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BACKGROUND

Among the world's salmon fisheries, those of Alaska and specifically of Bristol Bay are among the largest and best-researched in the world. The Bristol Bay fishery is composed of five fishing districts. The Nushagak Bay fishery has the widest diversity of species harvested and is the largest salmon fishery of Bristol Bay, except for cyclical extremes of abundance of sockeye salmon migrating to the Kvichak River. As with many fisheries, the Nushagak Bay salmon fishery has declined drastically since the turn of the century.

Because of this decline a rigorous research program was developed during the post-war period by W. F. Thompson, at that time Director of the School of Fisheries, University of Washington, with financial support from the salmon industry. As a result, a data base of extraordinarily high quality and detail was generated which provides a rational basis for salmon management.

Consistent management depends on objective decisions preceded by analysis and evaluation of alternative strategies. Computerized models represent the fastest method of processing diverse data for such a decision-making process.

OBJECTIVES

This contract served as the first step in the development of a comprehensive management model of the salmon fisheries of Nushagak Bay. The final product will be a realistic and verifiable model of the Nushagak fishery which managers can use to evaluate alternative harvest strategies for their biological as well as economic objectives. The specific objectives of this contract were to 1) evaluate the utility of migratory time density functions (entry-exit models) of sockeye salmon migrating to Nushagak Bay for intraseason abundance estimation and 2) to develop migratory time density functions for sockeye salmon migrating to the Wood, Igushik and Nuyakuk Rivers for 1979. These objectives were accomplished by:

A. Estimating the total return of sockeye salmon to Nushagak Bay employing:

1. historic migratory time density functions of fish bound for the Wood, Igushik and Nuyakuk Rivers
2. absolute abundance from visual counts from river side towers
3. indices of abundance from inside test fishing programs¹
4. indices of abundance from outside test fishing programs²
5. estimates of abundance from aerial surveys
6. estimates of migratory timing from tagging experiments.

¹Inside test fishing programs refer to gill net sampling programs conducted within the Nushagak Bay District and includes both CPUE data supplied by the set-net fishermen and the ADF & G sampling programs conducted in the Igushik and Nuyakuk River to estimate escapement several days in advance of the absolute counts from the river side towers.

²Outside test fishing programs refer to sampling projects conducted seaward from the Nushagak Bay fishing district and include both the existing sampling program conducted in the vicinity of Port Moller and the tentative sampling program to be conducted just beyond the Nushagak Bay fishing district.

- B. Evaluating alternative catch allocation procedures to allow formulation of migratory time-density functions for individual river systems.

ABUNDANCE ESTIMATION OF SOCKEYE SALMON IN NUSHAGAK BAY, 1979

INTRODUCTION

Accurate knowledge of the abundance of fish returning to a fishing district is fundamental to decisions regarding fishing periods. The objective of such control is the achievement of a predetermined spawning escapement goal. Since spawning escapement represents the difference between the total number of fish entering the fishery and those caught, knowledge of abundance is critical input into harvest control decisions. Information concerning total abundance allows the manager to develop an overall harvest strategy, while knowledge of daily abundance provides him with the opportunity to differentially harvest fish as they enter the fishery.

Prior to 1979, the abundance estimates for Nushagak Bay were developed approximately 9 months in advance of the subsequent fishery. These forecasts were based primarily on age structure of returning fish coupled with estimates of return per spawner. From 1955 through 1977, the accuracy of the forecasted returns ranged from approximately .5 to 2 times the observed return. During 1979, development of an intraseason abundance estimation procedure for Nushagak Bay was initiated to reduce the variance of the total abundance estimates and provide estimates of daily abundance.

METHODS

The abundance estimation process for Nushagak Bay sockeye salmon is a dynamic procedure. At present, the process is comprised of three phases. The first phase involves the long-range forecast that was mentioned previously. The second phase involves the intraseason abundance estimate of total return

to Bristol Bay as measured by the Port Moller outside test net fishery. Phase 3 involves the intraseason abundance estimate developed specifically for Nushagak Bay. This was comprised of two elements: 1. estimates based on observed daily abundance calculated from catch and spawning escapement generated from within the Nushagak Bay district, and 2. estimates based on catch per unit of effort data (CPUE) obtained from set net fishermen hired to report their daily catch and effort. A prospective third source of input is being considered which would incorporate CPUE data generated from a test net boat fishing outside the Nushagak Bay fishing district. The role of each of these phases in the abundance estimation process will be mentioned; however, intraseason abundance estimates based on observed abundance and CPUE data generated by set net fishermen will be reviewed thoroughly.

Phase 1: Long-Range Forecast of Abundance

The long-range forecast for all rivers of Bristol Bay is developed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) approximately 9 months in advance of the subsequent fishery. This forecast provides managers and industry representatives with the first estimate of the return to any fishing district. The potential errors of the estimate detract from the applicability of these estimates for intraseason harvest control decisions.

Phase 2: Port Moller Outside Test Fishing Program

The Port Moller outside test fishing program was first described by Paulus (1969). Mundy and Mathisen (1978, 1979) and Mundy (1979) developed more exact procedures to estimate total sockeye salmon return to Bristol Bay about one week in advance of the entry of salmon into the fishing districts.

In addition estimates of daily abundance for Bristol Bay were prepared from the Port Moller data.

These data and estimates are relevant to the intraseason abundance estimation process for Nushagak Bay because they represent the first observations of abundance since the smolts emmigrated from the fishing district. These observations of total abundance coupled with preseason forecasts for each district allow managers to formulate harvest strategies for the initial phase of the migration. For example, if the total abundance estimate from Port Moller is lower than the sum of the preseason forecasts (Phase 1) for the districts, then the managers will adopt a more conservative harvest strategy especially if the estimate from Port Moller approximates the number of fish required for spawning escapement to the individual rivers. In addition to measures of abundance, these data aid in defining the mean of the migratory time density function for the individual fishing districts. This is critical for the intraseason abundance estimation procedure.

Phase 3: Intraseason Abundance Estimation for Nushagak Bay

Element 1: Intraseason Abundance Estimation Based on Observed Catch and Escapement

The primary basis for the intraseason abundance estimation procedure was association of observed daily catch and escapement data with historic migratory time density functions (Table 1). The estimation techniques were based on those described by Mundy and Mathisen (1978 and 1979) and Mundy (1979).

The merits of this estimation procedure are improved if accurate catch and escapement statistics are obtained quickly. There is, unfortunately, a lag of two or three days from the time the fish enter the fishing district

Table 1¹. Yearly time density statistics for the Nushagak fishing district, sockeye salmon.

YEAR	MEAN DAYS	MEAN ² (MONTH/DAY)	VARIANCE DAYS
1959	21.52	7/06	39.54
1960	21.87	7/06	40.24
1961	20.96	7/05	36.68
1962	21.18	7/05	26.16
1963	20.47	7/04	27.94
1964	21.97	7/06	29.61
1965	21.70	7/06	32.34
1966	22.08	7/06	21.30
1967	17.35	7/01	30.36
1968	17.43	7/01	30.72
1969	20.48	7/04	19.16
1970	21.23	7/05	16.14
1971	27.02	7/11	24.36
1972	22.85	7/07	15.94
1973	21.17	7/05	33.80
1974	18.87	7/03	24.75
1975	23.96	7/08	13.06

¹ Adapted from Mundy (1979).

² The mean (month/day) are based on an initial day of the migration of 6/15.

until reliable estimates of spawning escapement can be obtained. Escapement data were provided by inside gillnet sampling programs (Mills, 1979; Pahlke, 1979), a side-scanning sonar project (Pahlke, 1979), aerial surveys (Nelson, personal communication), and counts from observation towers (presented later in Tables 6, 7 and 8). Until the inside test fishing programs and sonar programs were established on the Igushik and Nushagak Rivers, reliable estimates of spawning escapement were substantially delayed. About five days are required for the fish to swim from the fishing district past the observation tower on the Igushik River. Travel from the fishing district past the Nuyakuk tower requires approximately 10 days and these latter counts do not include fish migrating to the Nushagak-Malchatna river systems, which are subsequently counted on the spawning grounds during aerial surveys.

Element 2: Intraseason Abundance Estimation Based on CPUE Data Generated from Commercial Set Nets

During the 1979 Nushagak Bay sockeye salmon migration, three commercial set net fishermen were contracted to report set net catches so that catch per unit of effort (CPUE) could be calculated and employed in calculating the total return of sockeye salmon to Nushagak Bay. The sites selected were Etolin Point, Ekuk Bluff and Nichol's Hills. The procedure for calculating total abundance was the same as that described for the Port Moller estimates. The relationship

$$C/f = qN$$

where C represents catch

f represents effort in 10 fathom hours

q represents catchability

N represents abundance of sockeye salmon passing the net path

served as the algorithm for the estimation process.

Element 3: Proposed Outside Test Fishing Boat

The outside transect proposed by ADF & G and associated test fishery would add critical information on daily abundance, which could also be employed to yield an estimate of total abundance in advance of the procedure based on observed catch plus escapement. The gain in time depends on the location of the transect and the ability to accurately estimate the catchability coefficient, q .

Although the abundance estimation process is composed of three phases only elements 1 and 2 of phase 3 were evaluated during 1979.

RESULTS

Phase 3, Element 1: Intraseason Abundance Estimation Based on Observed Catch and Escapement

During 1979, four estimates³ of the sockeye salmon run size were prepared as follows:

Date	Stage of migration (% of total)	Estimate (millions)	% error
6/28	16	5.5	- 10
6/30	25	3.6	- 40
7/5	68	4.4	- 30
7/9	78	5.5	- 10

These results suggest that the intraseason abundance estimates based on historic migratory time density functions can serve as an effective basis for

³Details of these estimates were prepared for ADF & G in July and submitted to the chief fishery scientist's office in Juneau, Alaska.

predicting total seasonal abundance in spite of large daily errors (Table 2 and Figure 1). These daily errors compensate for one another so that the cumulative observed abundance is remarkably similar to the expected (Figure 2).

Phase 3, Element 2: Intraseason Abundance Estimation Based on CPUE Data
Generated from Commercial Set Nets

The outside test fishing projects were primarily designed to provide CPUE data for intraseason abundance estimation. Because the estimation process is based on cumulative CPUE data, data collection is a daily procedure. Failure to maintain a continuous data base disrupts the total abundance estimation process. In theory, discontinuous data can be used for daily abundance estimation. During the 1979 season, only data from Nichol's Hills were sufficiently consistent to provide a basis for intraseason total abundance estimates (Tables 3 and 4). However, the large CPUE reported on June 30 from Ekuk Bluff was the first evidence that fish were moving into the district after several days of reduced catches and escapements. These data were instrumental in the decision to open the fishery, reducing the overescapement into the Wood River. Because of the extremely limited data, the utility of these sites cannot be effectively evaluated. Therefore all three sites should be reexamined during 1980.

Each of the sites has inherent advantages and disadvantages. The Etolin Point location is near the outside line of the fishing district and as such is subject to the least interference from the fishing fleet. This area, however, possibly represents a milling area for the sockeye and where fish from other districts may be caught (Straty, 1969). Sockeye that pass Ekuk Bluff are primarily Wood River and Nuyakuk-Nushagak-Mulchatna River fish (Straty, 1969). There is considerable commercial harvest in this area and from there seaward. The catch of the Nichol's Hills site is probably largely composed of Igushik

Table 2. Observed and expected proportions of total abundance for the 1979 migration of sockeye salmon to Nushagak Bay.

Day of the migration ¹	Observed ² daily proportion of total abundance	Observed cumulative proportion of total abundance	Expected ³ daily proportion of total abundance	Expected cumulative proportion of total abundance
1.	.003894	.00389	.0064893	.006490
2.	.001136	.00503	.0093501	.015840
3.	.003245	.00827	.0130677	.028910
4.	.006976	.01525	.0177149	.046620
5.	.032122	.04737	.0232935	.069920
6.	.048994	.09637	.0297092	.099620
7.	.056295	.15266	.0367541	.136380
8.	.017359	.17002	.0441040	.180480
9.	.087605	.25762	.0513344	.231820
10.	.086308	.34393	.0579559	.289770
11.	.086794	.43073	.0634665	.353240
12.	.102693	.53342	.0674140	.420650
13.	.049481	.58290	.0694566	.490110
14.	.024659	.60756	.0694122	.559520
15.	.046561	.65412	.0672846	.626810
16.	.079981	.73410	.0632636	.690070
17.	.049968	.78407	.0576967	.747770
18.	.025146	.80921	.0510394	.798810
19.	.021252	.83047	.0437945	.842600
20.	.016385	.84685	.0364494	.879050
21.	.030337	.87719	.0294253	.908480
22.	.034555	.91175	.0230414	.931520
23.	.027093	.93884	.0175007	.949020
24.	.018170	.95701	.0128932	.961910
25.	.013790	.97080	.0092134	.971120
26.	.008436	.97923	.0063862	.977510
27.	.007138	.98637	.0042936	.981800
28.	.005516	.99189	.0028000	.984600
29.	.004056	.99594	.0017712	.986380
30.	.002433	.99838	.0010867	.987460
31.	.001622	1.00000	.0006467	.988110

¹ Day 1 represents all days up to and including 19 June 1979.
Day 2 represents 20 June 1979, etc.

² Proportions are based on a preliminary estimated total abundance of 6.164 million sockeye salmon calculated from catch and escape-ment data at the end of the fishing season.

³ Expected values were calculated based on the techniques described by Mundy (1979) where $\bar{x} = 13.5$ and $\sigma = 5.73$.

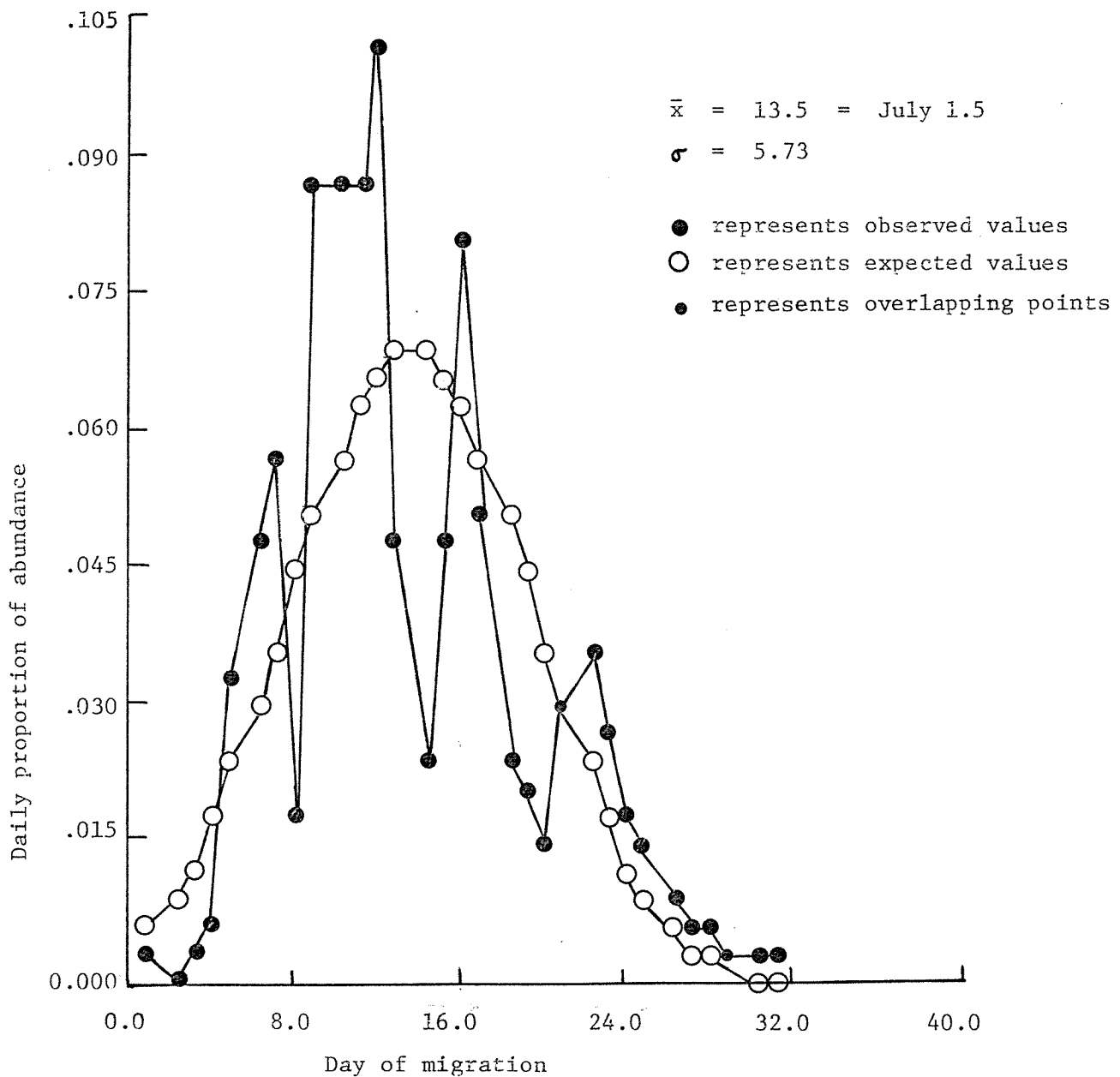


Figure 1. Observed and expected daily proportions of total abundance for the 1979 migration of sockeye salmon to Nushagak Bay.

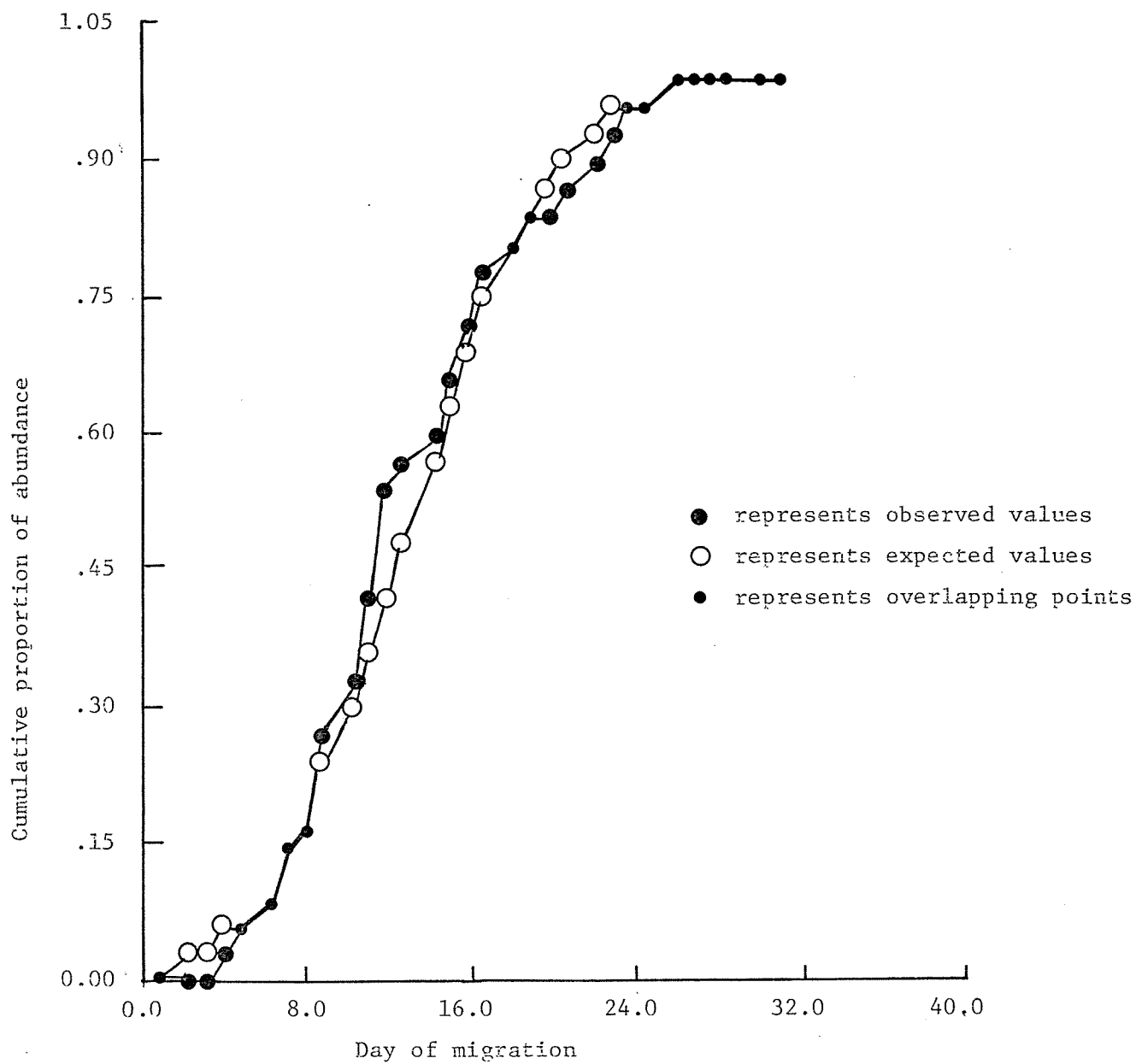


Figure 2. Observed and expected cumulative proportions of total abundance for the 1979 migration of sockeye salmon to Nushagak Bay.

Table 3. Summary of Nushagak Bay outside set-net test fishing, 1979

Date	Day	Test-Fish Indices (Sockeye) ¹		
		Etolin Point	Ekuk Bluff	Nichol's Hills
June 19	1	-	-	
20	2	0	0	
21	3	52		15 ²
22	4	0	1161	109 ²
23	5	-		91
24	6	-	4652	285
25	7	253	296	97
26	8	1240	2416	11
27	9	-		112
28	10	477		43
29	11	38		671
30	12	-	3480	924 ²
July 1	13	2930		1619 ²
2	14	296		28
3	15			86 ²
4	16			496 ²
5	17			3636 ²
6	18			ND ³
7	19			ND
8	20			212
9	21			226
10	22			187 ²
11	23			3200 ²
12	24			117
13	25			74
14	26			20
15	27			80

¹ Fish/10 fathom hours

² Hired fishermen only were fishing

³ ND represents no data

Table 4. Observed abundance and test fish indices from Nichol's Hills set-net site during the first 16 days of the migration.

Day ¹ of migration	District migration ²		Nichol's Hills daily index (Fish/10 fathom hrs)	Nichol's Hills cumulative index (Fish/10 fathom hrs)
	daily number (Thousands of fish)	cumulative number		
1.	24.	24.00	0.00	0.00
2.	7.	31.00	0.00	0.00
3.	20.	51.00	15.00	15.00
4.	43.	94.00	109.00	124.00
5.	198.	292.00	91.00	215.00
6.	302.	594.00	285.00	500.00
7.	347.	941.00	97.00	597.00
8.	107.	1048.00	11.00	608.00
9.	540.	1588.00	112.00	720.00
10.	532.	2120.00	43.00	763.00
11.	535.	2655.00	671.00	1434.00
12.	633.	3288.00	924.00	2358.00
13.	305.	3593.00	1619.00	3977.00
14.	152.	3745.00	28.00	4005.00
15.	287.	4032.00	86.00	4091.00
16.	493.	4525.00	497.00	4588.00
17.	308.	4833.00	3636.00 ³	8224.00
18.	155.	4988.00	ND	
19.	131.	5119.00	ND	
20.	101.	5220.00	212.00	
21.	187.	5407.00	226.00	
22.	213.	5620.00	187.00	
23.	167.	5787.00	3200.00	
24.	112.	5899.00	117.00	
25.	85.	5984.00	74.00	
26.	52.	6036.00	20.00	
27.	44.	6080.00	80.00	
28.	34.	6114.00		
29.	25.	6139.00		
30.	15.	6154.00		
31.	10.	6160.00		

¹ Day 1 represents data from 19 June 1979 and all previous days
Day 2 represents data from 20 June 1979, etc.

² These are preliminary data generated from adding catch and escapement.
The escapements were lagged to the fishery, 2 days for Wood River,
5 days for Igushik River and 10 days for Nuyakuk River.

³ ND represents no data.

River fish (Straty, 1969). This location also is well within the fishing district and CPUE data are subject to the influence of the fishing fleet. One additional site should be considered either at Coffee Point or Clark's Point so that movement of fish through the fishing district can be followed more closely.

The Nichol's Hills project produced consistent data until 5 July 1979. The daily and cumulative CPUE reflected the daily and cumulative abundance (Figures 3 and 4). However, there were several extraordinarily large CPUE values which corresponded to days when only the hired fisherman was fishing (Table 3).

DISCUSSION

Phase 3, Element 1: Intraseason Abundance Estimation Based on Observed Catch and Escapement

All estimates were low; however, accurate abundance estimates were produced with less than 20% of the total return tabulated. The drop in estimates from 5.5 to 3.6 million fish was caused by several factors. First, the mean date of the migration was not well defined because of a lack of precise knowledge of the status of the observed abundance relative to the historic migratory time-density functions. Secondly, catches were generally underestimated because of incomplete reports from processors. Consequently, the abundance was underestimated. Finally, since catch and escapement had dropped sharply for about two days, human concern for overestimation biased the estimation procedure especially when the estimate was revised. This emotional element must be eliminated in order for the estimation process to be consistent.

Post-season estimates of total abundance for the 1979 season employing the migratory time density function generated from observed data served as an

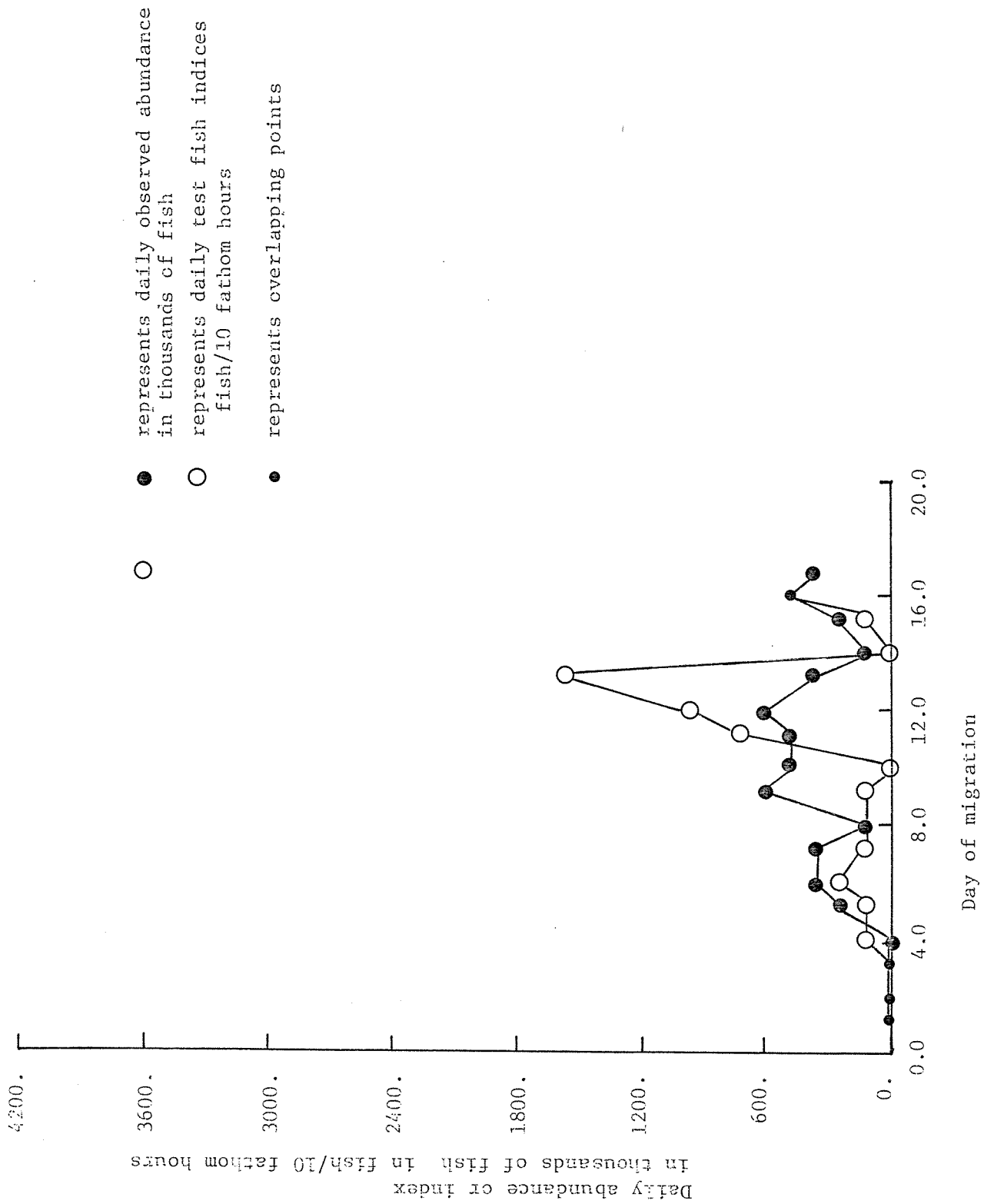


Figure 3. Observed daily abundance and test fish indices from Nichol's Hills set net sites.

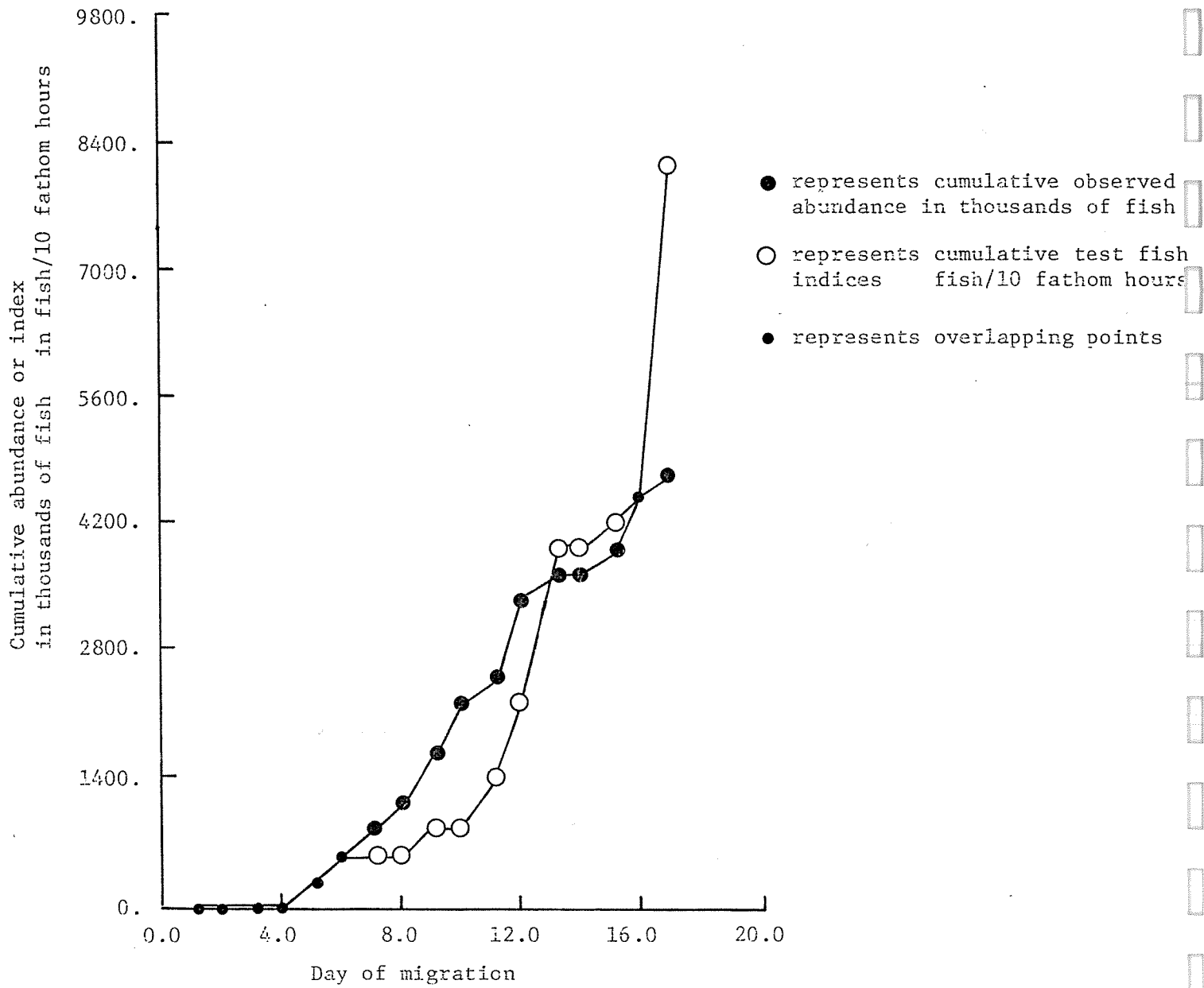


Figure 4. Observed cumulative abundance and test indices from Nichol's Hills set net sites.

excellent measure of total abundance (Table 5). The majority of the estimates were remarkably close to the preliminary observed total abundance of 6.164 million fish. These results demonstrate the potential of estimating total abundance from the existing data base and abundance monitoring from within the fishing district. Then, too, after 10% of the fish had migrated through the fishing district, the accuracy of the estimated was within 15% of the true value. Finally, following day 6, the estimates were within 20% of the observed total abundance.

Phase 3, Element 2: Intraseason Abundance Estimation Based on CPUE Data
Generated from Commercial Set Net

Although this was the first year that set net fishermen were hired to report catch and effort, the potential of the program can be assessed. Among the numerous advantages of this outside test fishing program are the following:

1. Beyond the value provided for intraseason abundance estimation, the CPUE data supply managers with a measure of the presence or absence of fish which aid in determining whether or not to open the fishery.
2. Such a program would be cheaper than data obtained from a boat fishing outside the fishing district; however, CPUE from a vessel outside the fishing district would not be influenced by the commercial fishery and would supply more reliable information on daily passage rate.

The primary disadvantage of a test fishing program within the fishing district is that CPUE indices are subject to the influence of the fishing fleet as well as shifts in the migratory path of the fish. These sources of error must be evaluated if the utility of such a program is to be accurately assessed.

Table 5. Estimates of abundance for the 1979 sockeye salmon returning to Nushagak Bay in 1979.

Day ¹ of Migration	Observed ² Abundance Cumulative Numbers (N)	N ²	ΣN^2	Expected ³ Cumulative Proportion (P)	NP	ΣNP	$\frac{\Sigma N^2}{\Sigma NP}$ (thousands)
1.	24.00	576.	576.	.006489	.16	.2	3698.57
2.	31.00	961.	1537.	.015839	.49	.6	2376.52
3.	51.00	2601.	4138.	.028907	1.47	2.1	1950.96
4.	94.00	8836.	12974.	.046622	4.38	6.5	1994.94
5.	292.00	85264.	98238.	.069915	20.42	26.9	3649.44
6.	594.00	352836.	451074.	.099625	59.18	86.1	5239.20
7.	941.00	885481.	1336555.	.136379	128.33	214.4	6233.10
8.	1048.00	1098304.	2434859.	.180483	189.15	403.6	6033.23
9.	1588.00	2521744.	4956603.	.231817	368.13	771.7	6422.97
10.	2120.00	4494400.	9451003.	.289773	614.32	1386.0	6818.81
11.	2655.00	7049025.	16500028.	.353240	937.85	2323.9	7100.23
12.	3288.00	10810944.	27310972.	.420654	1383.1	3707.0	7367.44
13.	3593.00	12909649.	40220621.	.490110	1760.97	5467.9	7355.71
14.	3745.00	14025025.	54245646.	.559522	2095.4	7563.4	7172.17
15.	4032.00	16257024.	70502670.	.626807	2527.29	10090.6	6986.94
16.	4525.00	20475625.	90978295.	.690071	3122.57	13213.2	6885.40
17.	4833.00	23357889.	114336184.	.747767	3613.96	16827.2	6794.74
18.	4988.00	24880144.	139216328.	.798807	3984.45	20811.6	6689.36
19.	5119.00	26204161.	165420489.	.842601	4313.27	25124.9	6583.93
20.	5220.00	27248400.	192668889.	.879051	4588.65	29713.5	6484.21
21.	5407.00	29235649.	221904538.	.908476	4912.13	34625.7	6408.67
22.	5620.00	31584400.	253488938.	.931517	5235.13	39860.8	6359.35
23.	5787.00	33489369.	286978307.	.949018	5491.97	45352.8	6327.69
24.	5899.00	34798201.	321776508.	.961911	5674.31	51027.1	6306.00
25.	5984.00	35808256.	357584764.	.971125	5811.21	56838.3	6291.27
26.	6036.00	36433296.	394018060.	.977511	5900.26	62738.5	6280.32
27.	6080.00	36966400.	430984460.	.981804	5969.37	68707.9	6272.70
28.	6114.00	37380996.	468365456.	.984604	6019.87	74727.8	6267.62
29.	6139.00	37687321.	506052777.	.986375	6055.36	80783.1	6264.34
30.	6154.00	37871716.	543924493.	.987462	6076.84	86860.0	6262.08
31.	6164.00	37994896.	581919389.	.988109	6090.70	92950.7	6260.52

¹ Day 1 represents all time prior to and including 19 June 1979; Day 2 represents 20 June 1979, etc.

² Observed abundance based on catch plus escapement where escapement was lagged to the fishery 2 days for Wood River, 5 days for Igushik River and 10 days for Nuyakuk River.

³ Expected proportions were developed according to techniques described by Mundy and Mathisen (1978, 1979) and Mundy (1979)

CATCH ALLOCATION AND MIGRATORY TIME DENSITIES

FOR SOCKEYE SALMON FROM WOOD,
IGUSHIK AND NUYAKUK RIVERS FOR 1979.

INTRODUCTION

Allocation of fishes caught in a fishing district to their respective river of origin has been a continuous problem for salmon fishery managers throughout Bristol Bay. Partitioning the catch by scale pattern analysis has not been successful for Nushagak Bay primarily because of the large variability in growth of sockeye within a system and limited sample sizes during the migration. Within Nushagak District, the variation in scale patterns for fish from the Wood River system is as large or larger than for the other systems in Nushagak Bay (Robertson, personal communication). Therefore, in 1979 catches were allocated on the assumption that they were proportional to escapements. This permitted construction of migratory time-density functions for each of the river systems by techniques similar to those described by Mundy (1979).

METHODS

First, the catch was apportioned employing total escapement to the respective river systems as the partitioning coefficient. The equations employed follow:

$$TE = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m E_{ij} \right) + NM \quad [2]$$

where TE = total Nushagak escapement

E_{ij} = escapement counted on day i to river j.

i = 1, 2, ..., n.

j = 1, 2, ..., m.

NM = total estimated escapement into Nushagak-Mulchatna from aerial surveys.

n_j = total number of days during the spawning escapement into river j.

m = total number of rivers, m = 3.

It follows that:

$$WE = \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} E_{ij} \quad [3]$$

when $j = 1$ (Wood River)

WE represents Wood River total escapement.

$$IE = \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} E_{ij} \quad [4]$$

when $j = 2$ (Igushik River)

IE represents Igushik River total escapement.

$$NE = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_3} E_{ij} \right) + NM \quad [5]$$

when $j = 3$ (Nuyakuk River total escapement)

NE represents Nushagak-Nuyakuk-Mulchatna River total escapement.

The following allocation of mixed stock catch assumes that the catch from river system j on day i, C_{ij} , is proportional to total daily catch, C_i . The proportionality factor is the ratio of the annual escapement to river j, E_j to the total annual escapement to all rivers, TE, or symbolically,

$$C_{ij} = C_i \cdot \frac{E_j}{TE} \quad [6]$$

For 1979 the values (in thousands of fish) based on Tables 6-8, were as follows:

TE	=	3001		
WE	=	1705	WE/TE	= .57
IE	=	839	IE/TE	= .28
NE	=	457	NE/TE	= .15
NM	=	100		

The preceding calculations assume that the migratory time density functions for the fish from all river systems are the same and that the harvest rate, numbers harvested per numbers vulnerable to harvest, is equal for the populations from each river system each day. Shifts in gear deployment caused by regulatory shifts, shifts in processor demand, or shifts in the migratory path of the majority of fish leads to violation of this assumption. From the 11th through the 13th day of the migration, 29 June through 1 July, the apportionment of catch was altered to reflect a shift in the fishing fleet to the eastern side of the district. The movement of the fleet, coupled with suspensions by processors on Igushik Beach and minimal observed set net fishing activity (observed during aerial surveys, Nelson pers. comm.) justify this, setting the catch associated with Igushik River to zero while the remainder of the catch was apportioned as follows:

$$\text{adjusted } C_{ij} = C_{i.} \left(\frac{E_{.j}}{WE + NE} \right) \quad [7]$$

where $i = 11, 12, 13$

$j \neq 2$ except

$$C_{11,2} = C_{12,2} = C_{13,2} = 0$$

Table 6. Preliminary escapement data for the Wood River system, 1979.

DAY ¹ OF MIGRATION	WOOD RIVER ESCAPEMENT			
	DAILY ² NUMBER	DAILY PROPORTION	CUMULATIVE NUMBER	CUMULATIVE PROPORTION
1.	1.	.000587	1.00	.00059
2.	0.	0.000000	1.00	.00059
3.	0.	0.000000	1.00	.00059
4.	0.	0.000000	1.00	.00059
5.	55.	.032258	56.00	.03284
6.	246.	.144282	302.00	.17713
7.	160.	.093842	462.00	.27097
8.	18.	.010557	480.00	.28152
9.	12.	.007038	492.00	.28856
10.	9.	.005279	501.00	.29384
11.	264.	.154839	765.00	.44868
12.	530.	.310850	1295.00	.75953
13.	39.	.022874	1334.00	.78240
14.	9.	.005279	1343.00	.78768
15.	19.	.011144	1362.00	.79883
16.	167.	.097947	1529.00	.89677
17.	116.	.068035	1645.00	.96481
18.	18.	.010557	1663.00	.97537
19.	6.	.003519	1669.00	.97889
20.	5.	.002933	1674.00	.98182
21.	4.	.002346	1678.00	.98416
22.	8.	.004692	1686.00	.98886
23.	5.	.002933	1691.00	.99179
24.	4.	.002346	1695.00	.99413
25.	5.	.002933	1700.00	.99707
26.	5.	.002933	1705.00	1.00000
27.	0.	0.000000	1705.00	1.00000
28.	0.	0.000000	1705.00	1.00000
29.	0.	0.000000	1705.00	1.00000
30.	0.	0.000000	1705.00	1.00000
31.	0.	0.000000	1705.00	1.00000

¹ Day 1 represents all data prior to and including 19 June 1979.
Day 2 represents data from 20 June 1979.

² The escapement was lagged 2 days to the reference frame of the fishery and represents thousands of fish.

Table 7. Preliminary escapement data for the Igushik River system, 1979.

DAY ¹ OF MIGRATION	IGUSHIK RIVER ESCAPEMENT			
	DAILY ² NUMBER	DAILY PROPORTION	CUMULATIVE NUMBER	CUMULATIVE PROPORTION
1.	4.	.004768	4.	.00477
2.	2.	.002384	6.	.00715
3.	5.	.005959	11.	.01311
4.	19.	.022646	30.	.03576
5.	28.	.033373	58.	.06913
6.	30.	.035757	88.	.10489
7.	30.	.035757	118.	.14064
8.	27.	.032181	145.	.17282
9.	64.	.076281	209.	.24911
10.	89.	.106079	298.	.35518
11.	64.	.076281	362.	.43147
12.	72.	.085816	434.	.51728
13.	57.	.067938	491.	.58522
14.	46.	.054827	537.	.64005
15.	59.	.070322	596.	.71037
16.	53.	.063170	649.	.77354
17.	40.	.047676	689.	.82122
18.	25.	.029797	714.	.85101
19.	23.	.027414	737.	.87843
20.	21.	.025030	758.	.90346
21.	13.	.015495	771.	.91895
22.	15.	.017878	786.	.93683
23.	12.	.014303	798.	.95113
24.	8.	.009535	806.	.96067
25.	6.	.007151	812.	.96782
26.	5.	.005959	817.	.97378
27.	4.	.004768	821.	.97855
28.	4.	.004768	825.	.98331
29.	5.	.005959	830.	.98927
30.	5.	.005959	835.	.99523
31.	4.	.004768	839.	1.00000

¹ Day 1 represents all the data prior to and including 19 June 1979.
 Day 2 represents data from 20 June 1979, etc.

² The escapement was lagged 5 days to the reference frame of the fishery and represents thousands of fish.

Table 8. Preliminary escapement data for the Nuyakuk River system, 1979.

DAY ¹ OF MIGRATION	NUYAKUK RIVER ESCAPEMENT			
	DAILY ² NUMBER	DAILY PROPORTION	CUMULATIVE NUMBER	CUMULATIVE PROPORTION
1.	0.	0.000000	0.	0.000000
2.	0.	0.000000	0.	0.000000
3.	4.	.011204	4.	.01120
4.	24.	.067227	28.	.07843
5.	47.	.131653	75.	.21008
6.	26.	.072829	101.	.28291
7.	12.	.033613	113.	.31653
8.	49.	.137255	162.	.45378
9.	55.	.154062	217.	.60784
10.	38.	.106443	255.	.71429
11.	17.	.047619	272.	.76190
12.	11.	.030812	283.	.79272
13.	33.	.092437	316.	.88515
14.	22.	.061625	338.	.94678
15.	9.	.025210	347.	.97199
16.	3.	.008403	350.	.98039
17.	2.	.005602	352.	.98599
18.	2.	.005602	354.	.99160
19.	2.	.005602	356.	.99720
20.	1.	.002801	357.	1.00000
21.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
22.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
23.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
24.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
25.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
26.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
27.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
28.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
29.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
30.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000
31.	0.	0.000000	357.	1.00000

¹ Day 1 represents all the data prior to and including 19 June 1979.
Day 2 represents data from 20 June 1979.

² The escapement was lagged 10 days to the reference frame of the fishery and represents thousands of fish.

$$\text{and } \frac{WE}{WE + NE} = .79$$

$$\frac{NE}{WE + NE} = .21$$

An alternate approach was based on apportionment of catch according to the daily escapement to each river system. This procedure, as the previous one, assumes that the catch from river system j on day i , C'_{ij} , is proportional to daily catch, C_i . The proportionality factor is the ratio of the escapement to river j on day i , E_{ij} , to the total daily escapement to all rivers, E_i . Symbolically

$$C'_{ij} = C_i \cdot \frac{E_{ij}}{E_i} \quad [8]$$

Values of $\frac{E_{ij}}{E_i}$ are presented in Table 9.

Equation 8 is subject to the same assumptions as equation 6 except that the migratory time density functions are not assumed to be the same. The apportioned catch was adjusted from day 9 through day 13, 27 June through 1 July. Days 9 and 10 were included in the adjustment because of substantial observed catches from the eastern and northern portions of the district where the majority of the fleet was fishing. Observed catches from the Igushik River set net fishery were also substantial, which prevented the associated catch from being set to zero as was the case for days 11-13. The best measure of catch from the Igushik River for days 9 and 10 was assumed to be that derived from equation 6. The remaining catch was then allocated to the Wood River and the Nuyakuk River based on daily escapement to only those two river systems. Symbolically,

Table 9. Preliminary relative escapements into the three major river systems of Nushagak Bay, 1979.

DAY OF MIGRATION ¹	ESCAPEMENT PROPORTION OF DISTRICT		
	WOOD R.	IGUSHIK R.	NUYAKUK R.
1.	.200000	.80000	0.000000
2.	0.000000	1.00000	0.000000
3.	0.000000	.55556	.444444
4.	0.000000	.44186	.558140
5.	.423077	.21538	.361538
6.	.814570	.09934	.086093
7.	.792079	.14851	.059406
8.	.191489	.28723	.521277
9.	.091603	.48855	.419847
10.	.066176	.65441	.279412
11.	.765217	.18551	.049275
12.	.864600	.11746	.017945
13.	.302326	.44186	.255814
14.	.116883	.59740	.285714
15.	.218391	.67816	.103448
16.	.748879	.23767	.013453
17.	.734177	.25316	.012658
18.	.400000	.55556	.044444
19.	.193548	.74194	.064516
20.	.185185	.77778	.037037
21.	.235294	.76471	0.000000
22.	.347826	.65217	0.000000
23.	.294118	.70588	0.000000
24.	.333333	.66667	0.000000
25.	.454545	.54545	0.000000
26.	.500000	.50000	0.000000
27.	0.000000	1.00000	0.000000
28.	0.000000	1.00000	0.000000
29.	0.000000	1.00000	0.000000
30.	0.000000	1.00000	0.000000
31.	0.000000	1.00000	0.000000

¹ Day 1 represents 19 June 1979 and all previous dates,
day 2 represents 20 June 1979, etc.

$$\text{adjusted } C'_{ij} = (C_{i.} - C_{i2}) \frac{E_{ij}}{E_{i.}} \quad [9]$$

$$i = 9, 10, \dots, 13 \text{ and } j \neq 2$$

$$j = 2$$

$$C'_{9,2} = C_{9,2}$$

$$C'_{10,2} = C_{10,2}$$

$$C'_{11,2} = C'_{12,2} = C'_{13,2} = 0$$

Once the catch was apportioned to the respective river systems, the escapement for that day (E_{ij}) was added to the catch (\bar{C}_{ij}) to establish the daily abundance as follows:

$$N_{ij} = (\bar{C}_{ij} + E_{ij}) \quad [10]$$

where N_{ij} = abundance associated with river j on day i

$$\bar{C}_{ij} = \text{either } C_{ij}$$

$$\text{or } C_{ij} \text{ and appropriate adjusted } C_{ij}$$

$$\text{or } C'_{ij}$$

$$\text{or } C'_{ij} \text{ and appropriate adjusted } C'_{ij}$$

$$i = d_j - t_j$$

t_j = the time needed for the fish to swim from the fishing district past the counting tower of the respective river;

$t_j = 0$ when the fish were within the fishing district

d_j = the day the fish swam past the counting tower

The E_{ij} were based on counts from counting towers on each of the rivers. The basis for determining time (t) between the fishing district and counting towers was tagging studies conducted by ADF&G and represents a mean (McBride 1978, 1979; Mills 1979; Pahlke 1979).

The abundance (N_{ij}) was established for each river system by the two methods described. The mean date, \bar{x} , and variance, s^2 , were calculated for the two abundances developed for each river system according to techniques reported by Mundy and Mathisen (1978, 1979) and Mundy (1979). After \bar{x} and s^2 were calculated the expected migratory time density functions were formulated according to theories and techniques described by Mundy and Mathisen (1978, 1979) and Mundy (1979). The normal probability density served as the model for the migratory time density function.

$$N(x; \bar{x}, s^2) = \frac{1}{s\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{s^2}} \quad [11]$$

where N represents normal distribution

x represents day of the migration

\bar{x} represents the mean

s^2 represents the variance

RESULTS

The alternative techniques for apportioning catch produced substantially different estimates of total abundance to individual river systems (Table 10) as well as differences in \bar{x} and s (Table 11). The two estimates of daily and cumulative abundance differed considerably (Appendix A). Because of the differences in \bar{x} and s , the calculated migratory time densities differed

Table 10. Catch and abundance apportioned to Wood, Igushik and Nuyakuk River systems for 1979.

Catch allocated to river system (in thousands)			Total abundance by river system (in thousands)		
Wood	Igushik	Nuyakuk	Wood	Igushik	Nuyakuk
1919 ¹	943	401	3624	1782	758
1985 ²	747	531	3686	1580	887
1110 ³	1710	444	2815	2549	801
1264 ⁴	1360	642	2969	2199	999

1 Catch was based on $\sum_{i=1}^n C_{ij}$, equation 6

2 Catch was based on $\sum_{i=1}^n (C_{ij} \text{ and adjusted } C_{ij})$, equations 6 and 7)

3 Catch was based on the $\sum_{i=1}^n C'_{ij}$, equation 8

4 Catch was based on the $\sum_{i=1}^n (C'_{ij} \text{ and adjusted } C'_{ij})$, equations 8 and 9)

Table 11. Estimated means and variances for migratory time density functions for the Wood, Igushik and Nuyakuk River systems based on alternative catch allocation strategies for 1979.

	Based on		Based on	
	$\sum_{i=1}^n (C_{ij} \text{ and adjusted } C_{ij})$		$\sum_{i=1}^n (C'_{ij} \text{ and adjusted } C'_{ij})$	
	\bar{x}^1	s	\bar{x}	s
Wood River	13.43	5.54	12.78	4.90
Igushik River	14.02	5.59	16.11	6.47
Nuyakuk River	12.73	5.98	9.74	2.87

¹ \bar{x} represents mean day with x_1 defined as 19 June 1979.

(Figures 5 and 6). There were noticeable differences between expected daily proportion of abundances and the observed in both cases (Appendix B). The expected cumulative proportion of abundance, in both cases, however, patterned the observed cumulative proportions closely (Appendix B).

DISCUSSION

The differences in total abundance and migratory time-density functions for the Wood, Igushik and Nuyakuk Rivers reflect the inadequacies of assuming that catch is proportional to abundance. Another fundamental flaw of catch apportionment based on seasonal spawning escapement for each river system was the implication that the migratory time density functions for fish inhabiting the various systems were similar in mean and variance. The validity of such an assumption is questionable. If the migratory time density functions were similar, the observed daily proportions of spawning escapement should remain constant. Such is not the case (Table 9). Some differences could be attributed to shifts of the fishing fleet or differences in catchability of fish from different systems, however, the observed variation cannot be explained by this alone. If the patterns of observed spawning escapement reflect the observed abundance, then the expected migratory time densities should reflect observed spawning escapement at least in terms of duration of the migration. The duration of escapement to the individual river systems, however, differs substantially from the migratory time density functions based on apportioning the catch according to total spawning escapement. The duration of the observed spawning escapement to the Nuyakuk River was short, and the majority of sockeye salmon entered the river over a 10-day

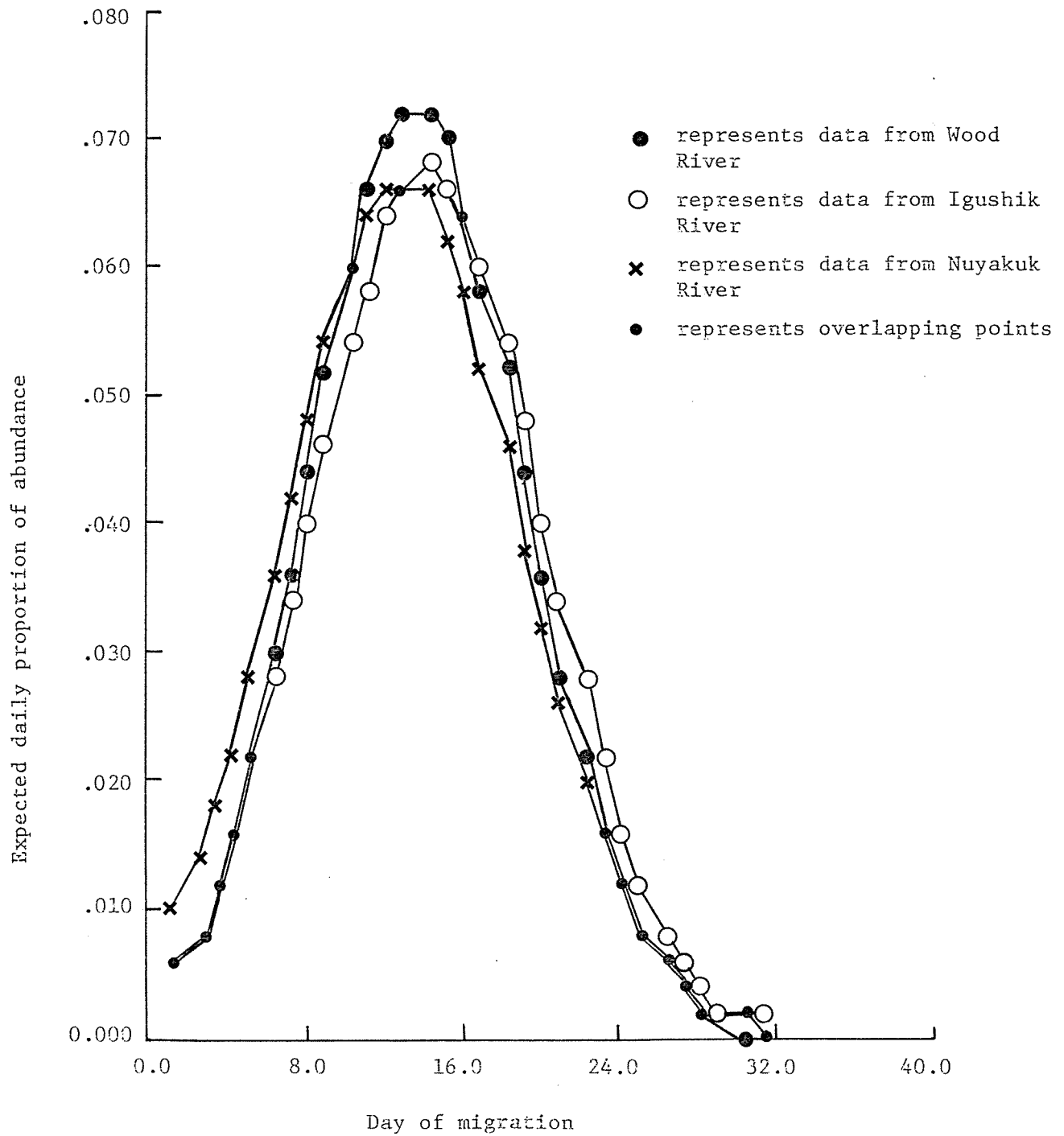


Figure 5. Migrating time density functions for total abundance by river system based on catch allocated according to C_{ij} and adjusted C_{ij} .

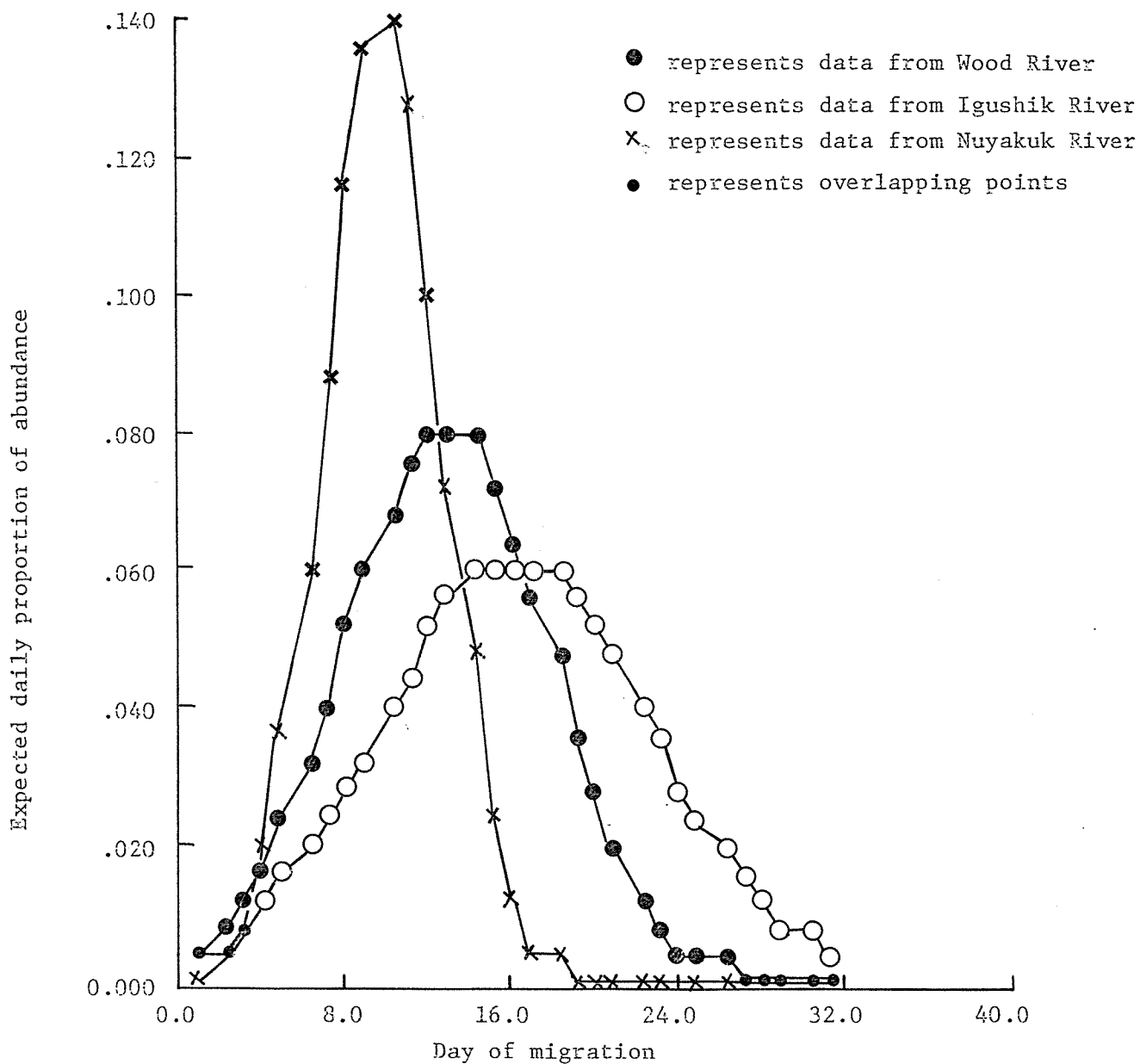


Figure 6. Migratory time density functions for the total abundance by river system based on catch allocated according to C'_{ij} and adjusted C'_{ij} .

period (Table 8). The observed spawning escapement in the Wood River was more prolonged than that of the Nuyakuk; however, it was less prolonged than that for observed spawning escapement to the Igushik (Tables 6, 7 and 8). Such differences in observed spawning escapement were not reflected as well in the migratory time densities developed by allocating catch according to total escapement proportions as opposed to those formulated by employing proportions of daily escapement.

The relative timing of the observed spawning escapement should also be reflected in the migratory time density functions. That is, the time from the beginning to the end of the observed spawning escapement should correspond to the expected based on the migratory time density functions. Although the chronology of the migratory time density functions is the same for both techniques of catch allocation, the migratory time density functions generated by apportioning catch according to daily escapement corresponded more closely to the observed spawning escapement.

Finally, basic biological theory contradicts the assumption that migratory time density functions should be uniform. In a system as complex as the Nushagak, supplied by three major river systems inhabited by numerous stocks, the probability that the migratory time density functions are uniform is marginal. The variability in migratory time density functions between stocks has been well documented (Mundy 1979, Smith 1964).

The fundamental discrepancy associated with catch allocation based on daily proportions of spawning escapement is the assumption that fish from all systems are harvested at the same rate. Since catchability is a function of fish weight in size selective gear and the weight distributions of fish migrating to individual rivers differ, the fish are not harvested in equal proportions. Secondly, the sockeye salmon of Nushagak Bay are not randomly

distributed (Straty, 1969). Thus as the fishing fleet shifts, so does the proportion of fish harvested from the individual river systems. Exposure to equal fishing effort is especially problematic because the Igushik River fish primarily confined to the east side of the district do not penetrate as deeply as the Wood and Nuyakuk River fish (Straty, 1969). At times when the fishing fleet is on the west side of the district, harvest of Igushik River fish is especially light and the relative escapement is probably disproportionate. As a consequence, catch apportionment to the Igushik system based on daily spawning escapement is overestimated. The escapement of fish into the Wood and Nushagak, however, probably very closely reflects the daily abundance of fish migrating to those two rivers. In spite of errors, the migratory time density functions developed by apportioning catch according to daily escapements were consistent with observed data and demonstrate their potential utility in catch allocation.

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APPENDIX A

Preliminary Catch Allocation and Total
Abundance of Sockeye Salmon from
Wood, Igushik and Nuyakuk Rivers, 1979

Table A1. Preliminary sockeye salmon catch allocation based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 6 and 7).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD RIVER CATCH (No. in thousands)	IGUSHIK RIVER CATCH (No. in thousands)	NUYAKUK RIVER CATCH (No. in thousands)
1.	10.792	5.320	2.8880
2.	2.840	1.400	.7600
3.	6.248	3.080	1.6720
4.	0.000	0.000	0.0000
5.	38.624	19.040	10.3360
6.	0.000	0.000	0.0000
7.	82.360	40.600	22.0400
8.	7.384	3.640	1.9760
9.	232.312	114.520	62.1680
10.	224.928	110.880	60.1920
11.	150.000	0.000	40.0000
12.	16.000	0.000	4.0000
13.	138.000	0.000	38.0000
14.	42.600	21.000	11.4000
15.	113.600	56.000	30.4000
16.	153.360	75.600	41.0400
17.	85.200	42.000	22.8000
18.	62.480	30.800	16.7200
19.	56.800	28.000	15.2000
20.	42.032	20.720	11.2480
21.	96.560	47.600	25.8400
22.	150.000	0.000	40.0000
23.	85.200	42.000	22.8000
24.	56.800	28.000	15.2000
25.	42.032	20.720	11.2480
26.	23.856	11.760	6.3840
27.	22.720	11.200	6.0800
28.	17.040	8.400	4.5600
29.	16.000	0.000	4.0000
30.	5.680	2.800	1.5200
31.	3.408	1.680	.9120

Table A2. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily abundance with estimate of catch based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 6, 7 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. DAILY ABUNDANCE (No. in thousands)	IGUSHIK R. DAILY ABUNDANCE (No. in thousands)	NUYAKUK R. DAILY ABUNDANCE (No. in thousands)
1.	11.792	9.320	2.888
2.	2.840	3.400	.760
3.	6.248	8.080	5.672
4.	0.000	19.000	24.000
5.	93.624	47.040	57.336
6.	246.000	30.000	26.000
7.	242.360	70.600	34.040
8.	25.384	30.640	50.976
9.	244.312	178.520	117.168
10.	233.928	199.880	98.192
11.	414.000	64.000	57.000
12.	546.000	72.000	15.000
13.	177.000	57.000	71.000
14.	51.600	67.000	33.400
15.	132.600	115.000	39.400
16.	320.360	128.600	44.040
17.	201.200	82.000	24.800
18.	80.480	55.800	18.720
19.	62.800	51.000	17.200
20.	47.032	41.720	12.248
21.	100.560	60.600	25.840
22.	158.000	15.000	40.000
23.	90.200	54.000	22.800
24.	60.800	36.000	15.200
25.	47.032	26.720	11.248
26.	28.856	16.760	6.384
27.	22.720	15.200	6.080
28.	17.040	12.400	4.560
29.	16.000	5.000	4.000
30.	5.680	7.800	1.520
31.	3.408	5.680	.912

Table A3. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 6, 7, 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION
1.	.003196	.005877	.003251
2.	.000770	.002144	.000855
3.	.001693	.005095	.006385
4.	0.000000	.011981	.027015
5.	.025373	.029663	.064540
6.	.066668	.018918	.029267
7.	.065682	.044520	.038317
8.	.006879	.019321	.057381
9.	.066211	.112574	.131890
10.	.063397	.126044	.110529
11.	.112198	.040358	.064162
12.	.147971	.045403	.016885
13.	.047969	.035944	.079921
14.	.013984	.042250	.037597
15.	.035936	.072519	.044350
16.	.086821	.081095	.049573
17.	.054527	.051709	.027916
18.	.021811	.035187	.021072
19.	.017019	.032160	.019361
20.	.012746	.026308	.013787
21.	.027253	.038214	.029087
22.	.042820	.009459	.045026
23.	.024445	.034052	.025665
24.	.016477	.022701	.017110
25.	.012746	.016850	.012661
26.	.007820	.010569	.007186
27.	.006157	.009585	.006844
28.	.004618	.007819	.005133
29.	.004336	.003153	.004503
30.	.001539	.004919	.001711
31.	.000924	.003582	.001027

Table A4. Preliminary sockeye salmon cumulative abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 6, 7 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN THOUSANDS	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN THOUSANDS	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN THOUSANDS
1.	11.79	9.32	2.890
2.	14.63	12.72	3.650
3.	20.88	20.80	9.320
4.	20.88	39.80	33.320
5.	114.50	86.84	90.660
6.	360.50	116.84	116.660
7.	602.86	187.44	150.700
8.	628.25	218.08	201.670
9.	872.56	396.60	318.840
10.	1106.49	596.48	417.030
11.	1520.49	660.48	474.030
12.	2066.49	732.48	489.030
13.	2243.49	789.48	560.030
14.	2295.09	856.48	593.430
15.	2427.69	971.48	632.830
16.	2748.05	1100.08	676.870
17.	2949.25	1182.08	701.670
18.	3029.73	1237.88	720.390
19.	3092.53	1288.88	737.590
20.	3139.56	1330.60	749.840
21.	3240.12	1391.20	775.680
22.	3398.12	1406.20	815.680
23.	3488.32	1460.20	838.480
24.	3549.12	1496.20	853.680
25.	3596.15	1522.92	864.930
26.	3625.01	1539.68	871.310
27.	3647.73	1554.88	877.390
28.	3664.77	1567.28	881.950
29.	3680.77	1572.28	885.950
30.	3686.45	1580.08	887.470
31.	3689.86	1585.76	888.380

Table A5. Preliminary sockeye salmon cumulative proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 6, 7 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION
1.	.00320	.00588	.00325
2.	.00397	.00802	.00411
3.	.00566	.01312	.01049
4.	.00566	.02510	.03751
5.	.03103	.05476	.10205
6.	.09770	.07368	.13131
7.	.16338	.11820	.16963
8.	.17026	.13752	.22701
9.	.23647	.25009	.35890
10.	.29987	.37614	.46943
11.	.41207	.41650	.53359
12.	.56004	.46190	.55048
13.	.60801	.49784	.63040
14.	.62199	.54009	.66799
15.	.65793	.61261	.71234
16.	.74475	.69371	.76192
17.	.79928	.74542	.78983
18.	.82109	.78060	.81091
19.	.83811	.81276	.83027
20.	.85085	.83907	.84405
21.	.87811	.87729	.87314
22.	.92092	.88674	.91817
23.	.94537	.92080	.94383
24.	.96185	.94350	.96094
25.	.97459	.96035	.97360
26.	.98241	.97092	.98079
27.	.98857	.98050	.98763
28.	.99319	.98832	.99276
29.	.99753	.99147	.99727
30.	.99906	.99639	.99898
31.	.99999	.99997	1.00000

Table A6. Preliminary sockeye salmon catch allocation based on proportions of daily escapement (Equations 8, 9 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. CATCH DAILY (No. in thousands)	IGUSHIK R. CATCH DAILY (No. in thousands)	NUYAKUK R. CATCH DAILY (No. in thousands)
1.	3.800	15.200	0.000
2.	0.000	5.000	0.000
3.	0.000	6.111	4.889
4.	0.000	0.000	0.000
5.	28.769	14.646	24.585
6.	0.000	0.000	0.000
7.	114.851	21.535	8.614
8.	2.489	3.734	6.777
9.	80.000	114.520	219.000
10.	51.000	110.880	235.000
11.	150.000	0.000	40.000
12.	16.000	0.000	4.000
13.	138.000	0.000	38.000
14.	8.766	44.805	21.429
15.	43.678	135.632	20.690
16.	202.197	64.170	3.632
17.	110.127	37.975	1.899
18.	44.000	61.111	4.889
19.	19.355	74.194	6.452
20.	13.704	57.556	2.741
21.	40.000	130.000	0.000
22.	66.087	123.913	0.000
23.	44.118	105.882	0.000
24.	33.333	66.667	0.000
25.	33.636	40.364	0.000
26.	21.000	21.000	0.000
27.	0.000	40.000	0.000
28.	0.000	30.000	0.000
29.	0.000	20.000	0.000
30.	0.000	10.000	0.000
31.	0.000	6.000	0.000

Table A7. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement (Equations 8, 9 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE
	DAILY (No. in thousands)	DAILY (No. in thousands)	DAILY (No. in thousands)
1.	4.800	19.200	0.000
2.	0.000	7.000	0.000
3.	0.000	11.111	8.889
4.	0.000	19.000	24.000
5.	83.769	42.646	71.585
6.	246.000	30.000	26.000
7.	274.851	51.535	20.614
8.	20.489	30.734	55.777
9.	92.000	178.520	274.000
10.	60.000	199.880	273.000
11.	414.000	64.000	57.000
12.	546.000	72.000	15.000
13.	177.000	57.000	71.000
14.	17.766	90.805	43.429
15.	62.678	194.632	29.690
16.	369.197	117.170	6.632
17.	226.127	77.975	3.899
18.	62.000	86.111	6.889
19.	25.355	97.194	8.452
20.	18.704	78.556	3.741
21.	44.000	143.000	0.000
22.	74.087	138.913	0.000
23.	49.118	117.882	0.000
24.	37.333	74.667	0.000
25.	38.636	46.364	0.000
26.	26.000	26.000	0.000
27.	0.000	44.000	0.000
28.	0.000	34.000	0.000
29.	0.000	25.000	0.000
30.	0.000	15.000	0.000
31.	0.000	10.000	0.000

Table A8. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement (Equations 8, 9 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION
1.	.001616	.0087277	0.000000
2.	0.000000	.0031820	0.000000
3.	0.000000	.0050507	.008893
4.	0.000000	.0086368	.024010
5.	.028206	.0193855	.071614
6.	.032831	.0136370	.026011
7.	.092546	.0234259	.020622
8.	.006899	.0139707	.055799
9.	.030977	.0811491	.274112
10.	.020203	.0908587	.273112
11.	.139399	.0290922	.057023
12.	.183845	.0327288	.015006
13.	.059598	.0259103	.071029
14.	.005982	.0412770	.043446
15.	.021104	.0884732	.029702
16.	.124313	.0532617	.006635
17.	.076139	.0354446	.003900
18.	.020876	.0391432	.006892
19.	.008537	.0441809	.008455
20.	.006298	.0357087	.003742
21.	.014815	.0650030	0.000000
22.	.024946	.0631452	0.000000
23.	.016538	.0535853	0.000000
24.	.012571	.0339409	0.000000
25.	.013009	.0210753	0.000000
26.	.008755	.0118187	0.000000
27.	0.000000	.0200009	0.000000
28.	0.000000	.0154552	0.000000
29.	0.000000	.0113642	0.000000
30.	0.000000	.0068185	0.000000
31.	0.000000	.0045457	0.000000

Table A9. Preliminary sockeye salmon cumulative abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 8, 9 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN THOUSANDS	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN THOUSANDS	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN THOUSANDS
1.	4.80	19.20	0.000
2.	4.80	26.20	0.000
3.	4.80	37.31	8.890
4.	4.80	56.31	32.890
5.	88.57	98.96	104.470
6.	334.57	128.96	130.470
7.	609.42	180.49	151.090
8.	629.91	211.23	206.860
9.	721.91	389.75	480.860
10.	781.91	589.63	753.860
11.	1195.91	653.63	810.860
12.	1741.91	725.63	825.860
13.	1918.91	782.63	896.860
14.	1936.68	873.43	940.290
15.	1999.35	1068.06	969.980
16.	2368.55	1185.23	976.610
17.	2594.68	1263.21	980.510
18.	2656.68	1349.32	987.400
19.	2682.03	1446.51	995.850
20.	2700.74	1525.07	999.590
21.	2744.74	1668.07	999.590
22.	2818.82	1806.98	999.590
23.	2867.94	1924.86	999.590
24.	2905.27	1999.53	999.590
25.	2943.91	2045.89	999.590
26.	2969.91	2071.89	999.590
27.	2969.91	2115.89	999.590
28.	2969.91	2149.89	999.590
29.	2969.91	2174.89	999.590
30.	2969.91	2189.89	999.590
31.	2969.91	2199.89	999.590

Table A10. Preliminary sockeye salmon cumulative proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement (Equations 8, 9 and 10).

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION
1.	.00162	.00873	0.00000
2.	.00162	.01191	0.00000
3.	.00162	.01696	.00889
4.	.00162	.02560	.03290
5.	.02982	.04498	.10452
6.	.11265	.05862	.13053
7.	.20520	.08205	.15115
8.	.21210	.09602	.20695
9.	.24308	.17717	.48106
10.	.26328	.26802	.75417
11.	.40268	.29712	.81120
12.	.58652	.32984	.82620
13.	.64612	.35576	.89723
14.	.65210	.39703	.94068
15.	.67321	.48551	.97038
16.	.79752	.53877	.97702
17.	.87366	.57421	.98092
18.	.89453	.61335	.98781
19.	.90307	.65754	.99626
20.	.90937	.69324	1.00000
21.	.92418	.75825	1.00000
22.	.94913	.82139	1.00000
23.	.96567	.87498	1.00000
24.	.97824	.90892	1.00000
25.	.99125	.92999	1.00000
26.	1.00000	.94181	1.00000
27.	1.00000	.96181	1.00000
28.	1.00000	.97727	1.00000
29.	1.00000	.98863	1.00000
30.	1.00000	.99545	1.00000
31.	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000

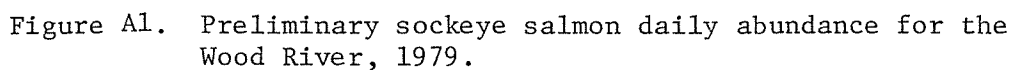


Figure A1. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily abundance for the Wood River, 1979.

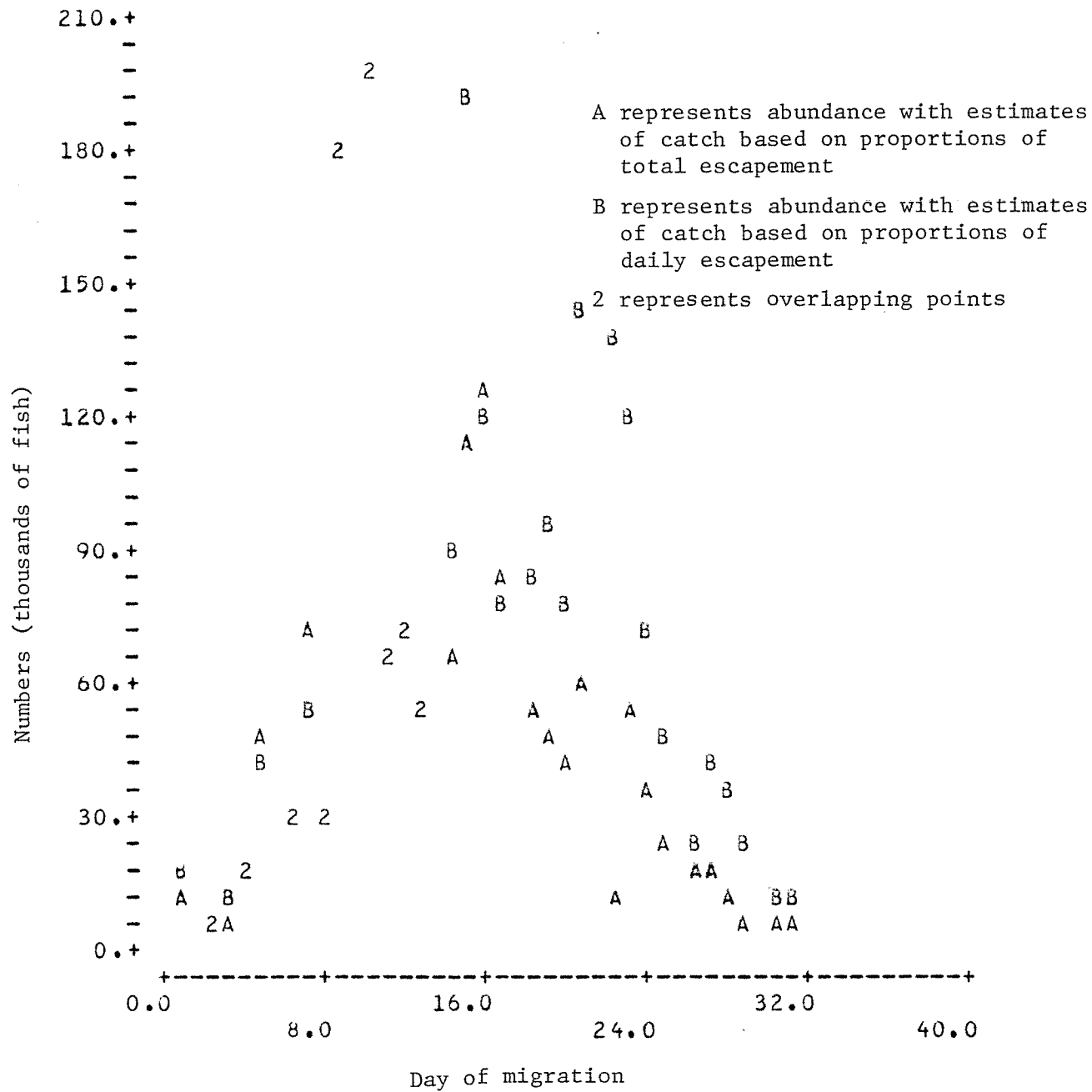


Figure A2. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily abundance for the Igushik River, 1979.

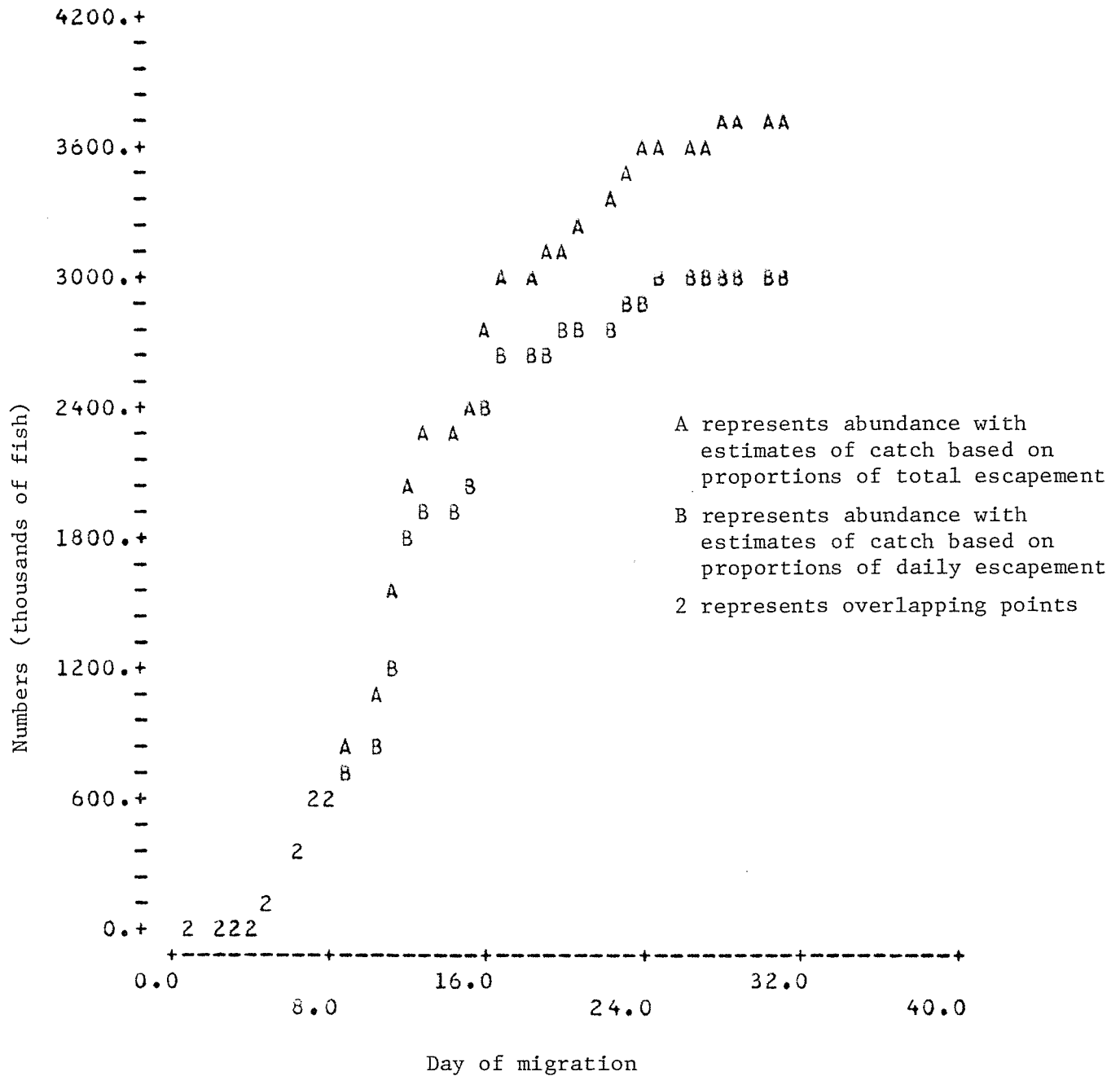


Figure A4. Preliminary sockeye salmon cumulative abundance for the Wood River, 1979.

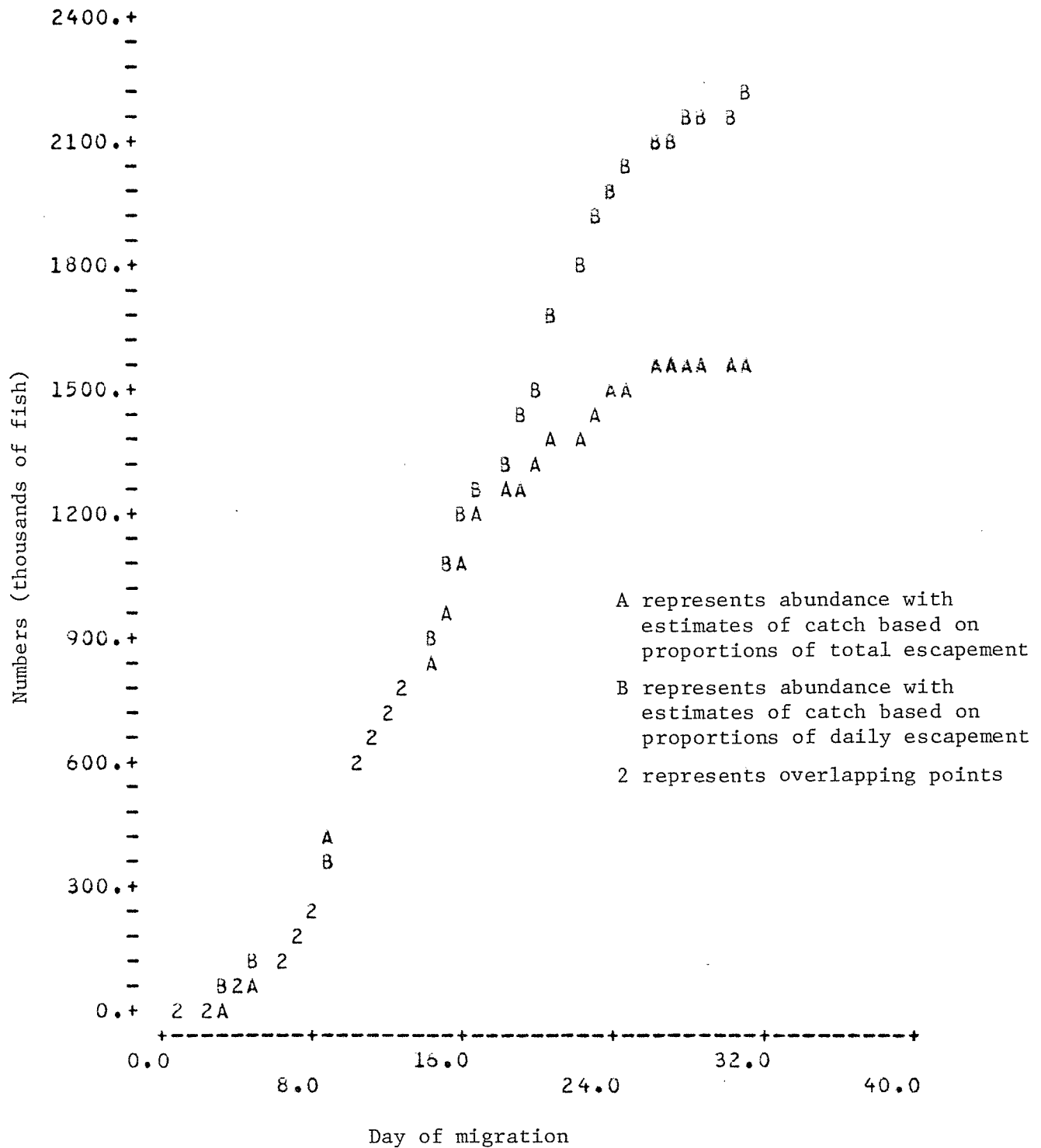


Figure A5. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily abundance for the Igushik River, 1979.

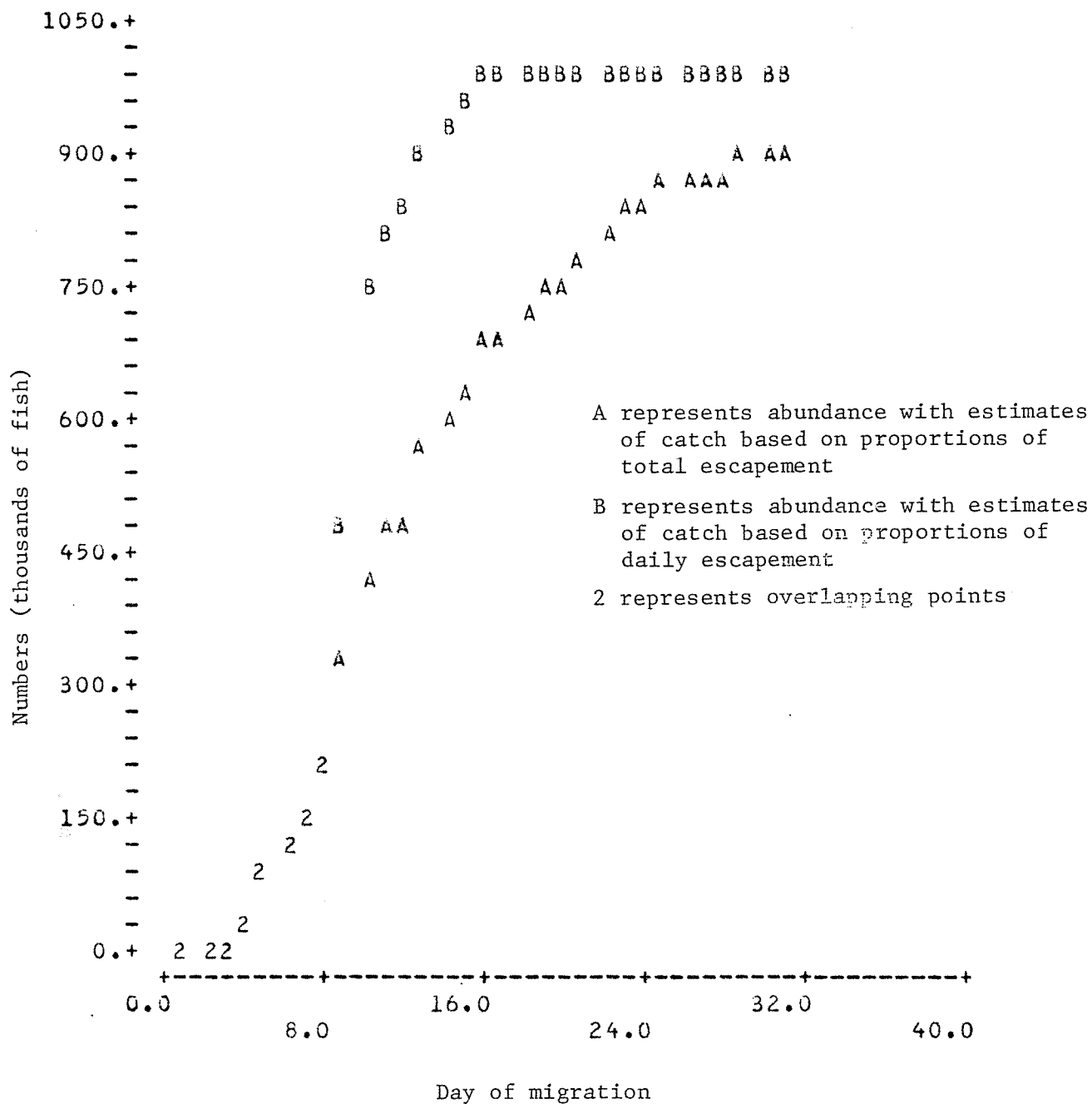


Figure A6. Preliminary sockeye salmon daily abundance for the Nuyakuk River, 1979.

APPENDIX B

Observed Abundance and Migratory Time-Density
Functions for Sockeye Salmon from Wood,
Igushik and Nuyakuk Rivers, 1979

Table B1. Observed proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement and expected proportions of abundance based on migratory time density functions for the Wood River, 1979.

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION OBSERVED	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION EXPECTED	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION OBSERVED	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION EXPECTED
1.	.003196	.0058198	.00320	.005820
2.	.000770	.0085834	.00397	.014400
3.	.001693	.0122534	.00566	.026660
4.	0.000000	.0169319	.00566	.043590
5.	.025373	.0226467	.03103	.066240
6.	.066668	.0293197	.09770	.095550
7.	.065682	.0367421	.16338	.132300
8.	.006879	.0445677	.17026	.176860
9.	.066211	.0523273	.23647	.229190
10.	.063397	.0594687	.29987	.288660
11.	.112198	.0654185	.41207	.354080
12.	.147971	.0696569	.56004	.423740
13.	.047969	.0717926	.60801	.495530
14.	.013984	.0716220	.62199	.567150
15.	.035936	.0691617	.65793	.636310
16.	.086821	.0646452	.74475	.700960
17.	.054527	.0584869	.79928	.759440
18.	.021811	.0512192	.82109	.810660
19.	.017019	.0434169	.83811	.854080
20.	.012746	.0356235	.85085	.889700
21.	.027253	.0282922	.87811	.918000
22.	.042820	.0217494	.92092	.939750
23.	.024445	.0161838	.94537	.955930
24.	.016477	.0116564	.96185	.967590
25.	.012746	.0081265	.97459	.975710
26.	.007820	.0054839	.98241	.981200
27.	.006157	.0035820	.98857	.984780
28.	.004618	.0022648	.99319	.987040
29.	.004336	.0013860	.99753	.988430
30.	.001539	.0008210	.99906	.989250
31.	.000924	.0004708	.99999	.989720

Table B2. Observed proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement and expected proportions of abundance based on migratory time density functions for the Igushik River, 1979.

DAY OF MIGRATION	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION OBSERVED	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION EXPECTED	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION OBSERVED	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION EXPECTED
1.	.005877	.0061231	.00588	.006120
2.	.002144	.0087195	.00802	.014840
3.	.005095	.0120711	.01312	.026910
4.	.011981	.0162459	.02510	.043160
5.	.029663	.0212559	.05476	.064420
6.	.018918	.0270365	.07368	.091450
7.	.044520	.0334319	.11820	.124880
8.	.019321	.0401892	.13752	.165070
9.	.112574	.0469672	.25009	.212040
10.	.126044	.0533604	.37614	.265400
11.	.040358	.0589361	.41650	.324340
12.	.045403	.0632822	.46190	.387620
13.	.035944	.0660571	.49784	.453680
14.	.042250	.0670341	.54009	.520710
15.	.072519	.0661318	.61261	.586840
16.	.081095	.0634253	.69371	.650270
17.	.051709	.0591361	.74542	.709400
18.	.035187	.0536020	.78060	.763010
19.	.032160	.0472332	.81276	.810240
20.	.026308	.0404624	.83907	.850700
21.	.038214	.0336972	.87729	.884400
22.	.009459	.0272819	.88674	.911680
23.	.034052	.0214730	.92080	.933150
24.	.022701	.0164304	.94350	.949580
25.	.016850	.0122220	.96035	.961810
26.	.010569	.0088385	.97092	.970640
27.	.009585	.0062136	.98050	.976860
28.	.007819	.0042467	.98832	.981100
29.	.003153	.0028216	.99147	.983930
30.	.004919	.0018226	.99639	.985750
31.	.003582	.0011445	.99997	.986890

Table B3. Observed proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement and expected proportions of abundance based on migratory time density functions for the Nuyakuk River, 1979

DAY OF MIGRATION	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION OBSERVED	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION EXPECTED	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION OBSERVED	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION EXPECTED
1.	.003251	.0097446	.00325	.009745
2.	.000855	.0133405	.00411	.023085
3.	.006385	.0177596	.01049	.040845
4.	.027015	.0229903	.03751	.063835
5.	.064540	.0289406	.10205	.092776
6.	.029267	.0354258	.13131	.128201
7.	.038317	.0421681	.16963	.170370
8.	.057381	.0488090	.22701	.219179
9.	.131890	.0549371	.35890	.274116
10.	.110529	.0601288	.46943	.334244
11.	.064162	.0639957	.53359	.398240
12.	.016885	.0662323	.55048	.464473
13.	.079921	.0666561	.63040	.531129
14.	.037597	.0652320	.66799	.596361
15.	.044350	.0620773	.71234	.658438
16.	.049573	.0574454	.76192	.715883
17.	.027916	.0516927	.78983	.767576
18.	.021072	.0452329	.81091	.812809
19.	.019361	.0384884	.83027	.851297
20.	.013787	.0318461	.84405	.883143
21.	.029087	.0256233	.87314	.908767
22.	.045026	.0200476	.91817	.928814
23.	.025665	.0152526	.94383	.944067
24.	.017110	.0112843	.96094	.955351
25.	.012661	.0081181	.97360	.963469
26.	.007186	.0056792	.98079	.969149
27.	.006844	.0038634	.98763	.973012
28.	.005133	.0025557	.99276	.975563
29.	.004503	.0016440	.99727	.977212
30.	.001711	.0010283	.99898	.978240
31.	.001027	.0006255	1.00000	.978865

Table B4. Observed proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected proportions of abundance based on migratory time density functions for the Wood River, 1979.

DAY OF MIGRATION	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION OBSERVED	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION EXPECTED	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION OBSERVED	WOOD R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION EXPECTED
1.	.001616	.0045363	.00162	.004540
2.	0.000000	.0072533	.00162	.011790
3.	0.000000	.0111250	.00162	.022910
4.	0.000000	.0163679	.00162	.039280
5.	.028206	.0231002	.02982	.062380
6.	.082831	.0312730	.11265	.093660
7.	.092546	.0406117	.20520	.134270
8.	.006899	.0505897	.21210	.184860
9.	.030977	.0604510	.24308	.245310
10.	.020203	.0692906	.26328	.314600
11.	.139399	.0761859	.40268	.390780
12.	.183845	.0803535	.58652	.471140
13.	.059598	.0812951	.64612	.552430
14.	.005982	.0788958	.65210	.631330
15.	.021104	.0734468	.67321	.704780
16.	.124313	.0655875	.79752	.770360
17.	.076139	.0561823	.87366	.826550
18.	.020876	.0461644	.89453	.872710
19.	.008537	.0363869	.90307	.909100
20.	.006298	.0275114	.90937	.936610
21.	.014615	.0199530	.92418	.956560
22.	.024946	.0138815	.94913	.970440
23.	.016538	.0092639	.96567	.979710
24.	.012571	.0059303	.97824	.985640
25.	.013009	.0036416	.99125	.989280
26.	.008755	.0021451	1.00000	.991420
27.	0.000000	.0012120	1.00000	.992640
28.	0.000000	.0006569	1.00000	.993290
29.	0.000000	.0003415	1.00000	.993630
30.	0.000000	.0001703	1.00000	.993800
31.	0.000000	.0000815	1.00000	.993890

Table B5. Observed proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected proportions of abundance based on migratory time density functions for the Igushik River, 1979.

DAY OF MIGRATION	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION OBSERVED	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION EXPECTED	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION OBSERVED	IGUSHIK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION EXPECTED
1.	.0087277	.0040282	.00873	.004030
2.	.0031820	.0057120	.01191	.009740
3.	.0050507	.0079082	.01696	.017650
4.	.0086368	.0106903	.02560	.028340
5.	.0193855	.0141098	.04498	.042450
6.	.0136370	.0181831	.05862	.060630
7.	.0234259	.0228788	.08205	.083510
8.	.0139707	.0281070	.09602	.111620
9.	.0811491	.0337143	.17717	.145330
10.	.0908587	.0394850	.26802	.184820
11.	.0290922	.0451509	.29712	.229970
12.	.0327288	.0504103	.32984	.280380
13.	.0259103	.0549527	.35576	.335330
14.	.0412770	.0584894	.39703	.393820
15.	.0884732	.0607830	.48551	.454600
16.	.0532617	.0616744	.53877	.516280
17.	.0354446	.0611006	.57421	.577380
18.	.0391432	.0591022	.61335	.636480
19.	.0441809	.0558187	.65754	.692300
20.	.0357087	.0514722	.69324	.743770
21.	.0650030	.0463429	.75825	.790110
22.	.0631452	.0407392	.82139	.830850
23.	.0535853	.0349670	.87498	.865820
24.	.0339409	.0293036	.90892	.895120
25.	.0210753	.0239774	.92999	.919100
26.	.0118187	.0191559	.94181	.938260
27.	.0200009	.0149423	.96181	.953200
28.	.0154552	.0113803	.97727	.964580
29.	.0113642	.0084626	.98863	.973040
30.	.0068185	.0061443	.99545	.979190
31.	.0045457	.0043557	1.00000	.983540

Table B6. Observed proportions of abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected proportions of abundance based on migratory time density functions for the Nuyakuk River, 1979.

DAY OF MIGRATION	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION OBSERVED	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE DAILY PROPORTION EXPECTED	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION OBSERVED	NUYAKUK R. ABUNDANCE CUMULATIVE PROPORTION EXPECTED
1.	0.000000	.001350	0.000000	.001350
2.	0.000000	.003669	0.000000	.005020
3.	.008893	.008828	.00889	.013850
4.	.024010	.018819	.03290	.032670
5.	.071614	.035534	.10452	.068200
6.	.026011	.059434	.13053	.127630
7.	.020622	.088057	.15115	.215690
8.	.055799	.115568	.20695	.331260
9.	.274112	.134354	.48106	.465610
10.	.273112	.138358	.75417	.603970
11.	.057023	.126212	.81120	.730180
12.	.015006	.101985	.82620	.832170
13.	.071029	.072998	.89723	.905170
14.	.043446	.046284	.94068	.951450
15.	.029702	.025995	.97038	.977440
16.	.006635	.012933	.97702	.990380
17.	.003900	.005699	.98092	.996080
18.	.006892	.002225	.98781	.998300
19.	.008455	.000769	.99626	.999070
20.	.003742	.000236	1.00000	.999310
21.	0.000000	.000064	1.00000	.999370
22.	0.000000	.000015	1.00000	.999390
23.	0.000000	.000003	1.00000	.999390
24.	0.000000	.000001	1.00000	.999390
25.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390
26.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390
27.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390
28.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390
29.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390
30.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390
31.	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000	.999390

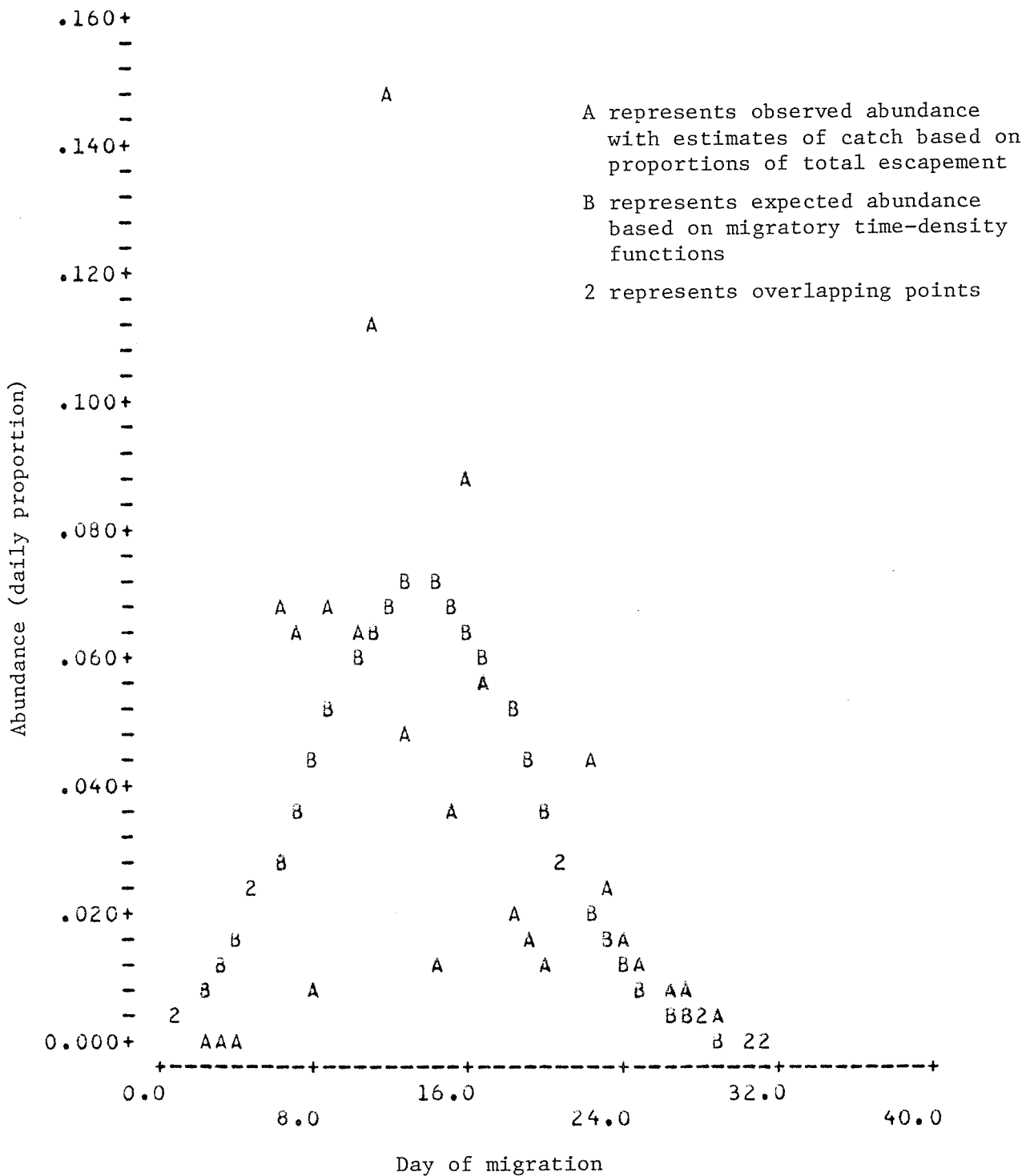


Figure B1. Observed daily abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Wood River, 1979.

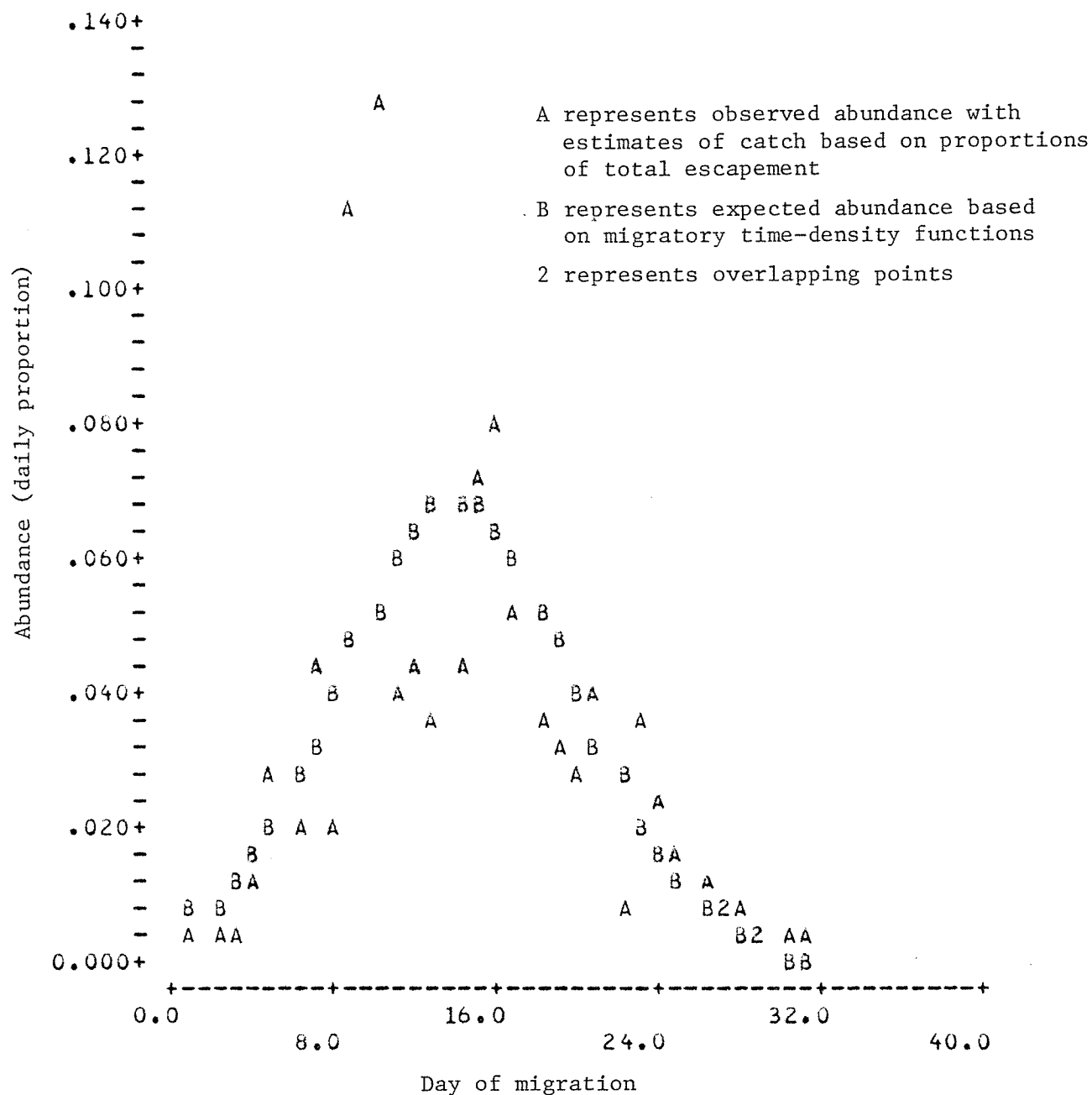


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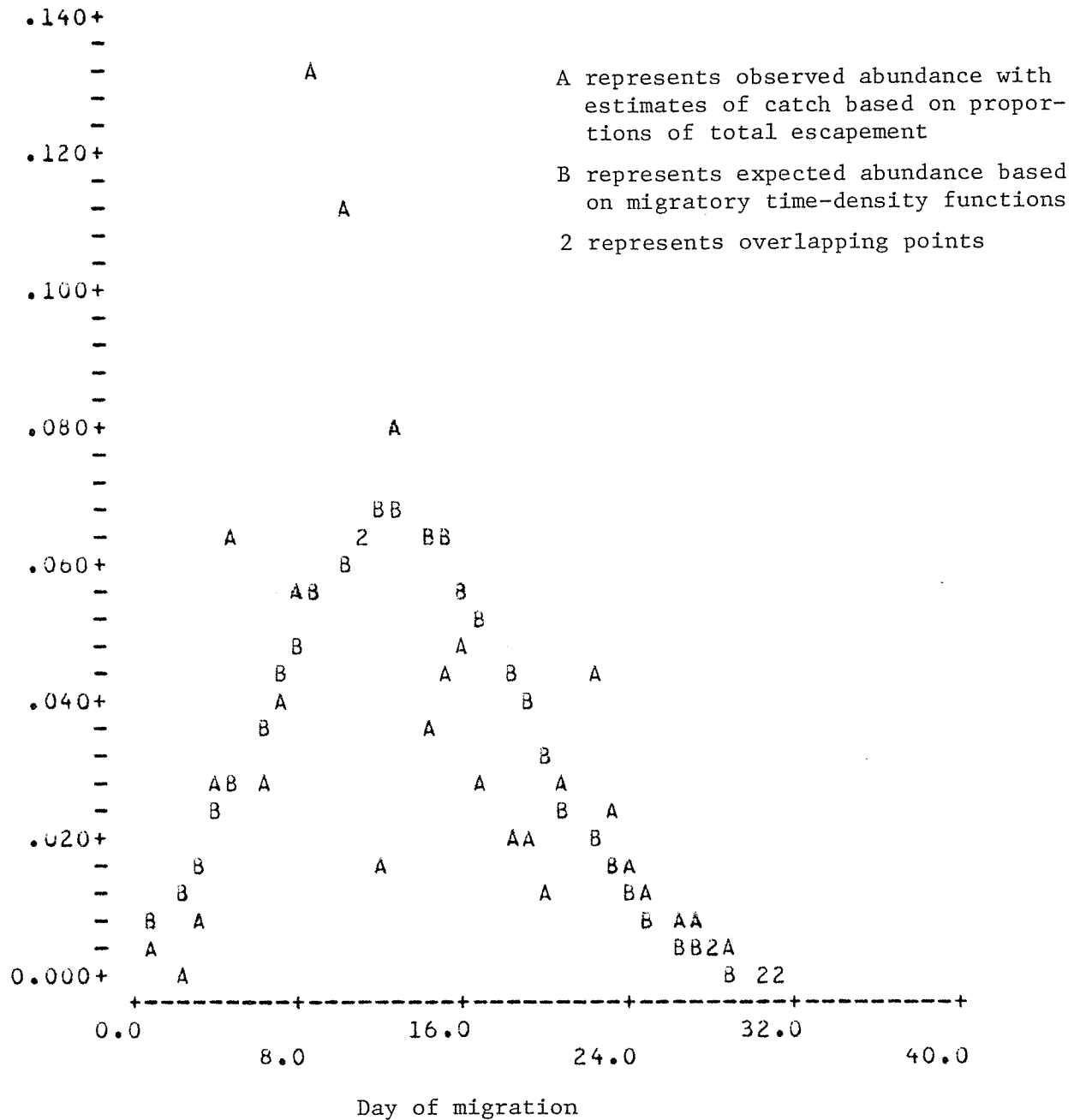


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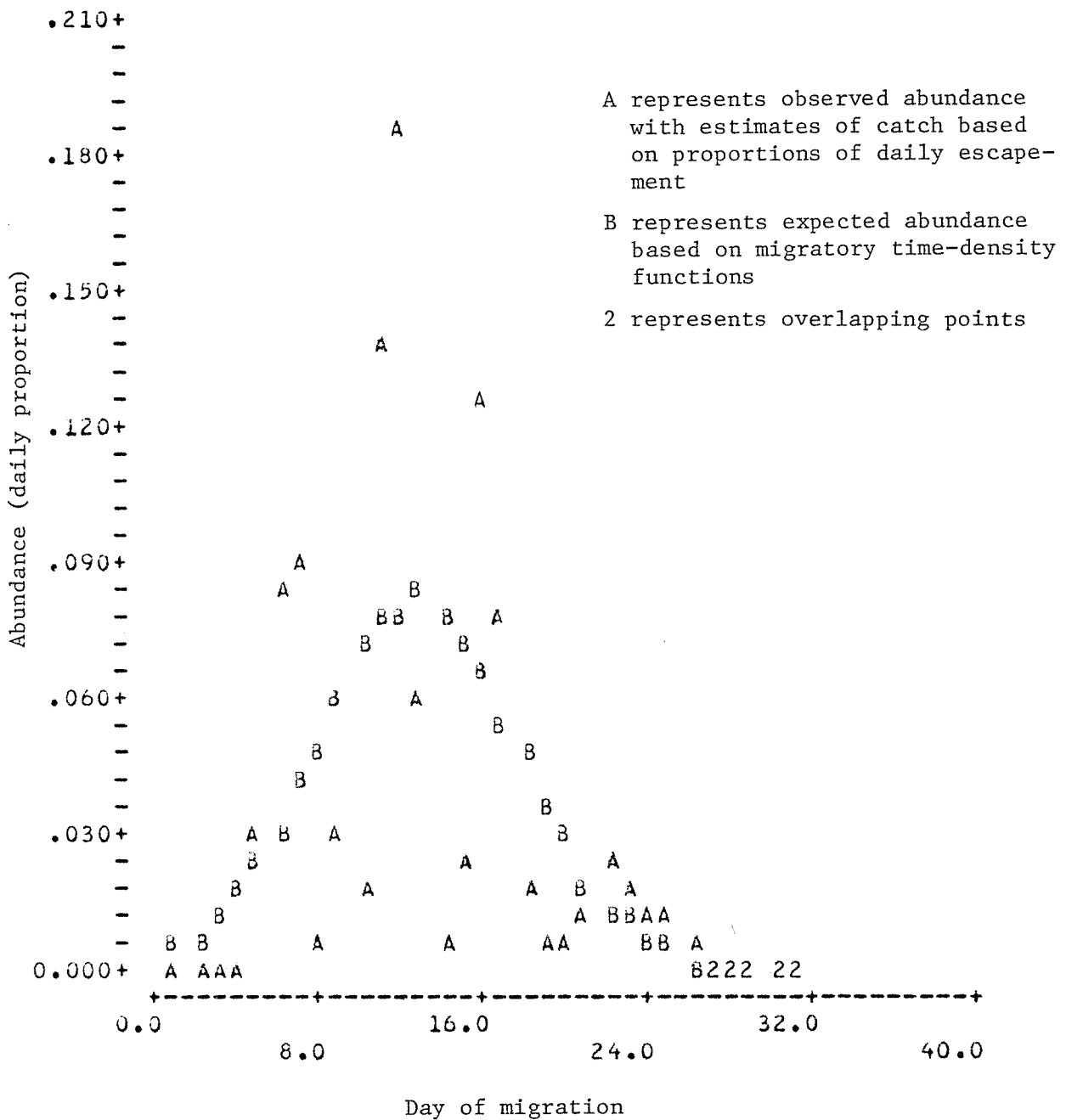


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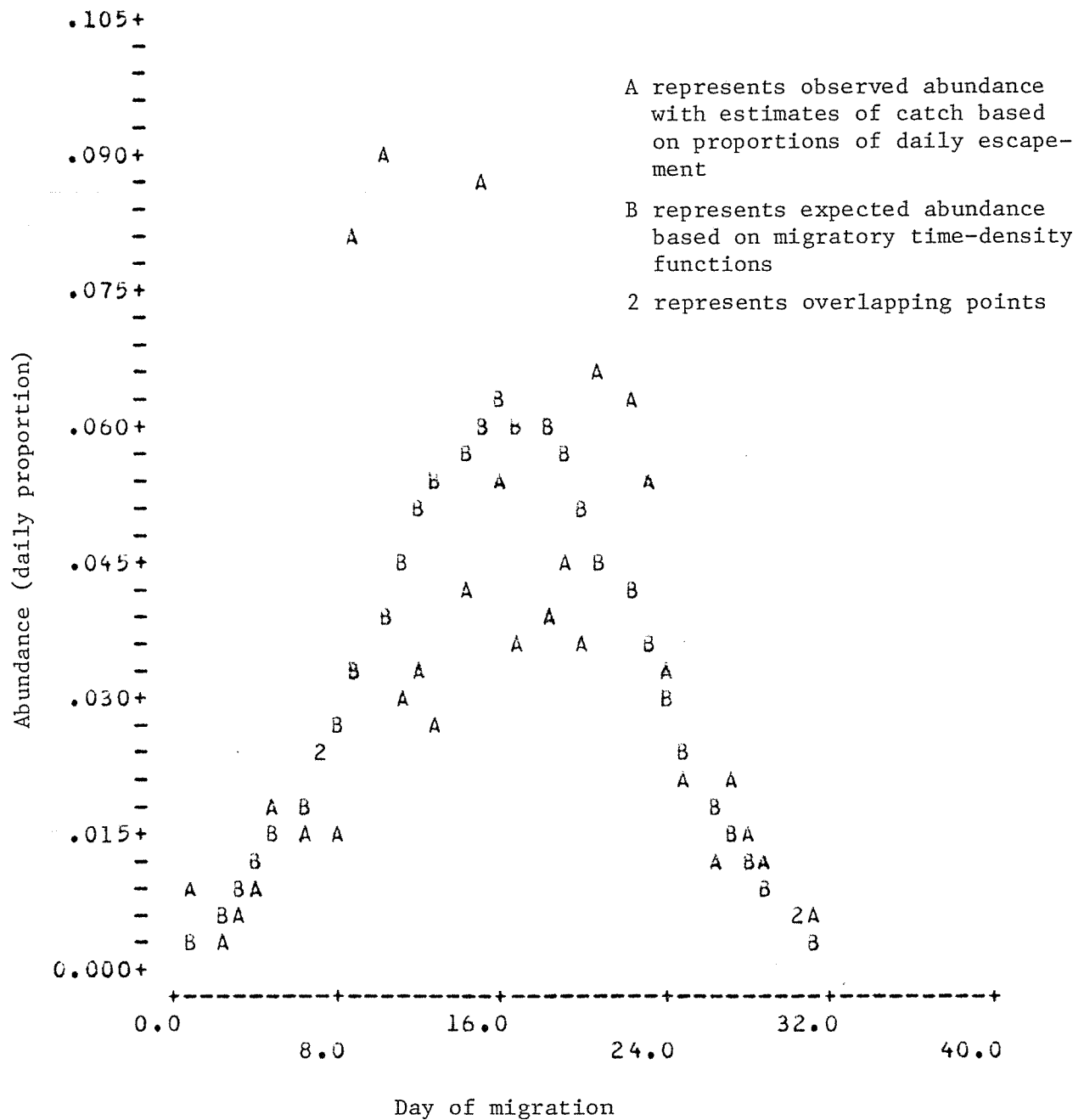


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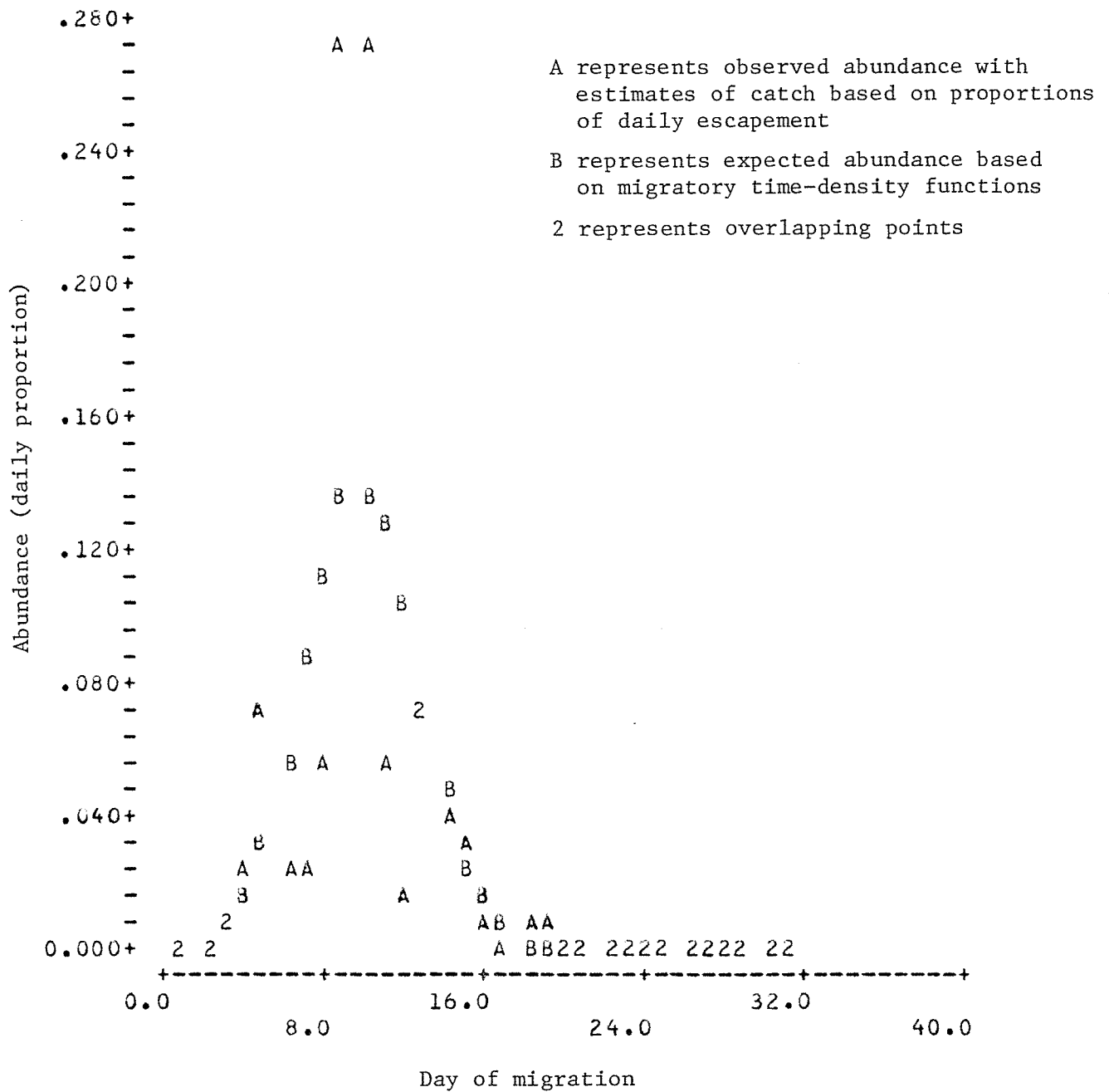


Figure B6. Observed daily abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Nuyakuk River, 1979.

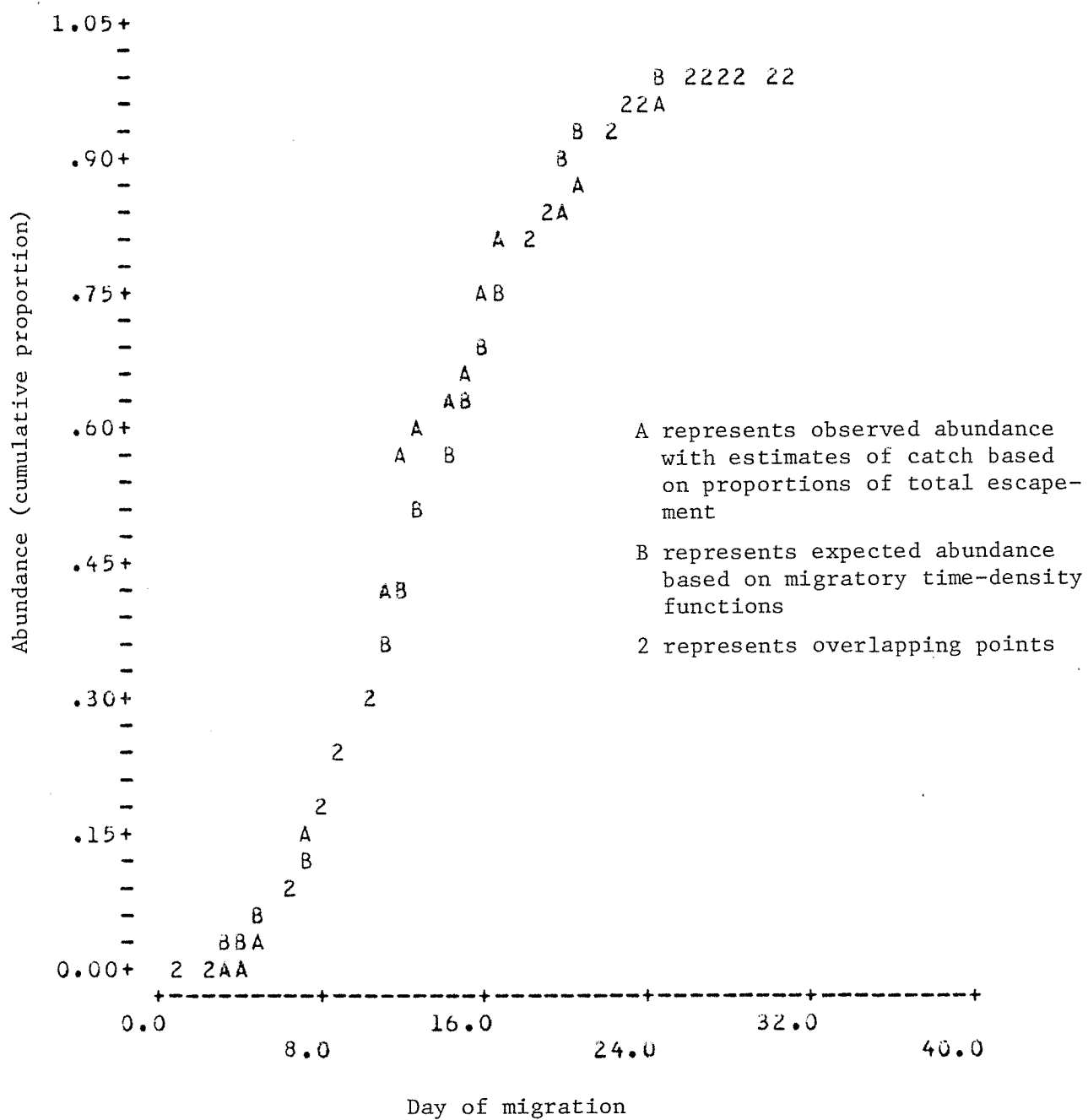


Figure B7. Observed cumulative abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Wood River, 1979.

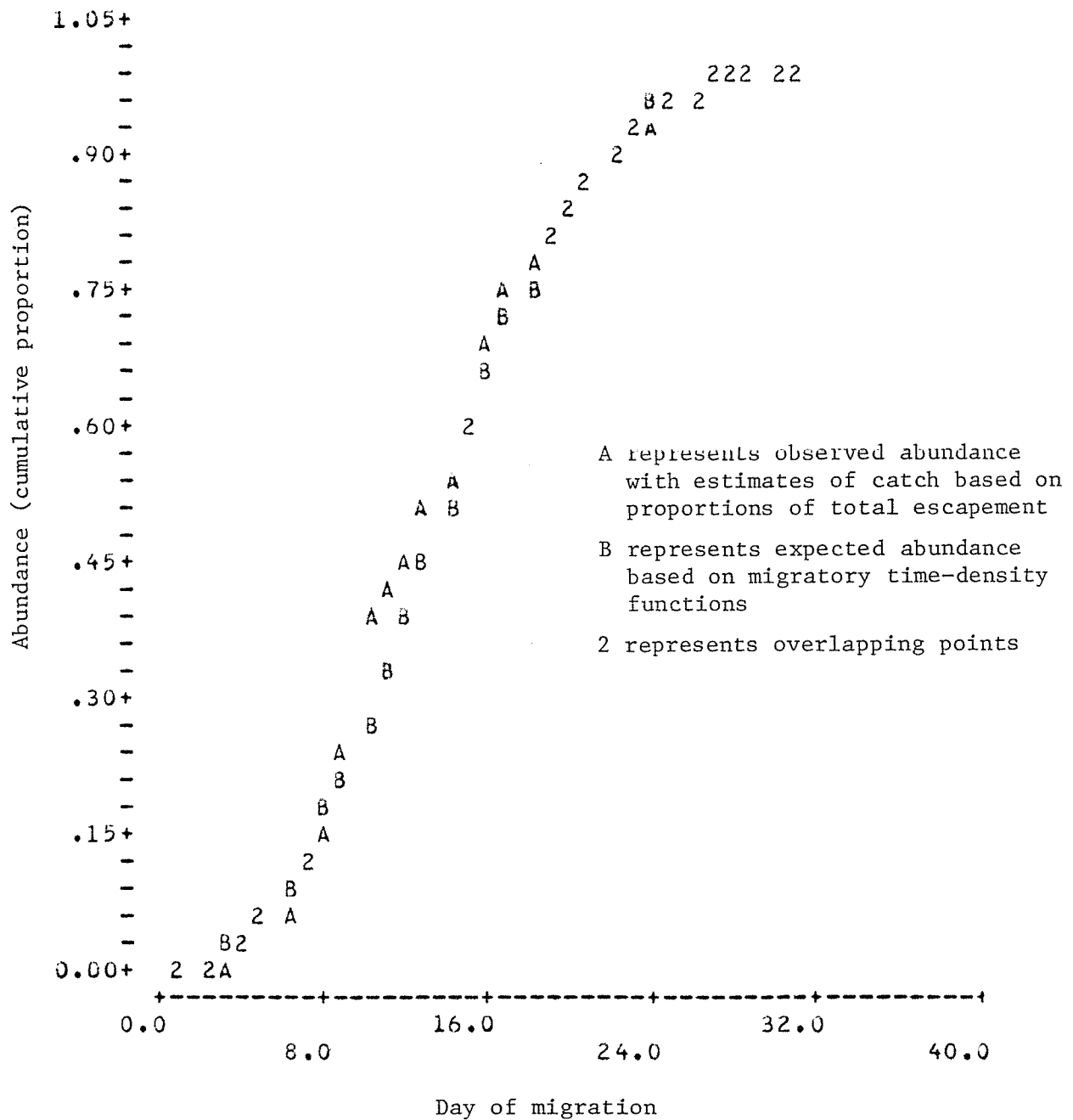


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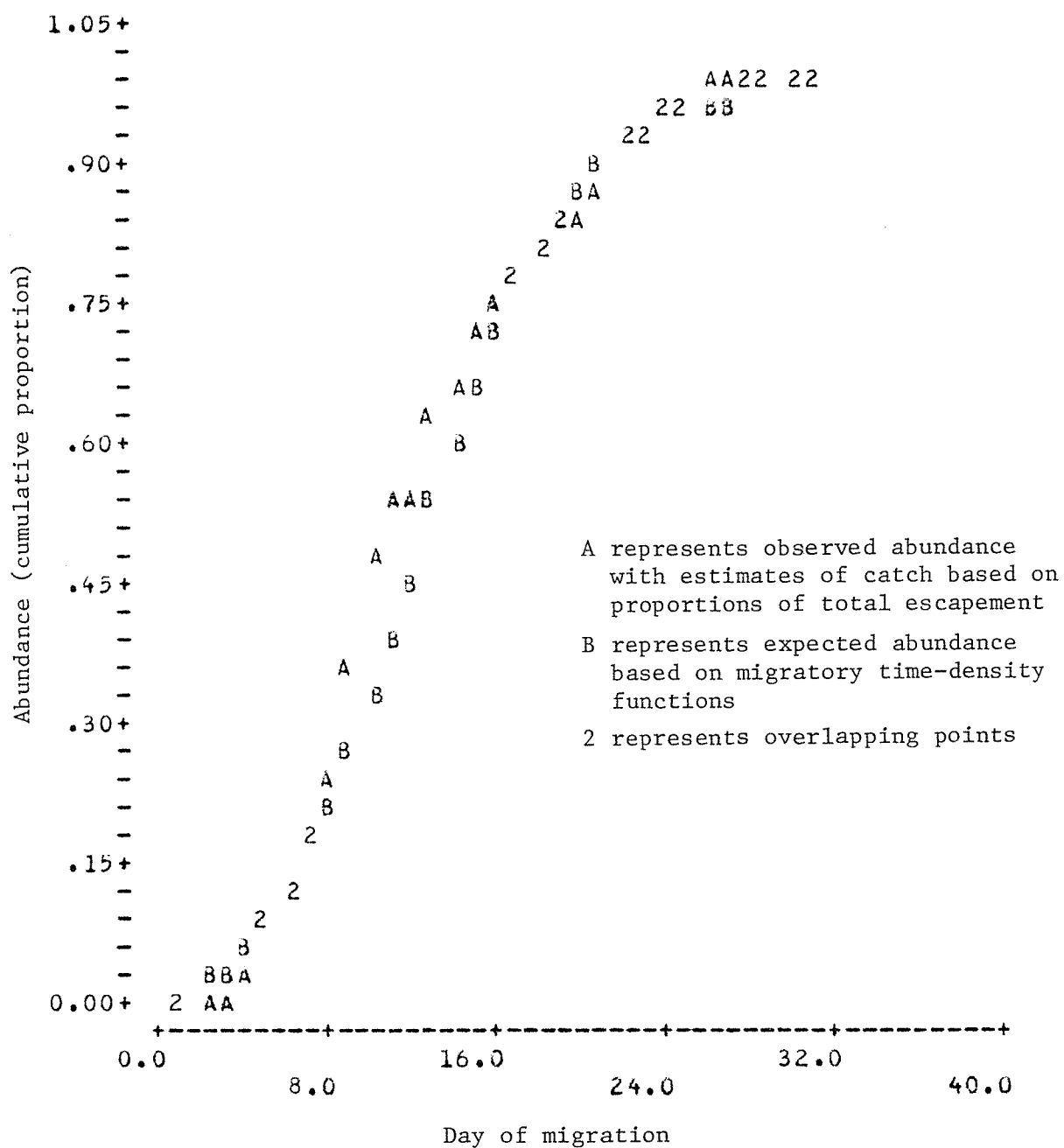


Table B9. Observed cumulative abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of total escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Nuyakuk River, 1979.

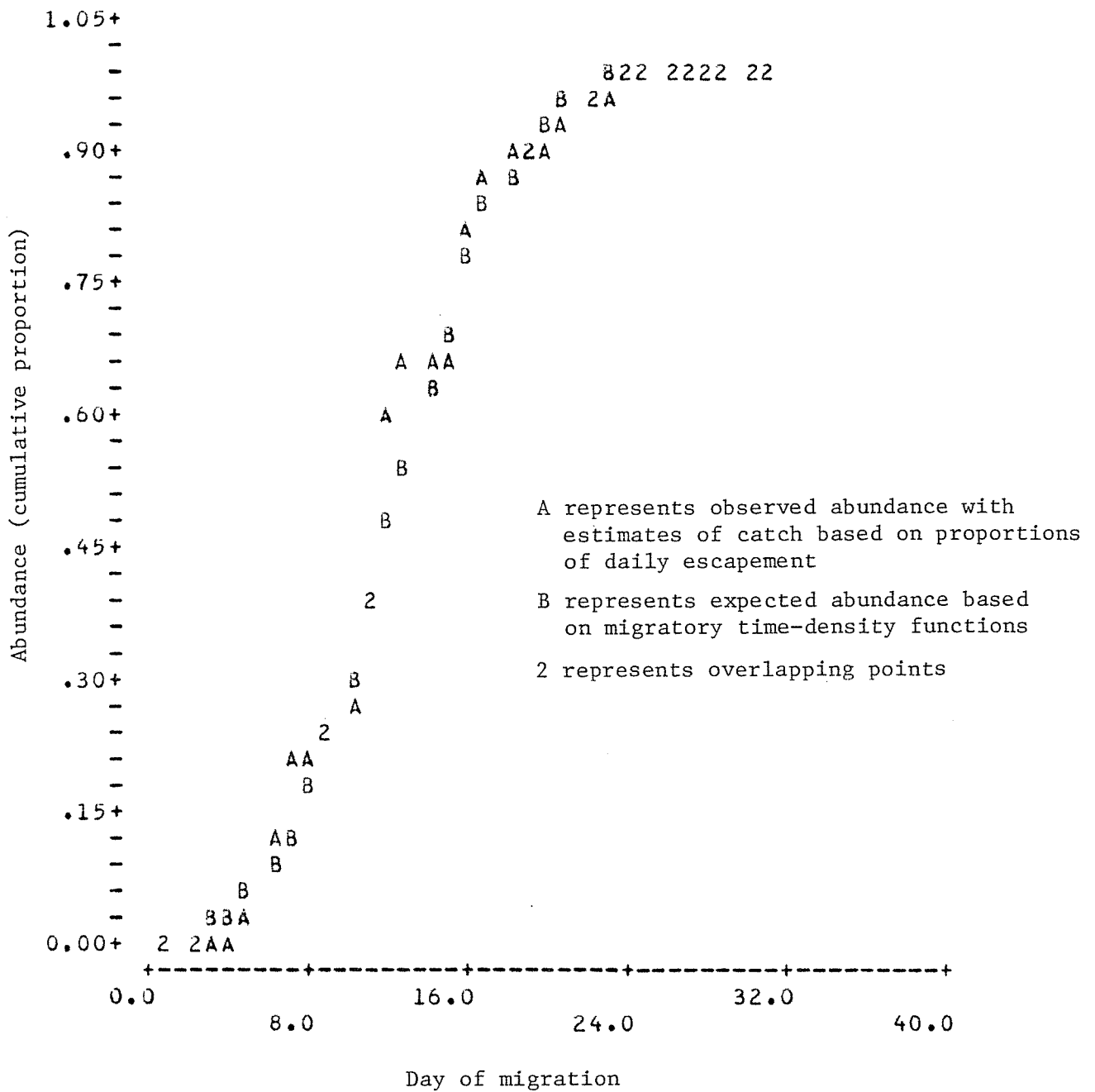


Figure B10. Observed cumulative abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Wood River, 1979.

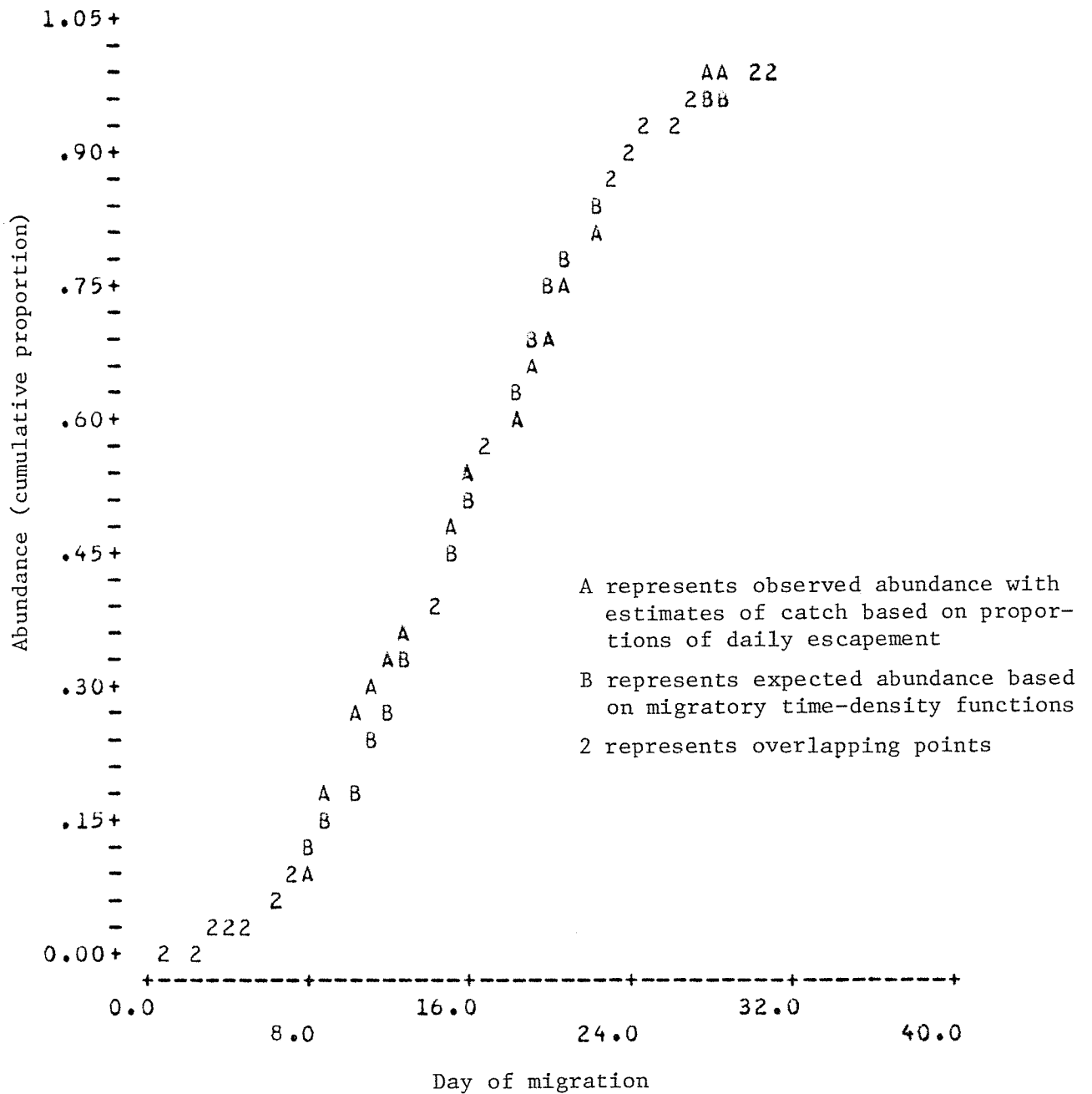


Figure B11. Observed daily abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Igushik River, 1979.

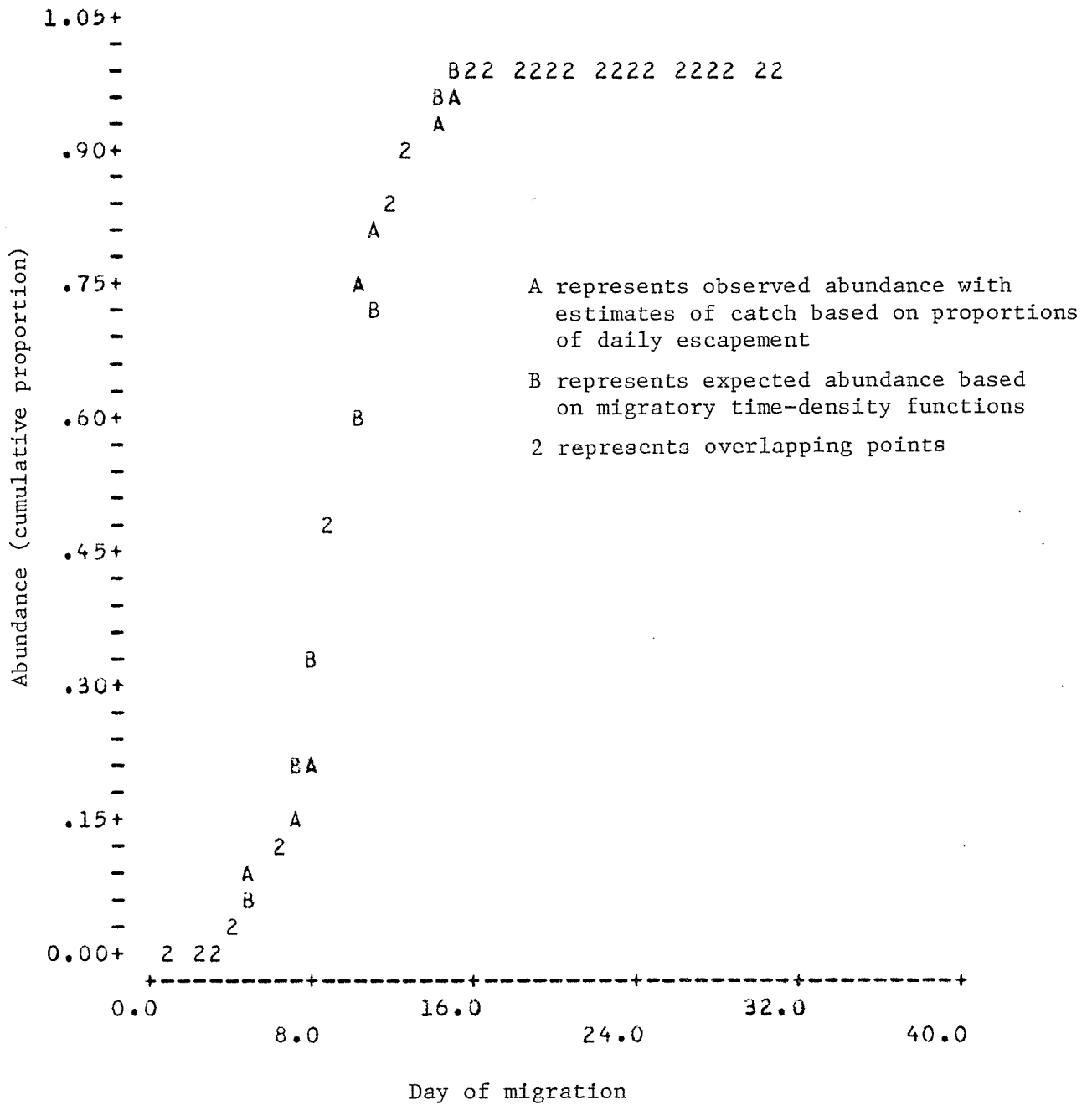


Figure B12. Observed daily abundance with estimates of catch based on proportions of daily escapement and expected abundance based on migratory time-density functions for the Nuyakuk River, 1979.