 | 34,017 | 349,628 | $1,683,463$ |  |
| 1962 | 20,210 | $1,147,573$ | 350,324 | $2,711,689$ | 970,582 | $5,200,378$ |  |
| 1963 | 17,536 | 942,980 | 197,140 | 30,436 | 387,027 | $1,575,119$ |  |
| 1964 | 4,531 | 970,055 | 452,654 | $3,231,961$ | $1,079,084$ | $5,738,285$ |  |
| 1965 | 9,741 | $1,412,350$ | 153,619 | 23,963 | 316,444 | $1,916,117$ |  |
| 1966 | 9,541 | $1,851,990$ | 289,690 | $2,006,580$ | 531,825 | $4,689,626$ |  |
| 1967 | 7,859 | $1,380,062$ | 177,729 | 32,229 | 296,837 | $1,894,716$ |  |
| 1968 | 4,536 | $1,104,904$ | 470,450 | $2,278,197$ | $1,119,114$ | $4,977,201$ |  |
| 1969 | 12,398 | 692,254 | 100,952 | 33,422 | 269,855 | $1,108,881$ |  |
| 1970 | 8,348 | 731,214 | 275,296 | 813,895 | 775,167 | $2,603,920$ |  |
| 1971 | 19,765 | 636,303 | 100,636 | 35,624 | 327,029 | $1,119,357$ |  |
| 1972 | 16,086 | 879,824 | 80,933 | 628,580 | 630,148 | $2,235,571$ |  |
| 1973 | 5,194 | 670,025 | 104,420 | 326,184 | 667,573 | $1,773,396$ |  |
| 1974 | 6,596 | 497,185 | 200,125 | 483,730 | 396,840 | $1,584,476$ |  |
| 1975 | 4,790 | 684,818 | 227,372 | 336,359 | 951,796 | $2,205,135$ |  |
| 1976 | 10,867 | $1,664,150$ | 208,710 | $1,256,744$ | 469,807 | $3,610,278$ |  |
| 1977 | 14,972 | $2,054,020$ | 192,975 | 554,184 | $1,233,733$ | $4,049,704$ |  |
| 1978 | 17,308 | $2,622,487$ | 219,234 | $1,687,092$ | 571,925 | $5,118,041$ |  |
| 1979 | 13,713 | 920,780 | 259,956 | 74,318 | 654,462 | $1,923,229$ |  |
| 1980 | 12,497 | $1,584,392$ | 283,623 | $1,871,058$ | 387,078 | $4,138,648$ |  |
| 1981 | 11,548 | $1,443,294$ | 494,294 | 127,857 | 842,849 | $2,919,621$ |  |

1979-1981; Preliminary data.

Table E.5.2. Commercial catch of Central District salmon in numbers of fish by species, 1960-1981, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1960 | 19,294 | 775,067 | 167,084 | 969,420 | 541,043 | $2,471,908$ |
| 1961 | 11,982 | $1,084,929$ | 76,803 | 23,252 | 288,525 | $1,48,491$ |
| 1962 | 10,425 | $1,013,993$ | 177,441 | $2,431,246$ | 826,549 | $4,459,654$ |
| 1963 | 10,191 | 833,517 | 133,600 | 21,496 | 343,333 | $1,342,137$ |
| 1964 | 4,363 | 809,791 | 284,726 | $2,645,575$ | 952,126 | $4,696,581$ |
| 1965 | 9,441 | $1,380,775$ | 131,717 | 19,049 | 299,538 | $1,840,520$ |
| 1966 | 8,119 | $1,720,885$ | 209,122 | $1,633,913$ | 496,188 | $4,068,227$ |
| 1967 | 7,675 | $1,261,997$ | 133,875 | 23,769 | 258,453 | $1,685,769$ |
| 1968 | 4,065 | 964,329 | 313,802 | $1,743,358$ | $1,060,660$ | $4,086,214$ |
| 1969 | 9,494 | 654,189 | 80,527 | 25,802 | 258,019 | $1,028,031$ |
| 1970 | 6,887 | 664,795 | 192,767 | 640,201 | 752,674 | $2,257,324$ |
| 1971 | 10,167 | 595,770 | 78,542 | 27,201 | 310,426 | $1,022,106$ |
| 1972 | 11,174 | 794,087 | 61,587 | 537,750 | 610,368 | $2,014,966$ |
| 1973 | 5,024 | 624,411 | 80,469 | 188,934 | 636,722 | $1,535,560$ |
| 1974 | 6,427 | 455,622 | 153,087 | 440,854 | 360,350 | $1,416,340$ |
| 1975 | 4,661 | 619,292 | 194,321 | 245,406 | 921,009 | $1,984,689$ |
| 1976 | 10,466 | $1,594,585$ | 171,564 | $1,108,126$ | 455,510 | $3,340,251$ |
| 1977 | 14,277 | $1,950,605$ | 172,892 | 444,881 | $1,208,336$ | $3,790,991$ |
| 1978 | 16,634 | $2,570,863$ | 171,978 | $1,359,822$ | 534,594 | $4,653,891$ |
| 1979 | 12,128 | 816,090 | 208,303 | 25,515 | 644,400 | $1,706,436$ |
| 1980 | 11,440 | $1,473,168$ | 180,842 | $1,371,754$ | 368,597 | $3,405,801$ |
| 1981 | 10,790 | $1,193,826$ | 360,992 | 74,556 | 796,766 | $2,436,930$ |

1979-1981; Preliminary Data

Table E.5.3. Conmercial catch of Northern District salmon in numbers of fish by species, 1960-1981, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1960 | 8,218 | 148,247 | 144,377 | 442,185 | 118,954 | 861,981 |
| 1961 | 7,755 | 77,374 | 40,975 | 10,765 | 61,103 | 197,972 |
| 1962 | 9,785 | 133,580 | 172,883 | 280,443 | 144,033 | 740,724 |
| 1963 | 7,345 | 109,463 | 63,540 | 8,940 | 43,694 | 232,982 |
| 1964 | 168 | 160,264 | 167,928 | 586,386 | 126,958 | $1,041,704$ |
| 1965 | 300 | 31,575 | 21,902 | 4,914 | 16,906 | 75,597 |
| 1966 | 1,422 | 131,105 | 80,568 | 372,667 | 35,637 | 621,399 |
| 1967 | 184 | 118,065 | 43,854 | 8,460 | 38,384 | 208,947 |
| 1968 | 471 | 140,575 | 156,648 | 534,839 | 58,454 | 890,987 |
| 1969 | 2,904 | 38,065 | 20,425 | 7,620 | 11,836 | 80,850 |
| 1970 | 1,461 | 66,419 | 82,529 | 173,694 | 22,493 | 346,596 |
| 1971 | 9,598 | 40,533 | 22,094 | 8,423 | 16,603 | 97,251 |
| 1972 | 4,912 | 85,737 | 19,346 | 90,830 | 19,780 | 220,605 |
| 1973 | 170 | 45,614 | 23,951 | 137,250 | 30,851 | 237,836 |
| 1974 | 169 | 41,563 | 47,038 | 42,876 | 36,490 | 168,136 |
| 1975 | 129 | 65,526 | 33,051 | 90,953 | 30,787 | 220,446 |
| 1976 | 401 | 69,565 | 37,146 | 148,618 | 14,297 | 270,027 |
| 1977 | 515 | 103,415 | 20,083 | 109,303 | 25,397 | 258,713 |
| 1978 | 669 | 51,624 | 47,256 | 327,270 | 37,331 | 464,150 |
| 1979 | 1,585 | 104,690 | 51,653 | 48,803 | 10,062 | 216,793 |
| 1980 | 1,057 | 111,224 | 102,781 | 499,304 | 18,481 | 732,847 |
| 1981 | 758 | 249,468 | 133,081 | 53,301 | 46,083 | 482,691 |

1979-1981; Preliminary Data

The Kasilof, Kenai, Susitna and Crescent rivers, and Fish Creek (Big Lake) are considered principle sockeye salmon producing systems in the Upper Cook Inlet fishery. Run timing of these major stocks overlap (Figure E.5.2) requiring a method to assess individual stock contribution to the commercial fishery.

Stock separation using scale pattern analysis has been used in the sockeye salmon fishery since 1978 (Bethe and Krasnowski 1979; Bethe, et al. 1980; Cross et al. 1981). This tool provides an inseason estimate of stock composition of the commercial catch by fishing period and assists in regulating fishery openings and closures. In addition, the catch allocation provided by stock identification combined with escapement data, estimates the season's return to each major river system.

Scale measurements, length and weight data have been used as variables for stock delineation with linear discriminant function analysis. Stock identification models are built from measurements representing fish of known origin, i.e. escapements. Measurements from unknown fish (catch samples) are then classified with the models to their river of origin. Systems currently included in the analysis are the Kasilof, Kenai, Susitna, and Crescent rivers and Fish Creek (Big Lake). In 1979, about $22.7 \%$ of the sockeye run to Cook Inlet was from the Susitna drainage and about $26.7 \%$ and $36.0 \%$ of the run was produced by the Kasilof and Kenai rivers, respectively (Cross 1981). The 1980 run composition by river system was $19.2 \%$ Susitna, $38.3 \%$ Kenai and $31.3 \%$ Kasilof (Cross 1981).

Success of the sockeye identification program varies each season and confidence intervals for these limits are wide. One problem is continual mis-


Figure E.5.2. Timing of sockeye, pink, coho and chinook returns into the Kenai, Kasilof, Crescent and Susitna. Rivers, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.
classification of Susitna River sockeye to either the Kenai or Kasilof rivers. Clarification of the model could be addressed by possibly identifying substocks within the Susitna River drainage or refining pattern measurement techniques.

### 5.3 Chum Salmon (Oncorhynchus keta)

The commercial chum salmon catch has averaged 707,000 fish the past ten years. Chum salmon are second to sockeye salmon in economic value averaging 2.3 million dollars, ex-vessel. The 1981 fishery produced a catch of 842,000 chum salmon (Table E.5.1). Approximately $90 \%$ of the catch was taken by the Central District drift net fleet. During the 1981 season, the drift net fleet was harvesting substantial numbers of chum salmon by 27 June, continuing through mid-August. Chum salmon catches occur coincidentally with sockeye salmon in the fishery. At this time, the best data available regarding chum salmon and a good indicator of run strength for each area are twenty years of commercial catch statistics collected by statistical area and day. This data, however, has yet to be analyzed.

Survey and escapement data regarding chum salmon is limited (Appendices EA-EE). Production areas for chum salmon have been identified as Chinitna Bay, west shore river systems of Upper Cook Inlet, and the Susitna River. Escapement has been indexed into the Susitna River by sonar and tag/recapture operations, and into the Chinitna Bay by aerial survey. Though the Susitna River has been identified as the largest chum salmon producer, contribution by west shore systems is virtually unknown and may be significant. If it is
determined that the contribution of systems other than the Susitna River is insignificant, then a stock separation project is not necessary. However, should major chum salmon systems be identified, a stock separation program should be initiated.

In Bristol Bay, catch allocation of sockeye salmon stocks has been attempted where percent age composition of adult returns differs for each river system (Meacham and Nelson 1980). The possibility that salmon in west side systems may differ from Susitna River fish and may be distinquished by age composition should not be overlooked. Calculation of age and length data for chum salmon in the commercial catch has been non-existent, and for escapements, limited.

Both electrophoresis and scale pattern analysis have been used to distinguish between chum salmon populations. Electrophoresis is a biochemical method for detecting genetic differences in proteins. Because protein genotypes for individual fish can be identified, the same genetic characteristics may portray traits of a specific population. A basis for distinquishing between groups of populations of fish is then provided. Electrophoresis has proven successful in distinquishing between mature and immature chum salmon and identifying chum stocks to river of origin in a mixed stock situation (Okazaki 1979). Differences in chum salmon from western Alaska, central Alaska, and British Columbia have also been discerned by electrophoresis (Okazaki 1981).

Chum salmon caught in the north Pacific Ocean have been identified to continent of origin based on scale pattern analysis (Tanaka 1969). In addition, the ADF\&G stock separation program has examined the feasibility of identifying


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chum salmon stocks in Southeastern Alaska. This study has resulted in development and support of a project on chum salmon in that area (Cross, personal communication). Therefore, potential stock separation of Upper Cook Inlet chums by scale patterns warrants further investigation should several major producing systems be identified. Scale collection is a relatively simple process, compared to collection of electrophoresis tissue samples which require freezing within 24 hours of removal from the fish. Implementing a stock identification program by either scale pattern analysis or electrophoresis requires primary assessment of major production areas, run timing and collection of age-weight-length data from escapements. This information would assist in evaluating the necessity of a stock separation program and which approach to implement.


### 5.4 Coho Salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch)

Upper Cook Inlet coho salmon rark third in commercial value. Since 1960 , the commercial catch has averaged 240,000 fish. The 1981 season produced the best harvest since statehood of 494,070 coho salmon (Table E.5.1). Distribution of the catch has gradually shifted with increased gear efficiency and drift net fleet participation. In the early 1950's, $50 \%$ of the Upper Cook Inlet catch was taken by Northern District set nets with the drift net fleet accounting for $10 \%$ of the harvest. Comparatively, in 1981, the Northern District set net and Central District drift net fishery provided $27 \%$ and $48 \%$ of the harvest, respectively. Coho salmon catches have usually peaked in the Northern District set net fishery 25 July and in the Central drift net fleet, Kalgin Island and west side set net fisheries about 21 July.

Based on run timing and fish weight, major coho salmon stocks have been identified as Kenai, Kasilof or Susitna River fish (Middleton 1980). The problem with this stock definition is the term Susitna refers to all systems in the Northern District. Significant numbers of coho salmon have been documented in the Northern District by aerial and ground surveys, escapement enumeration and sport fish harvest. These systems include Fish Creek (Big Lake), Little Susitna River, Susitna River, Cottonwood Creek and systems on the west side of the Inlet. In the Central District, coho salmon are known to return to the Kenai, Kasilof, and Crescent rivers, Packers Creek (Kalgin Island) and west side systems. Run strength information is documented only for the Kenai River, Susitna River, Fish Creek, Cottonwood Creek and Packers Creek. Run magnitude and contribution to the commercial fishery of coho salmon returns to remaining areas is unknown (Appendices EA-EE).

The Susitna River coho salmon run begins in early July and is coincidental to the Fish Creek, Kasilof River and early Kenai River runs in the commercial fishery. Timing of late run Kenai River fish appears distinct from these other stocks (Figure E.5.2). Crescent River returns begin in mid-August and continue into fall. Late coho salmon returns to other west side rivers have also been reported, but abundance and run timing are unknown. Should run timing of any of these populations be distinct from the Susitna River returns, they need not be considered for a stock identification model, thereby simplifying the design of the program. However, these run characteristics must be examined before any system can be eliminated from such a study.

Identification of coho salmon stocks exploited by the commercial fishery has been attempted using fish weight (Wadman 1976). Coho salmon from Northern

District rivers vary in weight between systems yet overall are significantly. smaller than fish from the early Kenai and Kasilof river returns. Apportioning the commercial catch to system of origin was also attempted, using fish weight as criteria. Results indicated that prior to 23 July, the drift net fleet harvested mostly small coho salmon, or fish migrating to the Northern District (Larry Engel, Personal Communication). Commercial catch data has not been analyzed for stock identification of coho salmon since the 1976 study.

A feasibility study performed by Robertson (1979) examined classification of Cook Inlet coho salmon populations by scale patterns. Scales from adult salmon captured in the Kenai and Susitna rivers were used for known samples and overall, self-classification was high ( $89.0 \%$ and $72.2 \%$ respectively). Stock composition estimates of the fishery indicated, with one exception, that most fish captured on the western side of the Inlet were bound for the Susitna River and catches in east side fisheries were from the Kenai River. Analysis however, of the Central District west side set net fishery showed an extremely high proportion of Kenai River fish in the stock composition estimate. These results may have been misleading due to presence of unknown stocks in the catch that were not included in the model as known samples. Scale characteristics of these unknown samples were similar to Kenai River fish, least comparable to Susitna River fish and classified accordingly. The weakness of the analysis was attributed to not having representative samples from all major systems.

It is possible to include additional variables other than scale information to the linear discriminant model. Because fish weight appears to differ signifi-
cantly between groups, the addition of this variable to the analysis may provide a key to a successful classification model.

The feasibility of a coho stock identification study based on scale pattern analysis and fish weight should be examined, once production of west side streams and run timing of west side coho returns has been determined.

### 5.5 Pink Salmon (Oncorhynchus gorbuscha)

Upper Cook Inlet pink salmon returns exhibit even year run strength. The catch since 1960 has averaged 146,000 in odd years and $1,671,000$ for even years. About 127,900 pink salmon were harvested in 1981 (Table E.5.1). Approximately $42 \%$ and $43 \%$ of the catch was taken by the Northern set net and Central District drift net fisheries, respectively. Though the Kasilof River supports a small run, the Kenai and Susitna river systems are considered primary producers of pink salmon in the Upper Inlet. Pink salmon have also been documented in the west side river systems (Appendices EA-EE). As with the other salmon species, the importance of west side production is unknown and needs to be addressed.

Pink salmon escapement into the Susitna River peaks about 20 Juiy, whereas Kenai River fish peak about two weeks later (Figure E.5.2). Kenai Peninsuła pink salmon migrate close to the eastern shore and are caught primarily by the east side set net fishery. Pink salmon moving into the Northern District are harvested by the drift net fleet, when more valuable species become less abundant (Middleton 1980). The best source of information concerning run
strength and timing, as with chum salmon, is historical catch data, yet to be analyzed. With exception of that for the Susitna River, escapement and available weight and length data is minimal for pink salmon.

Absence of a freshwater growth zone and small differences found in marine growth patterns appear to limit application of scale pattern analysis as a stock separation tool for pink salmon. Therefore, scale pattern analysis is usually bypassed. Scale pattern analysis of British Columbian and. Alaskan fish distinguished between even and odd year returns, but correctly classified samples only to region and not river or origin (Bilton 1971). A feasibility study of Southeastern Alaskan pink salmon showed little potential for using scale characteristics as a means for stock identification (Robertson 1978). Therefore, scale pattern analysis is a technique that should be disregarded for Upper Cook Inlet.

Stock identification of pink salmon has been accomplished using electrophoresis with varying degrees of success. The major drawback with this technique is that frequently differences between stocks occur only over wide geographical regions larger than the Upper Cook Inlet area (Johnson 1979). In contrast, however, studies in Prince William Sound were able to differentiate between stocks of several streams and subpopulations within one stream (Nickerson 1979). In the same paper, Nickerson noted that differences in length-weight data for pink salmon were useful in differentiating between populations.

Electrophoresis appears to be the best option for pink salmon stock identification. Assessing the contribution of west side pink salmon stocks to the commercial fishery, confirming the differences in run timing, and sampling systems that will be classified as major producing systems for length, weight and tissue samples are necessary for preliminary investigation of any stock specific characteristics.

### 5.6 Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tschwyatscha)

Three Upper Cook Inlet stocks of chinook salmon have been tentatively identified as Kenai, Kasilof and Susitna river fish. Abundance data for chinook salmon has been limited mainly to aerial surveys conducted by ADF\&G, and catch statistics of the freshwater sport fishery (Mills 1980). Chinook salmon have also been documented in the Little Susitna River and in many east and west side streams (Appendices EA-EE). However, abundance information is not complete because many river systems have not been completely surveyed (Appendices EA-EE).

The Susitna River chinook salmon run begins in late May and peaks in mid-June. Therefore Susitna River fish have mostly passed through the area in which they would be subject to the commercial fishery prior to the season opening 25 June. In 1964, the continued depressed condition of Susitna chinook salmon stocks resulted in changing the opening date of the commercial fishery from mid-May to the end of June. Commercial catches of chinook salmon in the Upper Cook Inlet fishery since that time have primarily been Kenai and Kasilof river fish.

About 11,500 chinook salmon were caught in the 1981 commercial fishery. Of this total, only 364 fish were caught in the Western Subdistrict prior to 25 June opening for the remainder of the Upper Cook Inlet fisheries. Therefore, assuming these fish are the end of the Susitna River run, commercial exploitation is minimal. Though commercial effort is much less for chinook - salmon than other species, the subsistence and recreational harvests are substantial. In 1980 , about 2,270 and 16,650 fish were taken in the subsistence and sport fisheries, respectively (Mills 1980).

Positive results have been attained in feasibility analysis of using scale patterns to differentiate between chinook salmon populations. Preliminary studies on the Yukon River resulted in high self-classification of upper, middle, and lower river fish (McBride 1981). This program is being expanded to refine the classification estimates by spawning population and to apportion commercial catches. Feasibility analysis of Upper Cook Inlet chinook has also been examined (Bethe 1978). Escapement samples from Susitna, Kenai, Ninilchik and Anchor rivers were collected and analyzed. Separability was high for all two-way comparisons, (range $72.0 \%$ to $73.3 \%$ ) and for Susitna River fish versus combined samples from Kenai, Anchor and Ninilchik rivers (range $71.0 \%$ to $83.2 \%$ )

Because Susitna River chinook salmon presently are not exploited by the commercial fishery, a stock identification program is not necessary at this time. Even if a program were attempted, the number of fish currently harvested commercially is too small to obtain adequate numbers of samples for analysis. Should commercial catch levels again become substantial, escapement
assessment for all systems, an inventory of the west side populations, and consideration of use of scale pattern analysis or electrophoresis for stock separation should be examined.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

To pursue a program that will assess the contribution of Susitna River salmon stocks to the Upper Cook Inlet commercial fishery, the following are first year recommendations:

1. Develop an inventory system to determine characteristics (timing, length, weight, age) of salmon runs to west side systems of Upper Cook Inlet. This data will help to determine the feasibility of pursuing a stock identification program. The accuracy of any stock identification program is also dependent on the entirety of the known samples used to build the model. Should the west side systems not be considered, the actual contribution by the Susitna River drainage wilt be misrepresented.
2. Escapement sampling for age-weight-length information currently implemented in major sockeye salmon producing systems should be expanded to include chum and coho salmon. Length-weight data and tissue samples for electrophoresis should also be collected from pink salmon. This data combined with run timing and information regarding west side systems will provide the basis for determining if stock specific characteristics are present for each species by which a stock separation program may be developed.

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APPENDIX EA
SALMON ABUNDANCE DATA FOR UPPER COOK INLET WEST SIDE SYSTEMS


[^0] 3/ All entries are aerial or ground stream survey data unless otherwise designated.

Appendix Table EA-1. Continued.


Appendix Table EA-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Corments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North Fork | $\begin{aligned} & 1976 \\ & 19900 \\ & 1990 \\ & 1980 \\ & 1981 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 19 \\ & 7 / 01 \\ & 8 / 19 \\ & 7 / 13 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ 3,840 \\ 3,750 \end{array}$ | $1,250$ | 0 | 0 |  |
| Wolverine Creek | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Before } \begin{array}{r} 1970 \\ 1981 \\ 1981 \\ 1981 \end{array} ~ \end{array}$ | $7 / 13$ $9 / 30$ | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 900 \\ 17522 \end{array}$ | 400 | 0 | 0 | Coho present <br> Escapement count (weir), T.M., CIAA |
| Buchitna Creek | 1981 | 7/07 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M. , CIAA |
| Cannery Slough | Personal Comi | 7/13 | 0 | Present | Signif. | 0 | Present | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{T} \cdot \mathrm{M} . ; \\ & \mathrm{K} ., \mathrm{CI} A \mathrm{~A} \end{aligned}$ |
| Chakachama River System |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chakachatna Lake | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Before } 1970 \\ 1980 \\ 1981 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 02 \\ & 9 / 14 \end{aligned}$ | Present | Present | $\begin{array}{r} 50 \\ \text { Present } \end{array}$ | Present | 5,000 | Max. count 590 sockeye (1955) T. M., CIAA <br> Mike Joyce, Woodward and Clyde Consultants (M.J., WKC) |
| Chilligan River | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Before } 1970 \\ \text { Personal Comm. } 9980 \end{array}$ | 9/14 | 12 | 10,000 |  |  |  | fax. count 2,000 sockeye (1952) M.J., WMC S.K., SF |
| Kenibuna Lake | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Few sockeye observed (1952) |
| Hedrthur River |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 14 \\ & 7 / 15 \end{aligned}$ | Present | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Present } \\ 40 \end{array}$ | Present <br> Present |  | 5,000 | Good run of sockeye in West Creek (1961) <br> M.J., Whc <br> S.K., SF |
| Hiddle River | Before 1970 $\begin{array}{r}1980 \\ 1981 \\ \text { Corm. }\end{array}$ Personal | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 02 \\ & 9 / 14 \end{aligned}$ | Present | 0 | 0 Present Present | 0 | Present |  |
| Neacola River | $\text { Personal Corm. } \begin{gathered} 1981 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 9/14 |  | Present |  |  | Present | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M.J., WC } \\ & \mathrm{S} . \mathrm{K}: / \mathrm{SF} \end{aligned}$ |
| Noautka Slough | Personal Cormi |  |  | 5,000 |  | present | Present | S.K.gé nimbers of fry, M.J. WKC |
| Snodgrass Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sockeye and coho present (1961) |
| Straight Creek |  | 9/14 | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 59 \\ 59 \\ 24 \\ 108 \\ 126 \end{array}$ | 3,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Personal Corm. |  | 100 | 3,000 |  | Present | 5,000 | S.K.: ${ }_{\text {SF }}$ |

Appendix Table EA-1. Continued.

| Area |  | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Coriments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chinitna Bay | Before | 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,000-8,000 chums (1959-60) |
| Chinitna River |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1980 \\ & 1981 \\ & 1981 \\ & 1981 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 10 \\ & 8 / 03 \\ & 8 / 05 \\ & 8 / 15 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 200 | $\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 1,000 \\ 2,200 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Clearwater Creek |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1971 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1970 \\ & 1980 \\ & 1980 \\ & 1981 \\ & 1981 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 15 \\ & 8 / 18 \\ & 8 / 22 \\ & 8 / 17 \\ & 8 / 21 \\ & 8 / 12 \\ & 8 / 21 \\ & 8 / 25 \\ & 9 / 10 \\ & 8 / 03 \\ & 8 / 15 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ 8,450 \\ 1,4800 \\ 4,400 \\ 12,500 \\ 12,700 \\ 6,500 \\ 1,350 \\ 2,250 \\ 5,000 \\ 1,000 \\ 6,150 \end{array}$ |  | * |
| East Glacier Creek |  | 1980 | 9/10 |  |  |  | 25 |  |  |
| Fritz Creek | Before | $\begin{array}{r} 1970 \\ 1978 \\ 1979 \\ 1980 \\ 1900 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 12 \\ & 8 / 21 \\ & 8 / 22 \\ & 9 / 10 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 200 | $\begin{array}{r} 800 \\ 700 \\ 1,000 \\ 100 \end{array}$ |  | $11,000 \text { chums (1966) }$ |
|  |  | 1981 1981 | $88 / 03$ |  |  |  | 200 | 50 |  |
| Inishin River | Before | 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 65) |
| Johnson River | Before | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | 9/10 |  |  | 600 | 300 |  | 500 coho, 50 pinks (1955) |
| Marsh Creek | Before | 1970 |  |  |  |  |  | 810 | 35,000 chums (1963) |
| Middle Glacier Creek Portage Creek | Before | 1980 | 9/10 |  |  |  | 200 |  | 5 chums (1965) |
| Red River |  | 1980 | 9/10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Silver Salmon Creek | Before | 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | e and chum runs; Max. count 60 inks (1961) |
| West Glacier Creek |  | 1980 | 9/10 |  |  | 400 | 200 |  |  |
| Chuitna River | Before |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 17 chinook, 40 coho, 20 chums and 600-700 pinks (1958) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 149 \\ 171 \\ 629 \\ 1,984 \\ 1,981 \\ 1,130 \\ 1,246 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |



Appendix Table EA-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chuitna River |  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 14 \\ & 7 / 16 \\ & 8 / 03 \\ & 8 / 04 \\ & 8 / 05 \\ & 8 / 06 \\ & 8 / 24 \\ & 8 / 25 \\ & 9 / 24 \\ & 9 / 25 \\ & 9 / 27 \\ & 9 / 28 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 165 \\ 370 \\ 35 \\ \text { Present } \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | Present |  | Present | 1 |  |
| Congahbuna Lake | 1981 | 7/15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CIAA |
| Old Tyonek Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sockeye, coho, and pinks present (1961) |
| Crescent River System Crescent Lake (Grecian Lake) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 132 sockeye (1954); chums, pinks and chinook present (1961) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1974 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Present } \\ 10,000 \\ 69 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 17 \\ & 8 / 16 \end{aligned}$ |  | Signif. |  |  |  |  |
| Stream \$1 | $\text { Before } 1970$ | 9/01 |  | Present |  |  |  | Max. count 2,500 sockeye (1952) |
| Stream \#2 |  | 8/15 |  | Present |  |  |  | Max, count 1,000 sockeye (1952) Sockeye present in Septenter |
| Stream 13 | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 6 sockeye (1954) |
| Stream 14 | Before 1970 |  |  | Present |  |  |  | Max. count 250 sockeye (1952) |
| Crescent River | $\text { Before } \begin{array}{r} 1970 \\ 1979 \\ 1980 \\ 1981 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 87,000 \\ & 91,000 \\ & 41,213 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | Max. count 2,000 sockeye (1952) <br> Escapement count $\begin{gathered}\text { sonar } \\ \text { Escapement } \\ \text { count }\end{gathered}$ <br> $\begin{array}{l}\text { Escapement count } \\ \text { Escapenent } \\ \text { count }\end{array}$ sonar sonar $\}$, cohos present in mid-August |
| Dog Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thousands of chums (1959-1961) |
| Drift River | $\text { Eefore } \begin{array}{r} 1970 \\ 1980 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 9/10 | 0 | 0 | $0^{\circ}$ | 0 | 0 | Cohos present in fall (1961) T.M., CIM |

Appendix Table EA-1. Continued.


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| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nigishlama River | 1980 | 9/02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CIAA |
| Packers Lake (Kalgin Is.) | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 100000 sóckeye (1926); 5,600 coho (1952) |
|  | 1970 | $8 / 01$ |  | 500 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1971 | 9/10 |  | 3,356 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1972 | 10/09 |  | 298 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1974 |  |  | 1,454 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1980 |  |  | 16,400 13,000 | 2,000 |  | Present | T.M. ${ }_{\text {T, }}$ |
|  | 1981 |  |  |  | 440 |  | 2,040 |  |
| Polly Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Maxticounts 2,000 coho: pinks and chums present |
|  | 1980 | 8/29 |  |  |  | 10,000 |  | T.M., CIAA |
| Redoubt Creek | Before 1979 | 7/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cohos present (1961) <br> T.N., CIAA |
| South Fork Creeks | 1981 |  |  | 2,000 |  |  |  | T,M., CIAA |
| Theodore River | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 67 chinook (1962) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1971 \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ |  | 36 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | +993 |  | 205 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1976 |  | 1,032 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1977 | 7/23 | 2,263 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1979 |  | 512 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1980 | 7/06 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T. $\mathrm{M}_{0}, \mathrm{CI}$ CIA |
|  | Personal Come. |  |  |  | 1,000 |  | 5,000 | S.K., SF |
| Three Mile Creek | Personal Comm. | 6/27 | 0 | $1,000$ | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { T.M.: } \operatorname{CIA} \\ & \text { S.K.: } \\ & \text { SF } \end{aligned}$ |
| Tuxedni Ray |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bear Creek | 1980 | 9/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CIAA |
| Difficult Creek | 1980 | 9/16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CIAA |
| Hungryman Creek | 1980 | 9/16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T. ${ }^{\text {, , CIM }}$ |
| Open Creek | 1980 | 9/16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.H., CIAA |
| Tuxedni River | 1980 | 9/16 |  | 50 | 60 |  |  | T.M., CIAA |
| Unnaned Tux. Streams | 1980 | 9/16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CIAA |

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| frea | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Corments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Waddell Lake | 1980 19891 1981 1981 | $8 / 25$ $7 / 21$ A 911 | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 500 \\ 1,200 \\ 1, \end{array}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Westforeland Lakes | 1981 | 7/07 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Miskey Jack Slough | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cohos present (1961) |
| \#13 Creek | $\text { Before } \frac{1970}{1970}$ |  |  |  | Present |  |  | Cohos present in fall (1961-69) |
| 414 Creek | $\text { Before } 1970$ |  |  |  | Present |  |  | Cohos present in fall (1961-69) |
| \#23 Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pinks present (1960) |
| \# 24 Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pinks present (1960) |
| 425 Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cohos and pinks present (1961) |

APPENDIX EB
SALMON ABUNDANCE DATA FOR TURNAGAIN ARM RIVER SYSTEMS

Appendix Table EB-1. Salmon abundance data for Turnagain Arm river systems, compiled from escapement enumeration programs ${ }^{1 /}$, sport fish harvest datas ${ }^{-1}$, and aerial/. ground surveys ${ }^{\perp,}$, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.


Look Courtesy of Naska Department of Fish and Cane Div, of Comercial Fisheries, Div, of Sport Fish and Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement Div. (FRED),
2 Mills, Michael $\mathrm{J}, 1980$. Statewide Harvest Study - 1979 Data. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Div. of Sport Fish, Feder al Aid Report, Vol, 22 Study Sill

3/ All entries are aerial or ground stream survey data unless otherwise designated.

Appendix Table EB-1. Continued.



APPENDIX EC
SALMON ABUNDANCE DATA FOR KNIK ARM
RIVER SYSTEMS

Appendix Table EC-1. Salmon abundance data for Knik Arm river systems, compiled from escapement enumeration Brograms $^{-1}$, sport fish harvest data $=$, and aerial/ground surveys $1,3 /$, Adult Ánadromous Investigations,' Su Hydro Studies, 1982.


1/ Courtesy of Alaska Department of Fish and Gane Div, of Cormercial Fisheries Div, of Sport Fish and Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancenent Div. (FRED);
 3/ All entries are aerial or ground stream survey data unless otherwise designated.
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Appendix Table EC-1. Continued.


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| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Corments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Little Susitna River | $\begin{array}{r} 1973 \\ \frac{1979}{198} \\ 1980 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 374 \\ & 880 \\ & 646 \end{aligned}$ | 2, 127 | 3,382 | 3364 | 3,918 | Sport fish harvest Sport |
| Horsehce Lake | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max count 45,000 pinks (1964), 2 chinook (1958) |
| Matanuska River | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Before } 1970 \\ & \text { Personal Corm. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 2,500 | 150 | 2;500 |  | Chinook present <br> T. M 'CTAA, Kings River confluence 1981 'observations |
| Bodenburg Slough | 1972 1973 1973 1973 1973 1973 1973 1974 1974 1974 1974 1974 1975 1975 1975 1975 1975 1976 1976 1976 1976 1977 1977 1977 1977 1978 1978 1978 | $8 / 21$ $8 / 24$ $8 / 27$ $8 / 30$ $9 / 04$ $9 / 16$ $8 / 23$ $8 / 29$ $9 / 04$ $9 / 12$ $8 / 21$ $8 / 25$ $8 / 29$ $9 / 05$ $9 / 23$ $8 / 23$ $8 / 02$ $9 / 07$ $9 / 12$ $8 / 30$ $8 / 06$ $9 / 15$ $8 / 22$ $9 / 11$ | , |  |  |  |  | Peak survey count. |
| Granite Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count sockeye 116 (1959), chum 61 (1957) |
| Noose Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1971 \\ & 1971 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 24 \\ & 1 / 29 \\ & 7 / 38 \\ & 7 / 31 \\ & 8 / 01 \\ & 8 / 01 \\ & 8 / 01 \\ & 7 / 28 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ 22 \\ 10 \\ 15 \\ 6 \\ 36 \\ 32 \\ 55 \\ 101 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Hud Lake | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 90 sockeye (1957) |
| Hancy Lake | Before $\begin{array}{r}1970 \\ 1972 \\ 1972 \\ 1972 \\ 1972 \\ 1973\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 15 \\ & 9 / 07 \\ & 9 / 11 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5,000 \\ & 1,530 \\ & 1,73 \\ & 1,783 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | Max, count 7,000 sockeye (1954) <br> Peak survey count <br> Peak survey count |

Appendix Table EC-1. Continued.


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| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Corments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ship Creek |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 806 \\ 1,011 \\ 187 \\ 124 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | Present | ${ }_{301}^{512}$ | Present | 405 | Sport fish harvest Sport fish harvest S.K., SP |
| Six Mile Creek | 1980 |  |  | 300 |  | 100 |  | T.M., CIAA, 1980 observations |
| Six Mile Lake | Personal Corm. |  |  | 200 | 200 |  |  | S.R., SF |
| Wasilla Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1970 \\ & 1971 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 25 \\ & 9 / 2 B \\ & 9 / 21 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ 94 . \\ 104 \\ 19 \\ 28 \\ 30 \\ 158 \\ 162 \\ 158 \\ 158 \\ 1,87 \\ \hline 3,555 \end{array}$ | 45 | $\frac{136}{210}$ | Sport fish parvest sport fish harvest |
| Wasilla Lake | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Max}_{(1960)}$ count 3,581 sockeye (1960) 1,161 coho |
|  | 1972 | 8/22 |  | 660 |  |  |  |  |

APPEndix ED
SALMON ABUNDANCE DATA FOR KENAI PENINSULA RIVER SYSTEMS

Appendix Table ED-1. Salmon abundance data for Kenai Peninsula river systems, compiled from escapement enumeration programs ${ }^{1}$, sport fish harvest data', and aerial surveys $=$, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bishop Creek | Before1970 <br> 1974 <br> 1976 <br> 1977 <br> 1981 | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 19 \\ & 8 / 20 \\ & 7 / 22 \\ & \text { Aug. } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 754 \\ \mathbf{7 , 0 0 0} \\ 2,000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | Max. count 23,000 sockeye (1958) <br> Tam Mears Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (T.M., CAA) |
| Bishop Lake | 1981 | 9/03 |  | 170 |  |  |  | T.M. , CIAA |
| Daniels Lake \& Creek | 1981 | 9/03 |  | 2,000 |  |  |  | T.M., CTAA |
| Parsons Lake \& Creek | 1981 | 9/03 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CTAA |
| Timberlost Lake \& Creek | 1981 | 9/03 |  | 2 |  |  |  | T.M., CTAA |
| Deep Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count ${ }^{3} 9600$ chinook (1951): 13 coho (1958), 72 pink (1959) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1972 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 530 \\ 220 \\ 740 \\ 610 \\ 1,680 \\ 990 \\ 7,010 \\ 1,93 \\ 1,818 \end{array}$ | 1,006 | $\begin{aligned} & 749 \\ & 883 \end{aligned}$ |  | 795 | Sport figh parvest <br> Sport fish harvest. |
| Tustamena Drainage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kasil of River | Before1970 <br> 1970 <br> 1971 <br> 1972 <br> 1973 <br> 1974 <br> 1975 <br> 1976 <br> 1977 <br> 1978 <br> 1979 <br> 1980 <br> 1981 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 89,000 sockeye 1968 <br> Escapement count (sonar <br> Escapement estimate (partial survey \& sonar counts) <br> Escapement count (sonar <br> Escapement count sonar <br> Escapement count sonar <br> Escapement count sonar <br> Escapement count sonar <br> Escapement count sonar <br> Escapement count (sonar) |

 Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA); Woodward-Clyde Consultants (WWC); Dowling Engineers Consulting Fimm (DE).
 3/ All entries are aerial or ground stream survey data unless otherwise designated.

Appendix Table ED-1. Continued.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Area \& Year \& Date \& Chinook \& Sockeye \& Coho \& Chum \& Pink \& Comments <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{15}{*}{} \& Before 1970 \& \& \& \& \& \& \&  <br>
\hline \& $$
1970
$$ \& $8 / 18$ \& \& 3,521 \& \& \& \&  <br>
\hline \& 1970 \& \& \& 6,9000 \& \& \& \& Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1972 \& \& \& 27.735 \& \& \& \& Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& $\begin{array}{r}1972 \\ 1972 \\ \hline 1072\end{array}$ \& 1/27 \& \& 350 \& \& \& \&  <br>
\hline \& 1972 \& $8 / 81$ \& \& 15.592 \& \& \& 2 \& <br>
\hline \& 1972

1972 \& $8 / 15$ \& \& 10,261
13,785 \& \& \& $\frac{5}{2}$ \& <br>
\hline \& 1972 \& $8 / 30$ \& \& 9,800 \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& 1974 \& \& \& 1,454 \& \& \& \& Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& $\begin{array}{r}1975 \\ 1975 \\ \hline 975\end{array}$ \& 8/14 \& \& 15,000 \& \& \& 39 \& <br>
\hline \& $\begin{array}{r}1975 \\ 1976 \\ \hline 1976\end{array}$ \& $8 / 07$ \& \& 16,660
31,000 \& \& \& 1 \& Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1973 \& $8 / 13$ \& \& 37:808 \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& 1976 \& 8/26 \& \& 27,788 \& \& \& 24 \& <br>
\hline \& 1978 \& \& \& 48.000 \& \& \& \& Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1979
1981

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\begin{aligned}
& 8 / 11 \\
& 1 / 20
\end{aligned}
$$ \& \& \[

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 22 ; 081 \\
& 10,000
\end{aligned}
$$
\] \& 0 \& 0 \& 15 \& T.M., CIAA <br>

\hline \multirow[t]{11}{*}{| Bear Creek |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| 10 |  |
| 1 |  |
| $\sim$ |  |} \& 1970

1971
1972 \& \& \& $\begin{array}{r}553 \\ 1,203 \\ \hline 300\end{array}$ \& \& \& \& Peak survey count Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1972 \& 9/01 \& \&  \& 1 \& 1 \& 3 \& Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1973
1974 \& \& \& +166 \& \& \& 13 \& peak survey count Peak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1975
1975

1975 \& $$
\begin{aligned}
& 8 / 13 \\
& 8 / 15 \\
& 8 / 22
\end{aligned}
$$ \& \& 181

326
281 \& \& $\frac{1}{1}$ \& 13
5 \& <br>
\hline \& 1975 \& \& \& +328 \& \& \& 1 \& Feak survey count <br>
\hline \& 1977 \& $8 / 06$
$8 / 11$ \& \& 1719
1,432 \& \& \& $\frac{14}{32}$ \& <br>
\hline \& 1977 \& $8 / 18$ \& \& 1:621 \& \& \& 28 \& <br>
\hline \& 1978 \& $8 / 13$ \& \& 1,181 \& \& 1 \& 13 \& <br>
\hline \& 1979
1980 \& $8 / 10$ \& \& 360 \& \& \& 1 \& <br>
\hline \& 1981 \& 4, 8 \& \& 1,508 \& \& \& \& T.M., CIAA <br>
\hline \& 1981 \& $8 / 17$ \& \& 2,478 \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Cliff House Creek \& Before 1970 \& \& \& \& \& \& \& Max coum 7 , 000 bockeye (1949); 3 chums (1953): 7 pInks (1958) <br>
\hline Coal Creek \& 1979 \& 8/30 \& \& 0 \& 0 \& 0 \& 0 \& T.M., CLAA <br>
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Appendix Table ED-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Scokeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hidden Lake | Before 1970 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 323 \\ & 1,398 \\ & 4,956 \\ & 1,690 \\ & 1,150 \\ & 1,375 \\ & 4,860 \\ & 4,1,55 \\ & 4,647 \\ & 5,762 \\ & 8,421 \end{aligned}$ | 307 |  |  |  |
| Jean Creek \& Lake | Before 1970 1974 1974 1975 1976 1976 1977 1977 1977 1978 1980 1981 | 8/28 <br> $8 / 07$ <br> $8 / 18$ <br> $8 / 22$ $8 / 23$ <br> $8 / 09$ <br> $9 / 18$ $8 / 03$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 528 \\ 26,888 \\ 58 \\ 250 \\ 689 \\ 1199 \\ 1269 \\ 1,091 \\ 60 \end{array}$ | 2,389 |  |  | Max. coint l,200 bockeye (1947) Escapement count (weir) <br> T.M., CIAA <br> T.M., CIAA |
| Johnson Creek | Before1970 <br> 1970 <br> 1971 <br> 1972 <br> 1973 <br> 1974 <br> 1974 <br> 1975 <br> 1975 <br> 1976 <br> 1976 <br> 1976 <br> 1977 <br> 1977 <br> 1978 <br> 1978 <br> 1978 <br> 1978 <br> 1979 <br> 1980 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 27 \\ & 8 / 10 \\ & 8 / 20 \\ & 8 / 07 \\ & 8 / 09 \\ & 8 / 02 \\ & 8 / 11 \\ & 8 / 08 \\ & 8 / \frac{13}{24} \\ & 8 / 24 \\ & 8 / 01 \\ & 8 / 05 \end{aligned}$ | 0 8 0 |  | 8 8 $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 98 \end{aligned}$ | 8 8 0 | 8 8 0 | Max. count 625 Sockeye (1969) <br> peak survey count <br> peak survey count <br> peak survey count <br> Peak survey count <br> peak survey count <br> Peak survey count <br> Peak survey count |
| Juneau Creek \& Lake | Before 1970 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 08 \\ & 8 / 83 \\ & 8 / 09 \\ & 8 / 12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 18 \\ 5 \\ 42 \\ 90 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}0 \\ 15 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 1 | Max, count 72 chinook (1957); large numbers of sockeye (1936) |

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| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Camments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seepage Creek | 1978 1979 1980 1980 1981 1981 1981 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 12 \\ & 8 / 30 \\ & 8 / 12 \\ & 7 / 01 \\ & 8 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,055 \\ 880 \\ 1,811 \\ 0 \\ 3,376 \end{array}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | Approx, 1,000 fish, species unknown, (T.M., CIAA) |
| Ship Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max, count 650 pinks (1951) |
| Skilak River | 1981 | 8/03 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T.M., CXAA |
| Slikok Creek (Lake) | $\text { . Before } \begin{array}{r} 1970 \\ 1980 \end{array}$ | 8/03 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | Max. count 5 pinks (1957) T.M: : CIAA |
| Snow River | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | No fish observed (1952) |
| Soldotna Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | No fish observed (1957) |
| Tern Creek | 1979 | 7/21 |  | 1,693 |  |  |  |  |
| Trail Creek (Upper) | 1973 | 8/02 |  | 124 |  |  |  | See Morning Slough for additional counts |
| Trail Lake | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | No fish observed (1952) |
| Trail River | Before1970 <br> 1976 <br> 1977 <br> 1977 <br> 1977 <br> 1978 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 17 \\ & 8 / 02 \\ & 8 / 11 \\ & 8 / 24 \\ & 8 / 13 \end{aligned}$ |  | 78 124 1206 35 31 |  |  |  | Peak count 10,000 sockeye (1977) |
| Swanson River | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 2,043 coho (1965) |



APPENDIX EE
SALMON ABUNDANCE DATA FOR THE SUSITNA RIVER

Appendix Table EE-1. Salmon abundance data for Susitna River Mainstream and maip stream tributaries, compj]ed from escapement enumeration programs sport fish harvest data ${ }^{2}$, and aerial surveys, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Scokeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mainstem |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Susitra Station <br> (bysten-wide estimates) | 1979 |  |  | 38,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1972 |  |  | 113,000 |  |  |  | Chinook estimate from aerial surveys, thcludes sport harvest <br> Chinook essimate fram aerial surveys, Includes sport harvest <br> Chinook estimate from aerial surveys, includes sport haryest |
|  | 1973 |  | 15,000 | 40,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1974 |  | 15,000 | 70,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1975 |  | 11,500 | 108,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1976 |  | 71,200 | 111,000 |  |  | 933,000 | Escapement-population estimate; chinook estimate from aerial suryeys, includes sport hafvest Escapement-population estimate; chinook estimate |
|  | 1977 |  | 118,100 | 238,000 | 50,000 | 105,000 | 1,490,000 |  |
|  | 1978 |  | 81,100 | 94,000 | 100,800 | 148,000 | 2,478,100 | from aerial suryeys includes sport harvest Escapement count (sonar): chinook estimate from |
|  | 1979 |  | 77,200 | 157,000 |  | 125,000 |  | aerial surveys, includes sport harvest <br> Escapement count (sonar), chinook estimate from |
|  | 1980 |  |  | 191,000 |  | 7,939 | 2,047,000 | aerial surveys, includes sport harvest |
|  | 1981 |  | 60-70,000 | 340,232 | 33,470 | 46,461 | 113,349 | aerial surveys, includes sport harvest Escapement count (sonar); chinook estimate from aerial surveys |
| Sunshine Station | 1981 |  |  | 139,906 | 22,793 | 262,851 | 72,945 | Abundance estimate (sonar) Mark/recapture estimate |
| Talkeetna Station | 1981 1981 |  |  | 3,464 4,809 | 3,522 3,306 | $\begin{aligned} & 10,036 \\ & 20,835 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,529 \\ 2,335 \end{array}$ | Abundance estimate (sonar) Mark/recapture estimate |
| Curry Station | 1981 |  |  | 2,804 | 1,146 | 13,068 | 1,041 | Mark/recapture estimate |
| Tributaries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alexander Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max count 1 868 chinook (1953) sockeye present (1964), 2,000 coho (1963), 100,000 pinks (1964); 500 chim (1963) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1978 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | 7/26 | $\begin{array}{r} 280 \\ 890 \\ 202 \\ 2759 \\ 1,878 \end{array}$ | 2,720 BO | eye and |  |  |  |
| 1/ Courtesy of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Div, of Conmercial Fisheries, Div, of Sport Fish, and Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancenent Div. (FRED), and Cook Iniet Aquaculture Association (CIAA). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Milis, Michael J. 1980. Statewide Harvest Study -1980 Data. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Div. of Sport Fish, Federal Aid Report, Vol. 22 study Sh-1C. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix Table EE-1. Continued.


Appendix Table EE-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Conments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fish Lakes (Birch Creek) | $\begin{aligned} & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 24 \\ & 8 / 27 \\ & 9 / 03 \\ & 9 / 07 \\ & 8 / 22 \\ & 9 / 25 \\ & 8 / 18 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 82 \\ 25 \\ 47 \\ 611 \\ 79 \\ 242 \\ 299 \\ 2,100 \end{array}$ | 11 28 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \\ & 26 \\ & 14 \\ & 42 \end{aligned}$ | Peak survey count <br> Peak survey count |
| Fourth of July Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1974 \\ & 1974 \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{9}{8 / 11}$ |  |  | 26 | 594 | 159 |  |
| coose Creek | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Before } 1970 \\ 1970 \\ 1974 \\ 1975 \\ 1976 \\ 1976 \\ 1977 \\ 1978 \\ 1981 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 16 \\ & 7 / 03 \\ & 7 / 15 \\ & 7 / 23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41 \\ 13 \\ 160 \\ 104 \\ 104 \\ 138 \\ 262 \end{array}$ |  |  | 2 |  | Chinook, chum present, max, count 5,000 plinks (1969)' 177 coho (1968) |
| Indian River | Before 1970 | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 30 \\ & 4 / 29 \\ & 7 / 25 \\ & 8 / 19 \\ & 9 / 104 \\ & 7 / 23 \\ & 10 / 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 110 \\ 102 \\ 102 \\ 31 \\ 35 \\ 537 \\ 393 \\ 114 \\ 285 \\ 422 \end{array}$ |  | 64 | 150 | 577 | Max. count 1,002 chinook (1957) <br> cook Inlet Aquaculture Ass'n (CIAA) |
| Kashwitna River-North Fork | Before $\begin{array}{r}1970 \\ 1971 \\ 1972 \\ 1973 \\ 1974 \\ 1975 \\ 1976 \\ 1977 \\ \hline 1978 \\ \hline 1989 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ 31 \\ 183 \\ 103 \\ 303 \\ 203 \\ 336 \\ 362 \\ 457 \\ 557 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | Chinook present, max count 10;000 pinks (1966) |

Appendix Table EE-1. Continued.



Appendix Table EE-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Ptink | Corments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Moose Creek | 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1978 1979 1981 |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| Portage Creek |  | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 30 \\ & 4 / 29 \\ & 4 / 27 \\ & 8 / 184 \\ & 8 / 43 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 150 | 276 | 218 |  |
| Question Creek and Lake |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 2 z \\ & 9 / 23 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 5,970 sockeye (1957) |
| Rabideaux Creek |  | 9/29 | 99 <br> Present |  | Present | $\begin{aligned} & 67 \\ & 91 \\ & 88 \end{aligned}$ | Present | Chiṇook present <br> S.R., SF |
| Red Shirt creek | Before 1970 1972 1973 1973 1974 19794 1979 19756 1976 | $\begin{array}{r} 8 / 29 \\ 8 / 17 \\ 8 / 14 \\ 9 / 09 \\ 10 / 03 \\ 8 / 19 \\ 8 / 19 \\ 8 / 26 \end{array}$ |  |  | 100 0 0 | 0 | 0 | Max. counts 2 2 600 sockeye (1952); 380 coho (1952) <br> Peak survey count |

Appendix Table EE-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Red Shirt Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 14 \\ & 9 / 16 \\ & 8 / 24 \\ & 9 / 01 \\ & 9 / 07 \\ & 9 / 12 \\ & 8 / 25 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 117 \\ 130 \\ 43 \\ 13 \\ 645 \\ 650 \\ 600 \end{array}$ | 92 |  |  |  |
| Role Jo Lake Before |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 16 \\ & 8 / 29 \\ & 8 / 17 \\ & 9 / 04 \\ & 8 / 29 \\ & 9 / 26 \\ & 8 / 24 \\ & 9 / 01 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 160 \\ 0 \\ 47 \\ 24 \\ 25 \\ 35 \\ 43 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | Sockeye and coho present <br> Peak survey count |
| Sheep Creek Before | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1980 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 / 06 \\ & 8 / 01 \\ & 7 / 24 \\ & 7 / 26 \\ & 8 / 03 \end{aligned}$ | Present 101 444 402 202 42 455 630 1,209 778 45 1,013 | 31 | Present $\begin{array}{r} 462 \\ 430 \end{array}$ | Present $\begin{aligned} & 682 \\ & 648 \end{aligned}$ | Present $\begin{aligned} & 2,412 \\ & 6,362 \end{aligned}$ | Max count 768 chinook (1958); 20,000 pinks (1958)/ chums present <br> Nemo from Div. of Sport Fish <br> Sport fish harvest <br> Sport fish harvest |
| Sloughs 6,9,11,14,16,17,19,20,21 | 1974 | B/28 |  | 103 |  | 1,352 |  |  |
| Sunshine Creek Before | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ |  | 10 13 | 157 116 | 774 1,534 | 55 225 | $\begin{array}{r} 700 \\ 2,408 \end{array}$ | Max count 25 chinook (1963); 1,000 pinks (1962) <br> sport fish parvest <br> sport fish harvest |
| Trapper Creek Before | 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 234 chínook (2964) |
| Willow Creek Before | $\begin{aligned} & 1970 \\ & \\ & 1970 \\ & 1971 \\ & 1972 \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 640 \\ 165 \\ 370 \\ 11 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | Max count 4,500 chinook (1947) 2,000 coho (1950) 20,000 chum (1950): 40,000 pink (1950)), 60 sockeye (1957) <br> sport fish harvest |

Appendix Table EE-1. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Willow Creek | 1973 | 7/24 | $\begin{array}{r} 678 \\ 981 \\ 1,904 \\ 1,407 \\ 1,760 \\ 1,665 \\ 1,259 \\ 1,357 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 193 \\ & 197 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 / 26 \\ & 8 / 04 \\ & 7 / 15 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | - |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1977 \\ 1979 \\ 1980 \\ \hline \quad 1981 \end{array}$ |  |  | 884 | 1,207 | $\begin{aligned} & 562 \\ & 989 \end{aligned}$ | 23,445 | Sport fish harvest sport fish harvest |
|  | Personal Comm. |  |  |  |  | 7,000 | 250,000 | Larry Engel, ADFEG Div. of Sport Fish (L.E., SF) Max. abundance estimate from several years observations |

Appendix Table EE-2. Salmon abundance data for the Yentna River subdrainage of the Susitna River, compiled from escapement enumeration programs $\perp$, sport fish harvest dataf, and aerial surveys. Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bear Creek | Personal Corm. |  | 100 |  |  |  | 5,000 | Stan Kubik, ADFEG Div, of Sport Fish ( $\mathrm{S} . \mathrm{R}_{\text {, }}$, SF) Max. abundánce estimate from several year ${ }^{\prime}$ observations |
| Cache Creek | Personal Comm. |  | 100 |  |  |  | Present | S.K., SF |
| Camp Creek | Before 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Max. count 101 chinook (1965) |
| Canyon Creek |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 3 \\ 43 \\ \hline 135 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | Present | S.R., SF |
| Chelatna Lake | $\begin{aligned} & 1975 \\ & 1980 \\ & 1981 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 29 \\ & 8 / 29 \\ & 8 / 27 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 14,1200 \\ 1400 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Spring Creek | Before1970 <br> 1972 <br> 1973 <br> 1974 <br> 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 29 \\ & 9 / 06 \\ & 9 / 01 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | 33 18 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Max. count 142 sockeye (1954) |
| Christmas Tree Creek | Before1970 <br> 1972 <br> 1973 <br> 1973 <br> 1973 <br> 1973 <br> 1974 <br> 1974 <br> 1974 <br> 1975 <br> 1975 <br> 1976 <br> 1976 <br> 1978 <br> 1980 <br> 1980 | $8 / 29$ $8 / 17$ $8 / 11$ $9 / 12$ $8 / 26$ $9 / 09$ $9 / 18$ $8 / 24$ $8 / 93$ $8 / 26$ $8 / 29$ $8 / 22$ $9 / 11$ |  | 50 0 29 40 Present 49 56 80 84 55 56 54 30 0 50 |  |  |  | Sockeye present |
| Clearwater Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1977 \\ & \text { Personal Comm. } \end{aligned}$ |  | 147 |  |  |  | 5,000 | S.R., SF |

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 3/ All entries are aerial or ground stream survey data, unless otherwibe designated.

Appendix Table EE-2. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coffee Creek | Before $\begin{array}{r}1970 \\ 1972 \\ 1972 \\ 1973 \\ 1975 \\ 1975 \\ 1977 \\ 1978\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 29 \\ & 8 / 30 \\ & 9 / 06 \\ & 8 / 30 \\ & 8 / 27 \\ & 8 / 27 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 254 \\ 24 \\ 70 \\ 73 \\ 23 \\ 18 \end{array}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sockeye present <br> Coffee Creek and Snowslide Creek |
| Contact Creek | Personal Camm. |  | 100 |  |  | Present | 1,000 | S.K, SF |
| Cripple Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1975 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1979 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 23 \\ & 8 / 30 \\ & 8 / 23 \\ & 9 / 12 \\ & 8 / 25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 427 \\ 438 \\ 438 \\ 488 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | 8 | 8 | 8 |  |
| Crystal Creek | 1972 | $8 / 29$ |  | 33 |  |  |  |  |
| Deception Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1981 \end{aligned}$ |  | 49 239 366 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dickason Creek | Personal Corm. |  | Present |  |  |  | Present | S.K., SF |
| Donkey Creek | Personal Conm. |  | 100 | 1,000 |  |  | 5,000 | S.K., SF |
| Fish Lakes | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Before } 1970 \\ 1974 \\ 1981 \end{array}$ |  | 200 | 1,048 | 500 |  |  | Sockeye escapements exceeding 1,000 (1950) Escapement count (weir) S. $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{H}}$, $\mathrm{SF}^{2}$ |
| Flag Creek | Personal Corm. |  |  |  |  |  | Present | S.K., SF |
| Friday Creek | 1980 | 7/26 | 82 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gagtian Creek | 1981 |  | Present |  |  |  | Present | S.K., SF |
| Grayling Creek | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Before } 1970 \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | 8/29 |  |  |  | 2 |  | Chinook coho present in 1953, 5313 pinks (1954), 322 chums (1952) |

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| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink |
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| Hewitt Lake |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Corments |
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| Huckleberry Creek | $\begin{aligned} & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1979 \\ & 1980 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 03 \\ & 8 / 29 \\ & 8 / 26 \\ & 8 / 22 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 311 \\ 500 \\ 1,000 \\ 1,750 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 263 \\ 182 \\ 8 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | peak burvey count <br> peak survey count <br> combined with Whiskey Lake count |
| Hungryman Creek | Personal Corm. |  | 100 | 5,000 |  |  |  | S.K., SF |
| Indian Creek | Personal Comm. |  | Present |  |  | Present |  | S.K., SF |
| Johnson Creek | Personal Comm. |  | Present |  | Present | Present |  | S.K., SF |
| Richatna | Personal comm. |  | $1,800$ |  | 10,000 |  | 10,000 | S.R., SF |
| Lake Creek | Before $\begin{array}{r}1970 \\ 1970 \\ 1971 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 7/26 | 189 |  |  |  | 700 | Max, count 770 chinook (1969), 559 sockeye (1956) |
|  |  | $8 / 30$ $7 / 26$ | $\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ 120 \\ 714 \\ 531 \\ 535 \\ 3,28 \\ 37,135 \\ 8,931 \\ 4,196 \\ 1,796 \\ 7,005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 112 \\ \\ \\ 440 \\ 4267 \\ 5,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,671 \\ & 2,351 \\ & 2,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 136 \\ 15,69 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 882 \\ 50,101 \\ 50,000 \end{array}$ | Sport fish parvest <br> Sport fish harvest <br> S.K., SF |
| Martin Creek | Before $\begin{array}{r}1970 \\ 1974 \\ 1975 \\ 1976 \\ 1977\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ 791 \\ 1,661 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | Chinook present |
| Moose Creek | Personal Comm. |  | present | 600 |  |  |  | S.R., SF |
| Nakochna River | Fersonal Comm |  | 100 |  |  |  | 1,000 | S.K., SF |
| Peters Creek |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 124 \\ 8 \\ 1,489 \\ 3,042 \\ 4,000 \end{array}$ |  | 1,000 |  | 10,000 | S.R., SF |
| Pickle Creek | Personal Corm. |  | 100 |  |  |  | 5,000 | S.K., SF |

Appendix Table EE-2. Continued.

| Area | Year | Date | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Chum | Pink | Comments |
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| Puntella Lake | $\begin{aligned} & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 / 24 \\ & 8 / 24 \\ & 8 / 26 \\ & 8 / 22 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,100 \\ 1,185 \\ 550 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Quartz Creek |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9 / 14 \\ & 8 / 17 \\ & 8 / 26 \\ & 9 / 04 \end{aligned}$ | 5 | $\begin{array}{r} 250 \\ 60 \\ 150 \\ 450 \\ 125 \\ 180 \\ 1,210 \end{array}$ | 50 |  | Present | Peak survey count peak survey count Peak survey count S.K., SF |
| Red Creek |  | 8/24 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,511 \\ 385 \\ 749 \end{array}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $5,100$ | Chinook present S.K., SF |
| Red Salmon Lake | $\begin{aligned} & 1973 \\ & 1974 \\ & 1975 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1976 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1977 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1978 \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $9 / 14$ $9 / 09$ $8 / 29$ $9 / 02$ $9 / 14$ $8 / 24$ $8 / 09$ $8 / 24$ $8 / 22$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 250 \\ 160 \\ 142 \\ 1476 \\ 35 \\ 150 \\ 1772 \\ 200 \\ 235 \\ 1,100 \end{array}$ | 40 1 230 |  | 900 | Peak survey count <br> peak survey count peak survey count <br> Peak survey count |
| Rich Creek | Personal Coxm. |  |  |  |  |  | few | S.K., SF |
| Shell Creek | Before 1970 | $\begin{array}{r} 7 / 28 \\ 8 / 10 \\ 8 / / 18 \\ 8 / 14 \\ 8 / 26 \\ 9 / 09 \\ 10 / 03 \\ 8 / 29 \\ 8 / 17 \\ 8 / 25 \\ 9 / 14 \\ 8 / 24 \\ 9 / 07 \\ 9 / 04 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ 0 \\ 50 \\ 200 \\ 295 \\ 35 \\ 64 \\ 90 \\ 950 \\ 2,027 \\ 900 \\ 170 \\ 120 \\ 344 \\ 127 \\ 5,000 \\ 5,100 \end{array}$ | 8 $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 20 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$ <br> 55 <br> 200 | 0 0 | 5 0 0 $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 76 . \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | Slgnif. numbers of sockeye <br> Peak survey count <br> Escapement count (weir) <br> Escapement count (weir) <br> Peak survey count |

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Appendix Table EE-3. Salmon abundance data for the Talkeetna River subdrainage of the Susitna River, compiled from escapement enumeration programs ${ }^{-1}$, sport fish harvest data, and aerial/ground surveys ${ }^{2}$, Adult Anadromous Investigations, Su Hydro Studies, 1982.

$1 /$ Courtesy of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Div. of Commercial Fisheries, Div. of Sport Fish, and Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement Div. (FRED),
 3/ All entries are aerial or ground strean survey data, unless otherwise designated.

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