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## InTRODUCTION

The University of Washington School of Fisheries' Alaska Salmon Program (ASP) (formerly "Fisheries Research Institute" [FRI]) was established in 1946 with the financial support of the major Alaska salmon (Oncorhynchus spp.) processors to investigate the causes of the declines in production that had occurred in most stocks since the 1930s, work with the government management agency to increase our knowledge of the biology of salmon and the effects of the fisheries on the stocks, and assist salmon processors by providing a second opinion on matters of salmon fisheries management. With the high levels of production since the 1980s, our primary objectives now have been_to determine how to maintain this high production (i.e., understand what has caused year-to-year variation) and provide information so that the salmon can be harvested and processed most efficiently (e.g., accurately forecast the run and facilitate even distribution of fishing throughout the run).

We presently have salmon research projects in Bristol Bay, the Alaska Peninsula, and Chignik that are funded in part or entirely by the industry. In addition, we have a federally funded high-seas salmon project that was focused on the oceanic distribution of salmon and the vulnerability of North American stocks to foreign fisheries, but is now focusing on ocean carrying capacity for salmon. In recent years, we have also worked in Kodiak, Southeast Alaska, and on the Yukon stocks. All these projects have been carried out in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF\&G) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (high seas), and we have also had cooperative research projects with salmon biologists from Japan and Russia.

This report is focused on our 1999 Bristol Bay research with emphasis on salmon forecasting and research relevant to escapement policies for maximizing production. Our Alaska Peninsula annual report will be completed in April and our Chignik report will be submitted in May.

## FORECASTING

The 1999 total inshore run to Bristol Bay was 40 million sockeye (O. nerka) salmon. The run proved to be confound-
ing to processors and managers alike as the fish remained in the bay during the early portion (due to very cold water temperatures) and came in at high abundance from July 1 to July 4. Our 1999 preseason forecast was $12 \%$ low using the traditional method and $28 \%$ low using the alternative method (Hilborn et al. 1998). The Port Moller inseason forecast predicted a run of 32.9 million on June 25 and 38.9 million on July 1.

## Preseason Forecasts

Forecasts of the 2000 Bristol Bay sockeye salmon runs and catches were provided to participating processors at our November 1999 meeting (Hilborn et al. 1999). They are presented in Table 1 with the ADF\&G forecasts and the past forecasts and runs beginning in 1990. The two river system forecasts (ASP and ADF\&G) are based on the same data sources but different analytical methods have often been used. For the 2000 forecast, ASP and ADF\&G used similar statistical methods that resulted in comparable forecasts ( 37.7 and 35.4 million, respectively; Link and Gray 2000). Both ASP and ADF\&G primarily used sibling return relationships along with spawner return models to forecast the run. Forecasting for 2000 is complicated by the very strong return of 2-ocean fish in 1999 and the very weak return of jacks (salmon maturing after 1 year in the ocean). For example, a large return of 2-ocean fish in 1999 could indicate either a strong return of 3-ocean fish in 2000, due to high marine survival for the brood, or a dominant 2-ocean year maturation within this cohort. Comparatively, our forecast was a bit higher as we weighted the 2-ocean to 3-ocean sibling return relationship a bit heavier (notably for the Egegik system) than did ADF\&G. We arrived at our final forecast by assigning probabilities to the results of different combinations of the sibling relationships between jacks and 2-ocean returns and 2-ocean and 3-ocean returns. The outlook for 2000 is for the run and catch to be almost equal to the recent years' average. However, the specter of the poor returns in 1997 and 1998 is still present and we cannot say with any certainty that it will not happen again.

The combined Naknek/Kvichak and Egegik districts are
expected to produce nearly $70 \%$ of the Bristol Bay run in 2000. A recruits-per-spawner analysis for the Kvichak predicts a large return of 2.2 s ( $\sim 9$ million), mainly due to the 1995 brood year escapement of 10 million. However, no jacks were counted in the Kvichak system and a sibling return model yields a very minimal forecast. We combined these methods to predict a 2.2 Kvichak run of 2.9 million. The uncertainty in this forecast is great and we could see a very small return of Kvichak 2.2s if the 1999 return of jacks proves to be an accurate indicator or a very large return if last year's poor jack return proves to be an anomaly. Our Egegik forecast is dominated by a strong return of 3-ocean fish, which should occur if the large 1999 return of 2-ocean fish indicates good marine survival. However, if last year's strong 2-ocean return occurred because a larger proportion of fish matured early, then the 2000 return of Egegik 3ocean could be smaller than expected.

## Port Moller Forecast

The Port Moller inseason test fishery was conducted by ADF\&G during June and early July from 1968 through 1985, with a change in gear in 1985. There was no test fishery in 1986 and, beginning in 1987, ASP conducted the test fishery each year. The test fishery now employs a 200-f gillnet that is 60 meshes deep and has $51 / 8$-in stretched mesh. The web is multistrand monofilament (center core). From 1994 to 1998, we used the fishing vessel Cape Cross. A new vessel, the Sojourn, was employed in 1999. Four stations ( $2,4,6,8$ ) have been routinely fished along a transect 33 to 63 nmi out from Port Moller ( 16 to 42 nmi from the nearest coastline). Additionally, in 1999, we made numerous sets at stations 10 and 12 and completed a number of duplicate sets. An almanac that provided statistics for forecasting the run was distributed to processors prior to the season (Rogers 1999). Beginning June 11, catch, mean length, and water temperature data were sent daily by radio to Port Moller and then faxed into Bristol Bay. Scales and length data were sent periodically to ADF\&G (M. Link, King Salmon), where the scales were aged and the age compositions and average lengths by age were reported. From 1987 through 1996, the forecasts were very accurate. The runs differed from the forecasts made on June 25 and 30 by an average of $20 \%$, and we were within an average of $12 \%$ on forecasts made about July 3 (Table 2). We have not done as well in forecasting the catch because river system forecasts and thus catches cannot be made until about July 3, when we have the first indication of where the salmon are going. In 1997 and 1998, we overforecasted the inshore run. The weak runs in 1997 and

1998 still prove to be largely unexplained and we continue to devote time to researching various oceanographic conditions that may help to explain these anomalies.

In 1999, the Port Moller test fishery was forecasting a run of 34.3 ( $15 \%$ low) million from June 25 to June 30. On July 1, a run of 38.9 million ( $3 \%$ low) was predicted from the Port Moller information. Although the July 1 forecast was accurate, the fishery proved to be problematic for processors and managers because a disproportionately large number of fish entered the districts from July 1 to July 4. This was caused by extremely low water temperatures in the bay that forced the fish to remain outside the fishing districts until the water warmed. The peak for the run occurred on about average timing; however, the temporal pattern of the run was abnormally characterized by a large spike in early July with a gradual tapering off (Fig. 1). The distribution of the salmon as they passed Port Moller was ideal in 1999, as the fish were concentrated in the middle stations (i.e., 4 and 6; Fig 2). A significant number of fish were caught at stations 10 and 12; we will continue to fish this station routinely in 2000 . Cloud cover conditions were typical in 1999 (with mostly overcast skies) but the water and air temperatures were well below the 1987-99 average (Table 3).

The ADF\&G (M. Link, Anchorage, pers. comm.) provided preliminary length and weight statistics for 1999, and statistics from prior years were available (e.g., Yuen et al. 1981, Stratton and Crawford 1994) from which we could calculate mean lengths in the runs (Table 4). Both the 2 - and 3-ocean sockeye salmon in the 1999 run were about equal to the recent 10-year average in length. This was a bit unusual for such a large run of 2-ocean fish, which in high abundance would be expected to be shorter than the average. Average weights in the Bristol Bay fishing districts in 1999 ranged from 5.4 lb (Nushagak) to 5.9 lb (Togiak) and were close to or slightly below recent years' averages (Tables 5 and 6). The percentage of 3-ocean fish was much lower than the recent years' averages for all districts owing to the strong return of 2-ocean fish.

Harvesting was slow for the first several days of fishing and then increased dramatically from July 1 to July 4 and exceeded processing capacity. Over-escapement occurred in all systems with the largest over-escapements occurring in the Wood, Egegik, and Ugashik systems (Table 7). The glut of fish produced from July 1 to July 4 forced processors to either refuse to buy fish or place fisherman on limits.

## Lake Research

During summer 1999, we continued our long-term studies
of spawner distribution, growth and abundance of fry, and the physical and biological environment for the sockeye salmon of the Wood River (Nushagak) and Kvichak lake systems. Most of our annual observations in the Wood River Lakes extend over more than 40 years and constitute the longest continuous biological and environmental record on any salmon stock in Alaska. In 1999, we also extended our studies of bear predation on spawning sockeye salmon and initiated an undergraduate class, "Aquatic Ecological Research in Alaska" for academic credit (see details below).

## Kvichak System

Our 1999 field season in the Kvichak system (Lakes Iliamna and Clark) consisted of estimating the sockeye salmon escapement into the Newhalen River in late June and July; conducting spawning ground surveys in August, September, and October to collect otoliths for sockeye age determination; establishing transects on island beaches for index counts; and reestablishing limnological and townet sampling in Lake Iliamna.

## Newhalen River Escapement

The annual escapements of sockeye salmon to the Kvichak lake system are estimated by ADF\&G from expanded 10-min counts on each bank of the river near Igiugig at the outlet of Lake Iliamna. Since 1979, we have estimated escapements up the Newhalen River by expanding $20-\mathrm{min}$ counts, for each of 10 daylight hours, on the northwest bank of the river at the town of Newhalen. We assume that fish use both sides of the river equally and that migration rate does not vary over the course of the day. The daily counts at Newhalen are compared with those of ADF\&G at Igiugig to estimate a travel time. We calculate the daily proportions of the run at Igiugig that went up the Newhalen by lagging the Newhalen counts back the appropriate number of days (2 in 1999).

The cumulative daily escapements for the two rivers, timed to the Kvichak River, are given for 1993-99 (Table 8). In mid-July, milling fish often swim upriver along the banks of the Newhalen and are counted, only to drift back down in the middle of the river and return upstream to be counted again. This behavior inflates the counts for the escapement; therefore, we have used the average proportion of the Newhalen count for day 5 to day 16 (day 1 equals the first day of about 100,000 in the Kvichak) and the season's total Kvichak escapement to estimate the Newhalen/Lake Clark escapement.

In 1999 , we estimated that about 0.6 million of the Kvichak escapement of 6.2 million (about $10 \%$ ) migrated to the Newhalen/Lake Clark system (Table 9). Due to turbid river conditions, ADF\&G could not aerially survey the Newhalen River (Slim Morestad, ADF\&G, pers. comm.); thus we cannot, by subtracting the Newhalen component, estimate the Lake Clark escapement as we have in the past.

## Spawning Ground Surveys

Each year since 1956, we have collected scales or otoliths from spawned-out sockeye salmon from several major spawning grounds in the Kvichak River system. In 1999, we continued and expanded this work by sampling fish from all the sites we have sampled recently (Newhalen River, Copper River, Knutson Bay, Pedro Bay ponds, island beaches [Woody and Fuel Dump], Gibraltar Creek, Chinkelyes Creek and the Tazimina River). In addition, we reestablished sampling at several populations that had not been sampled for several years: a small creek (Mink Creek), an important system in the northwestern side of the lake (Lower Talarik Creek), and two other mainland beach populations (Finger Beach and Southeast Beach). Moreover, responding to persistent accounts from local people about late spawning fish in several sites, ASP and ADF\&G staff returned in mid-October and obtained samples from the Pedro Ponds, Knutson Bay and from ponds in the Iliamna River system. Overall, the age pattern was similar to the composition of the entire lake system (Kvichak escapement). However, age 1.3 fish were scarce in beach and creek populations but quite abundant in the samples from the Gibralter and Copper rivers. Age 1.2 fish were most abundant in the other spawning popu-lations-it was this age group that was most abundant in the Kvichak run in 1999 (Table 10). Preliminary analysis of the Knutson Bay stock indicates that the proportion of age 2.2 fish increased and that the proportion of age 1.3 fish decreased in the fall for both males and females.
In addition to the sampling for age composition, we continued to obtain samples for genetic analysis to be processed cooperatively by ADF\&G and the University of Washington. We have now sampled most of the major populations around Iliamna Lake and hope to begin analysis of these samples in 2000. These data will be useful for stock identification work on adults and juveniles within the lake and in Bristol Bay.

We had conducted annual aerial surveys of the Kvichak spawning grounds from 1956 until 1988, after which ADF\&G took over the surveys. The results of the 1999 survey were reported by Morestad (unpubl. data, 1999).

These are summarized for 29 selected spawning grounds (Table 11). Aerial counts accounted for $5.2 \%$ of the escapement into the Kvichak system. This percentage is slightly lower than the recent years' average, due in part to survey conditions and pilot availability. Most of the 6.2 million escapement in 1999 returned to the rivers in Lake Iliamna with very low numbers of spawners on the beaches.

## Sockeye Fry Abundance and Size

We have sampled the sockeye fry (age 0 ) in the Kvichak system in August of each year since 1962 (1961 brood year) by townetting set stations in Lakes Iliamna and Clark at night (Table 12). However, the past few years have seen irregular sampling and some lack of consistency in stations. In 1999, we reestablished sampling that will be coordinated with limnological sampling (conducted cooperatively with $\mathrm{ADF} \& \mathrm{G}$ ) to better understand the links between lake conditions, fry density, growth, and survival. The ADF\&G limnology chief scientist, Jim Edmundson, visited the Porcupine Island camp to help instigate the joint limnology studies. Samples were taken at eight sites in the eastern end of Lake Iliamna during the summer and fall and, at time of writing, are awaiting analysis by ADF\&G. We continue to work with ADF\&G in planning a multi-year limnology study of Lake Iliamna.

## Wood River System

The Bristol Bay research program of ASP began with spawning ground surveys in the Wood River Lakes in 1946 to determine where, when, and how many sockeye salmon spawned there. During the early 1950s, methods were established to enumerate and sample the commercial catches, escapements (using towers), and the number of smolts produced. By the late 1950s, we had established several important measurements, which we have maintained to the present to characterize each year's environment for spawning adults and rearing juveniles.

## Environmental Observations

Ice breakup on Lake Aleknagik was 16 days later than normal in 1999 (Fig. 3, Table 13). As a result of the late spring, water temperatures were lower than normal during June, but were then about average for the rest of the summer. Except for a short period of warm and sunny weather in early July, solar radiation was substantially lower than average throughout the entire ice-free season (Table 13). Lake water level was approximately normal
for all of the 1999 field season. The environmental conditions in 1999 when adult salmon were entering the lakes during late-June and early-July were not very different from the long-term average conditions observed in the Wood River system (Fig. 4, Table 13).
The standing crop of phytoplankton (chlorophyll) was lower than normal and zooplankton biovolume was substantially higher than the long-term average during summer 1999 (Fig. 5, Table 13). Zooplankters are the main source of food for juvenile sockeye salmon after they move offshore in late July. Because zooplankton are effective grazers of phytoplankton, we expect to see this inverse relationship between zooplankton and phytoplankton abundance. In 1999, abundance of most zooplankton species was near the recent years' average (Fig. 6). However, the abundance of the relatively small cyclopoid copepods was very high compared with recent years.
Insects (mainly pupal and adult midges) are the main source of food in the spring when the fry are inshore. In 1999, insect densities were similar to the long-term average in June but were then lower than average for the rest of the season (Table 14). Despite the fact that insect densities were lower than normal for most of the season, their emergence timing peaked at the standard time (late July/ early August) and at normal "peak" densities. Water temperatures at the nearshore insect traps in 1999 were about $1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ below average.

Fry Abundance and Growth
In 1999, the sockeye salmon fry in Lake Aleknagik were of slightly less than average length in June-probably because of the cold water temperatures associated with the late spring. However, fry growth was higher than average during July and August, reaching about 60 mm by September 1 (Table 15). This rapid growth rate during these months could be attributed to the highly abundant food supply of cyclopoid copepods. Fry abundance as measured by townet sampling around September 1 was well below the long-term average. Threespine stickleback (Gasterosteus aculeatus) catches were also low in 1999 whereas their lengths and growth were higher than average. The adult sockeye salmon returns to Lake Aleknagik have generally been large since 1978 even though fry abundances have often been low. This suggests that recent large runs have been caused mainly by improved ocean survival.

The mean lengths of sockeye salmon fry in Lake Nerka indicated that, in 1999, growth was below average whereas townet catches were above average (Table 16). Juvenile sockeye salmon in the Wood River Lakes system exhibit
density-dependent growth, and we are analyzing our longterm data sets to determine the relative effects of physical and biological factors in the lakes on the growth of the sockeye salmon fry. It appears that growth conditions for fry are not necessarily synchronized between lakes Aleknagik and Nerka, but are determined by fry densities in each of the lakes. In addition, we are examining year-to-year variation in zooplankton population composition along with annual variation in sockeye salmon fry and threespine stickleback abundance to determine the extent to which the fish alter their food resources. Lake productivity tends to be higher in lakes with sockeye salmon as a result of the nutrients brought in from the sea by adults (Reischauer 1996; Schindler unpubl. data). We hope the information from these studies will help explain the observed variability in the freshwater phase of the sockeye salmon.

## Arctic Char Predation

Arctic char (Salvelinus alpinus) concentrate in the interconnecting rivers of the Wood River lake system to prey on sockeye salmon smolts during their seaward migration. We conducted several studies of this predation during the 1950s to 1970s, and since then, we have sampled the char in Little Togiak River on an opportunistic basis. In 1999, we sampled char during June 28-July 1 (Table 17). The average length of these fish was the largest recorded in the last 3 decades. Predation rates on sockeye smolts and fry were lower than normal during 1999, probably because our sampling was somewhat later than normal due to the late ice breakup.

## Spawning Ground Surveys

Sockeye salmon spawning ground surveys have been conducted annually in the Wood River Lakes system since 1946; however, it was not until the early 1950s that all major spawning grounds were included. We collect otoliths from the major spawning grounds for age determination and make ground counts of the number of spawners in the small streams. The ADF\&G estimates the numbers of spawners on the lake beaches and in the interconnecting rivers by aerial surveys. Thus, the total escapement to the lake system can be apportioned to the individual lakes or type of spawning ground (creek, river, and beach). The distribution of spawners among the lakes is used in forecasting the Wood River runs. Even escapement distributions tend to produce larger returns than uneven distributions.

Aerial surveys were conducted by ADF\&G in 1999. The ground survey counts in 1999 for the major creek spawning grounds are given in Table 18. The creeks draining into Lake Aleknagik again contained relatively high counts of spawning salmon (a trend that has continued each year since 1987). Age compositions from our otolith sampling showed a high proportion of 2-ocean fish in the Wood River system (Table 19). The composition for female sockeye was comparable with ADF\&G's sampling at the Wood River tower; however, our male sockeye sampling had a much higher percentage of 2-ocean fish than did the ADF\&G tower sampling. Unsampled spawning grounds in the upper lakes (Beverley and Kulik) likely contained higher percentages of 2-ocean fish based on the samples from Moose Creek and Grant River.

## Hansen Creek Daily Runs and Bear Predation

We completed the 10th year of our bear/spawning sockeye salmon interaction study in Hansen Creek, a small tributary of Lake Aleknagik (Table 20). The year 1999 was a record run to Hansen Creek, with a total of about 20,000 spawners in the $2-\mathrm{km}$ creek. This creek now shows a clear cycle with a 4-year period, having had progressively larger runs in 1987, 1991, 1995 and 1999. Predation rate is den-sity-dependent on an interannual basis, and the rate in 1999 was only about $20 \%$. The predation in Hansen Creek and elsewhere in the system (e.g., Pick and Bear creeks) is size-selective; larger fish are more vulnerable than smaller fish. In addition, males are generally more likely to be killed than females. The detailed studies at Hansen Creek are being applied to the more extensive but less intensive sampling that we conduct in association with the annual creek surveys throughout the system. These reveal that the level of predation is a decreasing function of stream size (especially width) and the age structure and morphology of sockeye salmon are clearly related to habitat and predation. Larger rivers have more 3-ocean fish and fewer jacks, and the fish are more deep-bodied for their size than the fish in smaller creeks, with higher levels of size-selective predation. The level of predation among creeks is thus related to access by bears but the year-to-year pattern is related, in part, to fish density. Higher levels of escapement are associated with smaller percentages of the fish being killed.

The daily counts on Hansen Creek are not only important as a basis for studies of predation-they also provide us with percentage estimates of the total number of spawners counted on a single "peak survey" date and, thus, a means of adjusting our annual survey counts to equal the
true number of spawners. Hansen Creek has been surveyed most often on August 6 in past years, but in $20 \%$ of the years, the survey was done on August 1 or earlier. The Hansen Creek sockeye salmon are about the earliest spawners in the lake system and the fish usually first enter the creek around July 22-25. On the basis of daily counts in 1990-99, if the surveys had been conducted on the single date of August 6, the peak survey counts would have been $67-89 \%$ of the totals; if the single surveys were done on August 1, the counts would have been $38-78 \%$ of the actual number of spawners (Table 21).

## Undergraduate Class

The ASP has routinely employed undergraduate students as part of the field crew for years but until 1999 had no formal educational opportunity for them. In 1999 we initiated a class for academic credit at the University of Washington called "Aquatic Ecological Research in Alaska." Six students, selected from many who applied, received hands-on training at both the Aleknagik and Porcupine Island camps, had formal lectures, and collected data for independent research. Jointly taught by Drs. Tom Quinn, Daniel Schindler, and Ray Hilborn, the purpose of the class was to directly involve students in the research program and give them the kind of in-depth exposure to ecology and fisheries management that would be impossible back
in Seattle. The class was very popular with the students and will be continued in the future. Funding was provided by the University of Washington, and the students helped the ASP program by assisting with the sampling. Several of them also worked for ASP either before or after the class, further cementing the connection between educational and research programs.

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Figure 1. Daily Bristol Bay sockeye salmon runs reconstructed at Port Moller, 1996-99.


Figure 2. Average catches of sockeye salmon at Port Moller stations, June 11-July 10, 1994-99.


FIGURE 3. Annual deviations from averages of dates of ice out and summer averages of water temperature, solar radiation, and lake level in Lake Aleknagik.


Figure 4. Annual deviations from averages of lake level, solar radiation, and surface temperatures during June 26-July 15.


FIGURE 5. Annual deviations from averages of phytoplankton and zooplankton densities, water clarity, and conductivity in Lake Aleknagik.


FIGURE 6. Summer densities of zooplankters in 1999 (heavier line) compared with densities in 1992-98.

TABLE 1. Preseason forecasts of the Bristol Bay sockeye salmon inshore runs (millions), 1990-2000.

| Year | Forecast/Run | Nak/Kvi | Egegik | Ugashik | Nushagak | Total run | Catch | \%Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1990 | FRI | 14.9 | 6.6 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 29.8 | 19.0 | -74 |
|  | ADFG | 12.5 | 5.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 25.4 | 14.7 | -125 |
|  | Actual run | 25.8 | 12.3 | 2.9 | 5.7 | 47.6 | 33.1 |  |
| 1991 | FRI | 16.6 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 36.7 | 25.0 | -5 |
|  | ADFG | 13.6 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 30.0 | 21.2 | -24 |
|  | Actual run | 18.1 | 9.6 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 42.1 | 26.2 |  |
| 1992 | FRI | 13.4 | 10.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 33.0 | 22.0 | -45 |
|  | ADFG | 16.4 | 10.7 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 37.1 | 26.3 | -22 |
|  | Actual run | 15.4 | 17.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 45.3 | 32.0 |  |
| 1993 | FRI | 12.7 | 18.2 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 43.3 | 31.9 | -28 |
|  | ADFG | 15.1 | 15.8 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 41.8 | 32.0 | -27 |
|  | Actual run | 14.0 | 23.3 | 5.7 | 7.6 | 51.9 | 40.8 |  |
| 1994 | FRI | 22.6 | 16.2 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 48.8 | 34.1 | -3 |
|  | ADF\&G | 21.7 | 18.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 52.4 | 39.6 | 11 |
|  | Actual run | 25.0 | 12.6 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 50.1 | 35.2 |  |
| 1995 | FRI | 29.7 | 12.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 53.1 | 34.4 | -29 |
|  | ADF\&G | 30.4 | 13.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 55.1 | 40.3 | -10 |
|  | Actual run | 31.1 | 15.7 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 60.8 | 44.4 |  |
| 1996 | FRI | 12.5 | 15.7 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 45.2 | 33.4 | 11 |
|  | ADF\&G | 13.2 | 16.9 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 43.4 | 34.6 | 14 |
|  | Actual run | 10.4 | 11.9 | 5.1 | 8.3 | 36.9 | 29.7 |  |
| 1997 | FRI | 11.1 | 13.9 | 2.9 | 5.9 | 35.1 | 25.4 | 52 |
|  | ADF\&G | 10.2 | 12.8 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 33.6 | 24.8 | 50 |
|  | Actual run | 3.1 | 8.7 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 18.8 | 12.3 |  |
| 1998 | FRI | 13.9 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 33.8 | 23.5 | 57 |
|  | ADF\&G | 12.3 | 8.6 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 30.2 | 20.6 | 51 |
|  | Actual run | 5.9 | 4.7 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 18.2 | 10.0 |  |
| 1999 | FRI* | 17.2 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 6.7 | 35.1/28.8 | 21.2/14.9 | -18/-42 |
|  | ADF\&G | 14.3 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 4.9 | 24.9 | 13.8 | -47 |
|  | Actual run | 17.3 | 9.2 | 3.9 | 8.5 | 40.0 | 25.8 |  |
| 2000 | FRI | 13.7 | 11.4 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 37.7 | 24.4 |  |
|  | ADF\&G | 15.3 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 35.4 | 22.3 |  |

Total run and catch include Branch River and Togiak District but exclude jacks (1-ocean age).
Percent error $=$ error in forecasted catch (forecast-actual catch/forecast*100).

* FRI produced a forecast based on traditional methodology (35.1) and one based on an alternative methodology (28.8).

Table 2. Bristol Bay sockeye salmon runs and the predictions from the Port Moller test boat catches, 1987-99.

| Bristol Bay |  |  | Run pred. on 6/25 |  |  | Run pred. on 6/30 |  |  | Final pred. (7/3-9) |  |  | Catch pred. (7/3-9) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Run | Catch | Pred. | R-P | \%ofP | Pred. | R-P | \%ofP | Pred. | R-P | \%ofP | Pred. | C-P | \%ofP |
| 1987 | 27 | 16 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 7 |
| 88 | 23 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 53 | 15 | 8 | 53 | 22 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 17 |
| 89 | 44 | 29 | 50 | -6 | -12 | 37 | 7 | 19 | 42 | 2 | 5 | 28 | 1 | 4 |
| 90 | 48 | 33 | 42 | 6 | 14 | 56 | -8 | -14 | 39 | 9 | 23 | 25 | 8 | 32 |
| 91 | 42 | 26 | 48 | -6 | -13 | 37 | 5 | 14 | 37 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 5 | 24 |
| 92 | 45 | 32 | 49 | -4 | -8 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 4 | 10 | 29 | 3 | 10 |
| 93 | 52 | 41 | 61 | -9 | -15 | 57 | -5 | -9 | 56 | -4 | -7 | 44 | -3 | -7 |
| 94 | 50 | 35 | 37 | 13 | 35 | 41 | 9 | 22 | 43 | 7 | 16 | 29 | 6 | 21 |
| 95 | 61 | 44 | 47 | 14 | 30 | 49 | 12 | 24 | 50 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 11 | 33 |
| 96 | 37 | 30 | 45 | -15 | -33 | 44 | -14 | -32 | 41 | -4 | -10 | 34 | -4 | -12 |
| 97 | 19 | 12 | 39 | -20 | -51 | 41 | -22 | -50 | 26 | -7 | -27 | 17 | -5 | -29 |
| 98 | 18 | 10 | 29 | -11 | -38 | 31 | -13 | -42 | 20 | -2 | -10 | 11 | -1 | -9 |
| 99 | 40 | 26 | 33 | 7 | 19 | 35 | 5 | 14 | 41 | -1 | -2 | 28 | -2 | -7 |
| Means | 39 | 27 | 40 | -2 | -1 | 40 | -1 | 0 | 37 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 2 | 6 |
| absol. |  |  |  |  | 25 |  |  | 22 |  | 5 | 12 |  | 4 | 17 |

Numbers in millions of fish.
$\mathrm{R}=$ run, $\mathrm{P}=$ predicted and $\mathrm{C}=$ catch.
absol. $=$ absolute error, ignoring the sign.
\%of $\mathrm{P}=$ the percentage that the actual run differed from the prediction.
1993-97,99 forecasts on 6/25 \& 6/30 are from Bristol Bay almanacs (not adjusted for run timing).

TABLE 3. Water surface and air temperatures taken from the Port Moller test fishery boat ( $\sim 10$ June-~10 July) in degrees Celsius, 198799.

| Year | Water (surface) | Air |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1987 | 5.7 | 8.2 |
| 1988 | 7.5 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| 1989 | 6.4 | 8.5 |
| 1990 | 7.5 | 9.4 |
| 1991 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| 1992 | 7.6 | 9.8 |
| 1993 | 7.9 | 9.5 |
| 1994 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| 1995 | 7.3 | 8.1 |
| 1996 | 6.2 | 7.4 |
| 1997 | 9.9 | 11.1 |
| 1998 | 8.1 | 10.0 |
| 1999 | 4.5 | 6.8 |
|  | 7.0 | 8.5 |

TABLE 4. Mean lengths (mid-eye to tail-fork, mm) of sockeye salmon in the Bristol Bay runs, 1958-99.

| Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { BB run } \\ \text { (millions) } \end{gathered}$ | 2-ocean |  |  | 3-ocean |  |  | Both age groups | Percent <br> 3-ocean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | Combined | Male | Female | Combined |  |  |
| 1958 | 6 | 527 | 508 | 517 | 586 | 562 | 572 | 544 | 48 |
| 1959 | 13 | 522 | 502 | 512 | 585 | 562 | 571 | 522 | 16 |
| 1960 | 36 | 496 | 480 | 489 | 580 | 553 | 562 | 498 | 12 |
| 1961 | 18 | 525 | 512 | 519 | 583 | 562 | 572 | 554 | 66 |
| 1962 | 10 | 527 | 508 | 518 | 582 | 566 | 574 | 535 | 30 |
| 1963 | 7 | 529 | 512 | 520 | 594 | 570 | 580 | 546 | 44 |
| 1964 | 11 | 517 | 499 | 508 | 584 | 564 | 571 | 522 | 22 |
| 1965 | 53 | 506 | 487 | 497 | 574 | 552 | 561 | 502 | 8 |
| 1966 | 18 | 514 | 503 | 508 | 581 | 561 | 569 | 554 | 75 |
| 1967 | 10 | 534 | 518 | 526 | 592 | 570 | 579 | 544 | 34 |
| 1968 | 8 | 516 | 503 | 510 | 594 | 572 | 581 | 535 | 36 |
| 1969 | 18 | 524 | 510 | 517 | 591 | 571 | 580 | 525 | 22 |
| 1970 | 39 | 511 | 497 | 504 | 572 | 549 | 558 | 509 | 9 |
| 1971 | 16 | 530 | 516 | 522 | 584 | 563 | 572 | 552 | 60 |
| 1972 | 5 | 521 | 505 | 514 | 583 | 562 | 572 | 543 | 51 |
| 1973 | 2 | 522 | 513 | 518 | 601 | 575 | 587 | 575 | 82 |
| 1974 | 11 | 525 | 508 | 518 | 581 | 566 | 574 | 528 | 19 |
| 1975 | 24 | 518 | 499 | 509 | 587 | 564 | 574 | 523 | 21 |
| 1976 | 12 | 531 | 514 | 523 | 592 | 568 | 578 | 543 | 36 |
| 1977 | 10 | 533 | 517 | 525 | 597 | 573 | 584 | 556 | 53 |
| 1978 | 19 | 520 | 502 | 512 | 595 | 570 | 582 | 539 | 38 |
| 1979 | 40 | 537 | 524 | 530 | 586 | 567 | 576 | 538 | 18 |
| 1980 | 62 | 519 | 503 | 511 | 583 | 553 | 567 | 525 | 26 |
| 1981 | 34 | 536 | 523 | 529 | 588 | 566 | 577 | 555 | 54 |
| 1982 | 22 | 522 | 508 | 515 | 587 | 566 | 576 | 561 | 75 |
| 1983 | 46 | 530 | 514 | 521 | 574 | 557 | 565 | 529 | 17 |
| 1984 | 41 | 515 | 501 | 508 | 580 | 561 | 570 | 526 | 30 |
| 1985 | 37 | 527 | 512 | 520 | 583 | 567 | 575 | 543 | 41 |
| 1986 | 24 | 535 | 521 | 528 | 583 | 561 | 571 | 553 | 58 |
| 1987 | 27 | 521 | 506 | 513 | 590 | 567 | 577 | 538 | 39 |
| 1988 | 23 | 525 | 513 | 519 | 592 | 571 | 581 | 554 | 56 |
| 1989 | 44 | 525 | 507 | 515 | 586 | 564 | 575 | 538 | 27 |
| 1990 | 48 | 507 | 491 | 499 | 578 | 557 | 566 | 528 | 43 |
| 1991 | 42 | 508 | 493 | 500 | 573 | 547 | 560 | 536 | 60 |
| 1992 | 45 | 511 | 496 | 504 | 568 | 544 | 557 | 531 | 52 |
| 1993 | 52 | 530 | 515 | 522 | 582 | 560 | 570 | 547 | 52 |
| 1994 | 50 | 512 | 498 | 504 | 575 | 550 | 561 | 524 | 34 |
| 1995 | 61 | 520 | 502 | 511 | 578 | 555 | 567 | 526 | 27 |
| 1996 | 37 | 522 | 506 | 513 | 585 | 562 | 574 | 558 | 76 |
| 1997 | 19 | 519 | 503 | 511 | 585 | 565 | 576 | 540 | 45 |
| 1998 | 18 | 505 | 492 | 499 | 570 | 550 | 560 | 531 | 53 |
| 1999 | 40 | 516 | 500 | 508 | 587 | 556 | 569 | 539 | 22 |
| Averages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 58-67 | 18 | 520 | 503 | 511 | 584 | 562 | 571 | 532 | 36 |
| 68-77 | 15 | 523 | 508 | 516 | 588 | 566 | 576 | 539 | 39 |
| 78-87 | 35 | 526 | 511 | 519 | 585 | 564 | 574 | 541 | 40 |
| 88-97 | 44 | 517 | 501 | 509 | 579 | 556 | 567 | 536 | 46 |

TABLE 5. Average weights of sockeye salmon (lbs) in commercial catches on the east side of Bristol Bay, 1988-99.

| District | Year | Catch millions | 2-ocean |  |  | 3-ocean |  |  | All males | All <br> females | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { All } \\ & \text { fish } \end{aligned}$ | Percent 3-ocean | Percent females |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Comb. | Male | Female | Comb. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nak/Kvi | 88 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 52 | 52 |
|  | 89 | 13.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 21 | 55 |
|  | 90 | 17.1 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 43 | 54 |
|  | 91 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 71 | 54 |
|  | 92 | 9.3 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 60 | 48 |
|  | 93 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 54 | 53 |
|  | 94 | 16.3 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 18 | 58 |
|  | 95 | 20.4 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 22 | 44 |
|  | 96 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 83 | 39 |
|  | 97 | 0.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 55 | 50 |
|  | 98 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 60 | 44 |
|  | 99 | 9.5 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 23 | 49 |
|  | Means | 10.1 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 47 | 50 |
| Egegik | 88 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 57 | 45 |
|  | 89 | 8.9 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 33 | 51 |
|  | 90 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 54 | 52 |
|  | 91 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 55 | 52 |
|  | 92 | 15.7 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 51 | 44 |
|  | 93 | 21.8 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 52 | 54 |
|  | 94 | 10.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 51 | 53 |
|  | 95 | 14.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 32 | 48 |
|  | 96 | 10.8 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 73 | 54 |
|  | 97 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 44 | 47 |
|  | 98 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 75 | 47 |
|  | 99 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 22 | 50 |
|  | Means | 10.4 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 50 | 50 |
| Ugashik | 88 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 54 | 43 |
|  | 89 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 19 | 45 |
|  | 90 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 53 | 49 |
|  | 91 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 59 | 52 |
|  | 92 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 64 | 37 |
|  | 93 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 52 | 52 |
|  | 94 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 55 | 40 |
|  | 95 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 30 | 42 |
|  | 96 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 85 | 47 |
|  | 97 | 1.4 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 47 | 47 |
|  | 98 | 0.7 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 82 | 36 |
|  | 99 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 15 | 44 |
|  | Means | 2.9 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 51 | 45 |

TABLE 6. Average weights of sockeye salmon (lbs) in commercial catches on the west side of Bristol Bay, 1988-99.

| District | Year | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Catch } \\ \text { millions } \end{array}$ | 2-ocean |  |  | 3-ocean |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { males } \end{gathered}$ | All females | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { fish } \end{gathered}$ | Percent 3-ocean | Percent females |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Comb. | Male | Female | Comb. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nushagak | 88 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 79 | 49 |
|  | 89 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 68 | 62 |
|  | 90 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 71 | 50 |
|  | 91 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 75 | 56 |
|  | 92 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 61 | 45 |
|  | 93 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 59 | 55 |
|  | 94 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 87 | 60 |
|  | 95 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 49 | 50 |
|  | 96 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 68 | 57 |
|  | 97 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 60 | 35 |
|  | 98 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 34 | 54 |
|  | 99 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 52 | 41 |
|  | Means | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 64 | 51 |
| Togiak | 88 | 0.7 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 97 | 54 |
|  | 89 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 8.4 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 82 | 57 |
|  | 90 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 85 | 57 |
|  | 91 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 69 | 50 |
|  | 92 | 0.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 8.7 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 85 | 47 |
|  | 93 | 0.5 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 76 | 49 |
|  | 94 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 91 | 53 |
|  | 95 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 66 | 53 |
|  | 96 | 0.4 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 8.5 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 90 | 52 |
|  | 97 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 80 | 49 |
|  | 98 | 0.2 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 88 | 58 |
|  | 99 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 46 | 33 |
|  | Means | 0.4 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 8.2 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 80 | 51 |

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TABLE 7. Sockeye salmon escapements in excess of management goals for Bristol Bay rivers, 1990-99 (in millions).

| River | Escapement goals |  | Escapement in excess of mid-point |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| system | Mid-point | Upper range | 90 | 91* | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 |
| Kvichak | variable | variable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Branch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Naknek*** | 1.00 |  | 1.09 | 2.57 | . 61 | . 54 | . 00 | . 11 | . 08 | . 03 | . 20 | . 53 |
| Egegik*** | 1.00 |  | 1.19 | 1.79 | . 95 | . 52 | . 90 | . 27 | . 08 | . 10 | . 11 | . 63 |
| Ugashik*** | . 70 |  | . 05 | 1.76 | 1.76 | . 71 | . 38 | . 60 | . 00 | . 00 | . 02 | . 62 |
| Wood | 1.00 |  | . 07 | . 16 | . 29 | . 18 | . 47 | . 48 | . 65 | . 51 | . 76 | . 51 |
| Igushik | . 20 |  | . 17 | . 56 | . 10 | . 21 | . 25 | . 27 | . 20 | . 00 | . 02 | . 24 |
| Nush./Nuy.**** | . 24 |  | . 17 | . 00 | . 20 | . 21 | . 01 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 00 | . 07 |
| Togiak | . 15 |  | . 04 | . 13 | . 07 | . 04 | . 02 | . 06 | . 01 | . 00 | . 00 | . 08 |
| Total |  |  | 2.78 | 6.97 | 3.98 | 2.41 | 2.03 | 1.79 | 1.02 | . 64 | 1.11 | 2.68 |
| Bristol Bay run |  |  | 48 | 42 | 45 | 52 | 50 | 61 | 37 | 19 | 18 | 40 |
| Catch |  |  | 33 | 26 | 32 | 41 | 35 | 44 | 30 | 12 | 10 | 26 |



[^0]TABLE 8. Cumulative daily escapements of sockeye salmon in the Kvichak and Newhalen Rivers, 1994-99 (numbers in 1,000s and Newhalen escapements estimated from expanded counts lagged back 2 d for 1994-95, 3 d for 199697 , and 1 d for 1998).

| Date | 1994 |  | 1995 |  | 1996 |  | 1997 |  | 1998 |  | 1999 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kvi | New | Kvi | New | Kvi | New | Kvi | New | Kvi | New | Kvi | New |
| 6/22 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | 0 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 0 |  | 0 |  | 4 | 0 | 3 |  | 0 |  |  |  |
| 26 | 1 |  | 41 | 7 | 25 | 1 | 6 |  | 0 |  |  |  |
| 27 | 8 |  | 361 | 28 | 37 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 1 |  | 0 |  |
| 28 | 24 |  | 724 | 48 | 40 | 1 | 42 | 1 | 3 |  | 0 |  |
| 29 | 25 |  | 941 | 75 | 41 | 1 | 60 | 2 | 6 |  | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | 25 |  | 1113 | 109 | 42 | 2 | 67 | 4 | 16 |  | 17 | 0 |
| 7/1 | 26 | 0 | 1610 | 158 | 47 | 2 | 73 | 5 | 26 | 0 | 104 | 28 |
| 2 | 30 | 1 | 2338 | 255 | 90 | 2 | 76 | 8 | 32 | 0 | 336 | 36 |
| 3 | 254 | 1 | 2798 | 309 | 224 | 3 | 83 | 13 | 32 | 0 | 747 | 60 |
| 4 | 1550 | 321 | 3105 | 364 | 318 | 4 | 116 | 18 | 84 | 18 | 1085 | 105 |
| 5 | 2727 | 558 | 3346 | 398 | 361 | 6 | 158 | 30 | 233 | 37 | 1522 | 132 |
| 6 | 3518 | 775 | 3983 | 430 | 385 | 7 | 206 | 40 | 417 | 76 | 1826 | 155 |
| 7 | 4273 | 921 | 4937 | 482 | 420 | 7 | 299 | 50 | 597 | 230 | 2254 | 207 |
| 8 | 5132 | 1091 | 5930 | 581 | 468 | 8 | 439 | 63 | 753 | 256 | 2786 | 255 |
| 9 | 5821 | 1286 | 7020 | 687 | 568 | 15 | 637 | 105 | 833 | 338 | 3190 | 306 |
| 10 | 6473 | 1601 | 7683 | 805 | 669 | 22 | 797 | 132 | 980 | 592 | 3586 | 398 |
| 11 | 7058 | 1884 | 8005 | 1050 | 769 | 23 | 950 | 182 | 1366 | 937 | 3802 | 473 |
| 12 | 7268 | 2168 | 8169 | 1199 | 860 | 25 | 1053 | 224 | 1795 | 1137 | 4030 | 520 |
| 13 | 7330 | 2372 | 8430 | 1226 | 1035 |  | 1140 | 230 | 2071 | 1361 | 4330 | 600 |
| 14 | 7382 | 2450 | 8658 | 1378 | 1160 |  | 1200 | 239 | 2181 | 1450 | 4648 | 676 |
| 15 | 7495 | 2535 | 8878 |  | 1238 |  | 1291 | 253 | 2238 | 1573 | 4947 | 735 |
| 16 | 7540 | 2578 | 9017 |  | 1310 |  | 1349 |  | 2269 | 1680 | 5109 |  |
| 17 | 7631 |  | 9131 |  | 1332 |  | 1382 |  | 2280 | 1723 | 5420 |  |
| 18 | 7852 |  | 9248 |  | 1353 |  | 1412 |  | 2285 |  | 5849 |  |
| 19 | 8099 |  | 9512 |  | 1397 |  | 1436 |  | 2291 |  | 6038 |  |
| 20 | 8169 |  | 9703 |  | 1422 |  | 1456 |  | 2294 |  | 6108 |  |
| 21 | 8193 |  | 9788 |  | 1436 |  | 1471 |  | 2295 |  | 6150 |  |
| 22 | 8265 |  | 9876 |  | 1445 |  | 1486 |  | 2296 |  | 6175 |  |
| 23 | 8338 |  | 9919 |  | 1451 |  | 1496 |  |  |  | 6196 |  |
| 24 |  |  | 9954 |  |  |  | 1504 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 |  |  | 9994 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Table 9. The Kvichak lake system escapements and the percentages going to the Newhalen River and Lake Clark, 1979-99.

| Year | Kvichak system escapement (millions) | Newhalen/ Lake Clark escapement (millions) | Percent of Kvichak $\qquad$ | Newhalen River spawners (millions) | Lake Clark escape. (millions) | Percent of Kvichak $\qquad$ | Tazimina River aerial count (thousands) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1979 | 11.22 | 9.00 | 80 | 0.56 | 8.44 | 75 | 504 |
| 1980 | 22.51 | 7.50 | 33 | 2.64 | 4.86 | 22 | 128 |
| 1981 | 1.75 | 0.26 | 15 | 0.03 | 0.23 | 13 | 28 |
| 1982 | 1.14 | 0.34 | 30 | 0.13 | 0.21 | 18 | 31 |
| 1983 | 3.57 | 1.08 | 30 | 0.41 | 0.67 | 19 | 212 |
| 1984 | 10.49 | 3.20 | 31 | 0.67 | 2.53 | 24 | 366 |
| 1985 | 7.21 | 1.62 | 22 | 0.15 | 1.47 | 20 | 186 |
| 1986 | 1.18 | 0.29 | 25 | 0.01 | 0.28 | 24 | 7 |
| 1987 | 6.07 | --- | -- | 1.46 | -- | -- | 246 |
| 1988 | 4.06 | 2.41 | 59 | 0.29 | 2.12 | 52 | 83 |
| 1989 | 8.32 | 2.59 | 31 | 0.10 | 2.49 | 30 | 30 |
| 1990 | 6.97 | 1.09 | 16 | 0.07 | -- | -- | 4 |
| 1991 | 4.22 | 1.93 | 46 | 0.10 | -- | -- | 16 |
| 1992 | 4.73 | 1.05 | 22 | <0.01 | 1.04 | 22 | 13 |
| 1993 | 4.03 | 1.55 | 38 | $<0.01$ | 1.54 | 38 | 38 |
| 1994 | 8.34 | 2.34 | 28 | 0.01 | 2.33 | 28 | 93 |
| 1995 | 10.04 | 1.12 | 11 | 0.12 | 1.00 | 10 | 54 |
| 1996 | 1.45 | 0.04 | 2 | $<0.01$ | 0.03 | 2 | 10 |
| 1997 | 1.50 | 0.27 | 18 | $<0.01$ | 0.27 | 18 | 11 |
| 1998 | 2.30 | 1.38 | 60 | 0.01 | 1.37 | 60 | 24 |
| 1999 | 6.20 | 0.60 | 10 | -- | -- | 10 | 17 |

[^1]TABLE 10. Age compositions of sockeye salmon on the Kvichak spawning grounds in 1999.

| Spawning Ground | Sex | Sample <br> size (n) | 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 0.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chinkelyes Creek | F | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | 72.0 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 78.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Copper River | F | 97 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.7 | 48.5 | 9.3 | 17.5 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 38.0 | 26.0 | 10.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |
| Finger beaches | F | 106 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 81.1 | 10.4 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 73.0 | 13.0 | 12.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Fuel Dump Island beaches | F | 50 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 86.0 | 10.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 49 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 89.8 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Gibraltar River | F | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 54.0 | 28.0 | 17.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.0 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 |
| Knutson Bay beach | F | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 39.0 | 43.0 | 15.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 38.0 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Knutson Bay beach (Oct) | F | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43.0 | 52.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 99 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 39.4 | 56.6 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Lower Talarik Creek | F | 105 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.3 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 101 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.1 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mink Creek | F | 64 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 60.9 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 28 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.7 | 64.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Newhalen River | F | 109 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.0 | 48.6 | 29.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 83 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.9 | 43.4 | 24.1 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| Pedro Ponds | F | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49.0 | 22.0 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 67.0 | 22.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Pedro Ponds (Oct) | F | 117 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 66.7 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 28 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.7 | 57.1 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 |
| Tazimina River | F | 73 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.1 | 57.5 | 11.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.0 | 64.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Woody Island beaches | F | 50 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 86.0 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 50 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kvichak escapement (ADF\&G, Igiugig) | F | 948 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60.4 | 31.2 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 0.0 |
|  | M | 1430 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.4 | 29.5 | 7.7 | 3.4 | 0.0 |

TABLE 11. Estimates of sockeye salmon spawners on 29 selected spawning grounds in Lake Iliamna and the Newhalen River system, 1956-99.

| Year | Aerial survey counts (1,000s) |  |  |  |  | Tower count escapement (1,000s) | Aerial count/ Escapement (\%) | Aerial observer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rivers | Creeks | Beaches |  | Total |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Mainland | Island |  |  |  |  |
| 56 | 775 | -- | -- | -- |  | 9443 |  | 1 |
| 57 | 170 | -- | -- | -- |  | 2843 |  | 1 |
| 58 | 44 | -- | -- | -- |  | 535 |  | 1 |
| 59 | 84 | -- | -- | -- |  | 680 |  | 1 |
| 60 | 841 | -- | -- | -- |  | 14630 |  | 1 |
| 61 | 246 | 40 | 50 | 127 | 463 | 3706 | 12.5 | 2 |
| 62 | 140 | 52 | 21 | 12 | 225 | 2581 | 8.7 | 2 |
| 63 | 31 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 56 | 339 | 16.5 | 2 |
| 64 | 36 | 38 | 3 | 21 | 98 | 957 | 10.2 | 2 |
| 65 | 734 | 538 | 261 | 1352 | 2885 | 24326 | 11.9 | 2 |
| 66 | 248 | 153 | 134 | 46 | 581 | 3776 | 15.4 | 2 |
| 67 | 370 | 63 | 85 | 16 | 534 | 3216 | 16.6 | 3 |
| 68 | 131 | 64 | 14 | 64 | 273 | 2557 | 10.7 | 3 |
| 69 | 192 | 168 | 40 | 102 | 502 | 8394 | 6.0 | 3 |
| 70 | 790 | 574 | 216 | 506 | 2086 | 13935 | 15.0 | 3 |
| 71 | 177 | 194 | 27 | 50 | 448 | 2387 | 18.8 | 3 |
| 72 | 89 | 50 | 15 | 9 | 163 | 1010 | 16.1 | 3 |
| 73 | 35 | 18 | 6 | 6 | 65 | 227 | 28.6 | 3 |
| 74 | 294 | 269 | 72 | 122 | 757 | 4433 | 17.1 | 3 |
| 75 | 936 | 440 | 225 | 412 | 2013 | 13140 | 15.3 | 3 |
| 76 | 144 | 55 | 19 | 45 | 263 | 1965 | 13.4 | 3 |
| 77 | 124 | 20 | 88 | 28 | 260 | 1341 | 19.4 | 3 |
| 78 | 510 | 100 | 42 | 6 | 658 | 4149 | 15.9 | 3 |
| 79 | 1424 | 372 | 252 | 81 | 2129 | 11218 | 19.0 | 3 |
| 80 | 2189 | 317 | 77 | 201 | 2784 | 22505 | 12.4 | 3 |
| 81 | 187 | 85 | 16 | 20 | 308 | 1754 | 17.6 | 3 |
| 82 | 255 | 68 | 27 | 9 | 359 | 1135 | 31.6 | 3 |
| 83 | 743 | 123 | 75 | 9 | 950 | 3570 | 26.6 | 3 |
| 84 | 1902 | 359 | 597 | 84 | 2942 | 10491 | 28.0 | 4 |
| 85 | 672 | 296 | 260 | 247 | 1475 | 7211 | 20.5 | 4 |
| 86 | 57 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 90 | 1200 | 7.5 | 5 |
| 87 | 1313 | 111 | 397 | 123 | 1944 | 6100 | 31.9 | 5 |
| 88 | 481 | 123 | 116 | 15 | 735 | 4065 | 18.1 | 6 |
| 89 | 386 | 88 | 31 | 8 | 513 | 8318 | 6.2 | 6 |
| 90 | 138 | 50 | 19 | 26 | 233 | 6970 | 3.3 | 6 |
| 91 | 196 | 111 | 18 | 19 | 344 | 4223 | 8.1 | 7 |
| 92 | 198 | 151 | 35 | 19 | 403 | 4726 | 8.5 | 7 |
| 93 | 225 | 128 | 42 | 10 | 405 | 4025 | 10.1 | 7 |
| 94 | 506 | 231 | 41 | 30 | 808 | 8338 | 9.7 | 7 |
| 95 | 554 | 187 | 50 | 244 | 1035 | 10039 | 10.3 | 7 |
| 96 | 177 | 49 | 22 | 10 | 258 | 1451 | 17.8 | 7 |
| 97 | 255 | 69 | 87 | 11 | 422 | 1504 | 28.1 | 7 |
| 98 | 138 | 82 | 34 | 13 | 267 | 2296 | 11.6 | 7 |
| 99 | 224 | 46 | 28 | 23 | 320 | 6196 | 5.2 | 8 |
| Means |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61-66 | 239 | 139 | 79 | 261 | 718 | 5948 | 12.5 | 2 |
| 67-83 | 505 | 175 | 76 | 99 | 856 | 5702 | 17.6 | 3 |
| 84-90 | 707 | 149 | 205 | 73 | 1133 | 6336 | 16.5 | 4,5,6 |
| 91-98 | 281 | 126 | 41 | 45 | 493 | 4575 | 13.0 | 7 |

TABLE 12. Mean townet catches (geometric means of 20-min tows) and lengths on Sept. 1 (live, mm) of sockeye salmon fry in Lakes Iliamna and Clark, 1961-99.

| Brood year | Kvichak escapement (millions) | Lake Iliamna |  | Lake Clark |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean catch | Mean length | Mean catch | Mean length |
| 61 | 3.7 | 90 | 53 | 13 | 50 |
| 62 | 2.6 | 12 | 45 | 54 | 50 |
| 63 | 0.3 | 5 | 54 | 3 | 50 |
| 64 | 1.0 | 7 | 62 | 2 | 50 |
| 65 | 24.3 | 170 | 53 | 23 | 52 |
| 66 | 3.8 | 67 | 57 | 15 | 47 |
| 67 | 3.2 | 78 | 62 | 47 | 59 |
| 68 | 2.6 | 43 | 62 | 9 | 50 |
| 69 | 8.4 | 386 | 61 | 11 | 55 |
| 70 | 13.9 | 127 | 44 | 20 | 38 |
| 71 | 2.4 | 4 | 50 | 15 | 41 |
| 72 | 1.0 | 3 | 58 | 17 | 48 |
| 73 | 0.2 | 2 | 71 | 12 | 57 |
| 74 | 4.4 | 491 | 54 | 80 | 55 |
| 75 | 13.1 | 252 | 49 | 105 | 49 |
| 76 | 2.0 | 16 | 53 | -- | -- |
| 77 | 1.3 | 11 | 61 | -- | -- |
| 78 | 4.1 | 339 | 62 | 65 | 56 |
| 79 | 11.2 | 282 | 53 | 60 | 48 |
| 80 | 22.5 | 134 | 61 | 26 | 59 |
| 81 | 1.8 | 37 | 52 | 58 | 46 |
| 82 | 1.1 | 9 | 68 | 18 | 57 |
| 83 | 3.6 | 242 | 64 | 40 | 56 |
| 84 | 10.5 | 147 | 46 | 84 | 51 |
| 85 | 7.2 | 63 | 54 | 16 | 49 |
| 86 | 1.2 | 10 | 60 | -- | -- |
| 87 | 6.1 | 79 | 63 | 11 | 56 |
| 88 | 4.1 | 22 | 58 | 21 | 48 |
| 89 | 8.3 | 181 | 55 | 19 | 47 |
| 90 | 7.0 | 336 | 54 | -- | -- |
| 91 | 4.2 | - | 56 | 20 | 47 |
| 92 | 4.7 | 135 | 57 | 27 | 61 |
| 93 | 4.0 | 64 | 57 | 26 | 55 |
| 94 | 8.3 | 83 | 55 | 21 | 54 |
| 95 | 10.0 | 126 | 62 | - | - |
| 96 | 1.5 | 23 | 67 | - | - |
| 97 | 1.5 | - | - | - | - |
| 98 | 2.3 |  |  |  |  |
| 99 | 6.2 | 38 | 44 |  |  |

Lake Iliamna tows in areas $7 \& 8$ only.

TABLE 13. Summary of 1999 environmental and limnological measurements in Lake Aleknagik.

| Measurement and first year measured | Dates | 1999 | All years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Average | Range |
| 1. Date of ice breakup, 1949- |  | 6/15 | 5/29 | 5/01-6/16 |
| 2. Water temperature,$\begin{aligned} & 0-20 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{C}) \\ & 1958- \end{aligned}$ | 6/24 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 3.7, 9.2 |
|  | 7/13 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 5.7, 12.0 |
|  | 8/11 | 10.2 | 10.8 | 7.7, 14.0 |
|  | 9/2 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 9.3, 13.0 |
| 3. Water transparency Secchi depth (m) 1962- | 6/22 | 6.1 | 7.9 | 5.3, 10.5 |
|  | 7/13 | 5.1 | 8.1 | 5.0, 10.9 |
|  | 8/2 | 8.3 | 9.2 | $6.3,11.9$ |
|  | 9/2 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 5.8, 12.1 |
| 4. Water conductivity (micromhos/cm) 1968- | 6/22 | 35.3 | 37.9 | 31.1, 52.1 |
|  | 7/13 | 36.0 | 37.0 | 33.5, 42.6 |
|  | 8/2 | 36.0 | 36.7 | $32.5,40.5$ |
|  | 9/2 | 36.0 | 37.8 | 32.2, 47.9 |
| 5. Average daily solar radiation ( $\mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{cm}$ ) 1963- | June 1-15 | 224 | 401 | 305, 588 |
|  | June 16-30 | 370 | 403 | 265, 572 |
|  | July 1-15 | 394 | 383 | 277, 543 |
|  | July 16-31 | 289 | 347 | 192, 485 |
|  | Aug. 1-15 | 218 | 294 | 203, 402 |
|  | Aug. 16-31 | 236 | 255 | 164, 421 |
|  | Sept. 1-15 | 189 | 204 | 114, 282 |
| 6. Lake level (cm) of Lake Nerka 1952- | June 1-15 |  | 144 | 84, 227 |
|  | June 16-30 | 160 | 151 | 97, 218 |
|  | July 1-15 | 128 | 131 | 74, 199 |
|  | July 16-31 | 94 | 105 | 52, 172 |
|  | Aug. 1-15 | 88 | 85 | 34, 173 |
|  | Aug. 16-31 | 84 | 82 | 30, 184 |
|  | Sept. 1-15 | 79 | 82 | 29, 161 |
| ```7. Chlorophyll "a", 0-20m (mg/m2) 1963-``` | 6/22 | 25 | 28 | 10, 45 |
|  | 7/2 | 14 |  |  |
|  | 7/13 | 20 | 26 | 10, 43 |
|  | 7/22 | 26 |  |  |
|  | 8/2 | 13 | 21 | 6, 36 |
|  | 8/11 | 17 |  |  |
|  | 8/21 | 17 |  |  |
|  | 9/2 | 18 | 23 | 12, 37 |
| 8. Zooplankton volume $0-60 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{m} 2)$ 1967- | 6/22 | 44 | 52 | 20,168 |
|  | 7/2 | 60 |  |  |
|  | 7/13 | 112 | 85 | 45-162 |
|  | 7/22 | 121 |  |  |
|  | 8/2 | 187 | 117 | 43-226 |
|  | 8/11 | 168 |  |  |
|  | 8/21 | 136 |  |  |
|  | 9/2 | 86 | 60 | 26-107 |

TABLE 14. Five-day averages of catches of emergent midges and water temperatures at 3 stations on Lake Aleknagik, 1999.

| 5-day period | Catch per day |  |  |  |  |  |  | Water temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1999 |  |  |  | 1969-99 |  |  | 1999 |  |  |  | 1969-99 |  |  |
|  | W | H | B | Mean | Mean | Min | Max | W | H | B | Mean | Mean | Min | Max |
| 6/1-5 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 0 | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3.8 | 0.0 | 9.8 |
| 6-10 |  |  |  |  | 9 | 0 | 70 |  |  |  |  | 5.3 | 0.0 | 10.4 |
| 11-15 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 1 | 53 |  |  |  |  | 7.1 | 0.0 | 12.1 |
| 16-20 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 168 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 3.9 | 12.7 |
| 21-25 | 8 | 7 | 17 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 42 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 4.8 | 12.8 |
| 26-30 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 6.0 | 13.9 |
| 7/1-5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 13.0 | 12.4 | 11.5 | 7.7 | 15.5 |
| 6-10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 61 | 9.3 | 12.0 | 14.8 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 9.3 | 16.0 |
| 11-15 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 34 | 8.5 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 9.2 | 17.9 |
| 16-20 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 36 | 9.2 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 17.0 |
| 21-25 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 74 | 11.0 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 13.0 | 7.9 | 17.2 |
| 26-30 | 7 | 0 | 56 | 21 | 26 | 5 | 59 | 13.0 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 13.5 | 8.9 | 16.1 |
| 31-4 | 9 | 32 | 39 | 27 | 26 | 4 | 77 | 9.0 | 12.3 | 13.0 | 11.4 | 13.6 | 10.2 | 17.5 |
| 8/5-9 | 9 | 15 | 25 | 16 | 18 | 3 | 80 | 11.3 | 12.0 | 13.8 | 12.3 | 13.6 | 10.4 | 17.1 |
| 10-14 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 54 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 13.8 | 12.5 | 13.6 | 9.5 | 18.8 |
| 15-19 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 70 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 14.7 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 11.0 | 16.2 |
| 20-24 |  |  |  |  | 5 | 0 | 28 |  |  |  |  | 13.7 | 9.7 | 15.4 |
| 25-29 |  |  |  |  | 5 | 1 | 11 |  |  |  |  | 13.5 | 11.3 | 14.7 |
| 3-7 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 14.2 |

W = Whitefish Bay; H = Hansen Bay; and B = Bear Bay.

TABLE 15. Average catches, lengths and growth rates for sockeye fry and age 1 threepine stickleback in Lake Aleknagik, 1958-99.

|  | Sockeye salmon fry |  |  |  |  | Sockeye Escapement in year-1 (1000s) | Threepine stickleback |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Mean <br> beach <br> seine <br> catch | Mean length on $6 / 24$ $(\mathrm{~mm})$ | Mean length on $9 / 2$ (mm) | Growth rate (mm/ day) | Mean <br> tow <br> net <br> catch |  | Mean beach seine catch | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Mean } \\ \text { length } \\ \text { on } 6 / 24 \\ (\mathrm{~mm}) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Mean length on 9/2 (mm) | Growth rate (mm/ day) | Mean <br> tow <br> net <br> catch | Age 0 tow net catch |
| 58 | - | - | 62.1 | - | 14 | 88 | - | - | 44.6 | - | 36 | <1 |
| 59 | - | - | 62.7 | - | 13 | 63 | - | - | 46.7 |  | 136 | 10 |
| 60 | - | - | 55.5 | - | 111 | 205 | - |  | 43.4 |  | 53 | 2 |
| 61 | - | - | 58.4 | - | 103 | 85 | - |  | 42.0 |  | 38 | <1 |
| 62 | 334 | 31.7 | 54.1 | . 31 | 54 | 153 | 317 | 31.0 | 43.5 | . 17 | 139 | 5 |
| 63 | - | - | 62.1 | - | 24 | 48 | - | - | 46.4 | - | 46 | 1 |
| 64 | 227 | 31.1 | 60.4 | . 42 | 24 | 31 | 352 | 31.2 | 43.1 | . 17 | 272 | 1 |
| 65 | 549 | 31.2 | 53.6 | . 32 | 103 | 155 | 202 | 29.1 | 39.5 | . 15 | 182 | 1 |
| 66 | 395 | 30.2 | 47.5 | . 25 | 219 | 220 | 258 | 27.1 | 39.4 | . 18 | 150 | 0 |
| 67 | 339 | 30.7 | 43.4 | . 18 | 49 | 287 | 426 | 28.2 | 41.3 | . 19 | 61 | 5 |
| 68 | 46 | 31.8 | 57.9 | . 37 | 10 | 92 | 212 | 30.8 | 43.4 | . 18 | 268 | 169 |
| 69 | 96 | 31.7 | 61.4 | . 43 | 78 | 177 | 215 | 33.4 | 44.2 | . 16 | 81 | <1 |
| 70 | 164 | 31.4 | 59.0 | . 40 | 43 | 160 | 156 | 32.1 | 44.8 | . 18 | 87 | <1 |
| 71 | 408 | 30.6 | 54.6 | . 35 | 17 | 302 | 261 | 29.6 | 43.4 | . 20 | 3 | <1 |
| 72 | 126 | 30.6 | 54.8 | . 35 | 10 | 182 | 45 | 28.0 | 44.4 | . 24 | 12 | 1 |
| 73 | 30 | 29.0 | 66.7 | . 54 | 3 | 98 | 62 | 29.3 | 49.5 | . 29 | 8 | 1 |
| 74 | 47 | 35.3 | 62.8 | . 39 | 44 | 162 | 125 | 33.1 | 50.1 | . 24 | 119 | <1 |
| 75 | 111 | 29.1 | 55.3 | . 39 | 8 | 242 | 69 | 32.5 | 42.4 | . 15 | 132 | <1 |
| 76 | 178 | 30.1 | 49.8 | . 29 | 394 | 457 | 279 | 27.7 | 39.6 | . 17 | 30 | <1 |
| 77 | 223 | 30.1 | 48.0 | . 27 | 25 | 314 | 184 | 29.3 | 40.8 | . 17 | 36 | <1 |
| 78 | 34 | 32.8 | 62.7 | . 43 | 6 | 152 | 64 | 31.7 | 47.5 | . 23 | 21 | 1 |
| 79 | 312 | 31.6 | 51.5 | . 28 | 130 | 612 | 82 | 33.2 | 42.3 | . 13 | 50 | 18 |
| 80 | 46 | 31.0 | 56.4 | . 35 | 3 | 354 | 32 | 31.0 | 44.9 | . 19 | 24 | <1 |
| 81 | 423 | 32.4 | 51.3 | . 27 | 6 | 1230 | 217 | 34.7 | 45.5 | . 15 | 12 | <1 |
| 82 | 53 | 30.0 | 52.2 | . 33 | 131 | 454 | 63 | 30.2 | 43.2 | . 19 | 12 | 0 |
| 83 | 43 | 32.1 | 63.9 | . 45 | 22 | 337 | 12 | 30.9 | 48.4 | . 25 | 64 | 12 |
| 84 | 16 | 36.2 | 64.2 | . 41 | 3 | 245 | 54 | 35.9 | 48.8 | . 19 | 200 | 155 |
| 85 | 102 | 31.0 | 56.3 | . 36 | 1 | 329 | 109 | 34.3 | 40.9 | . 09 | 2 | 0 |
| 86 | 32 | 32.2 | 58.4 | . 37 | 10 | 188 | 24 | 31.4 | 45.0 | . 19 | 11 | 0 |
| 87 | 69 | 29.7 | 57.5 | . 40 | 3 | 341 | 27 | 31.7 | 44.9 | . 19 | 67 | <1 |
| 88 | 31 | 31.2 | 58.8 | . 40 | 2 | 362 | 42 | 32.4 | 48.5 | . 23 | 8 | 1 |
| 89 | 45 | 31.4 | 55.4 | . 34 | 18 | 285 | 26 | 32.6 | 47.0 | . 21 | 17 | 1 |
| 90 | 100 | 32.7 | 57.7 | . 36 | 20 | 477 | 129 | 31.2 | 48.1 | . 24 | 27 | 1 |
| 91 | 63 | 30.1 | 52.9 | . 33 | 14 | 393 | 108 | 31.3 | 42.2 | . 16 | 41 | 1 |
| 92 | 242 | 30.0 | 46.1 | . 24 | 52 | 788 | 200 | 27.9 | 39.4 | . 17 | 222 | <1 |
| 93 | 34 | 33.7 | 56.4 | . 33 | 10 | 357 | 55 | 31.7 | 46.5 | . 22 | 3 | <1 |
| 94 | 55 | 32.0 | 51.7 | . 29 | 121 | 417 | 31 | 30.3 | 46.6 | . 24 | 38 | 2 |
| 95 | 39 | 32.0 | 53.9 | . 31 | 24 | 483 | 33 | 31.5 | 46.0 | . 21 | 181 | 31 |
| 96 | 26 | 32.6 | 54.8 | . 32 | 100 | 470 | 43 | 32.6 | 47.1 | . 21 | 103 | 7 |
| 97 | 38 | 33.1 | 52.1 | . 27 | 8 | 625 | 164 | 34.2 | 41.4 | . 10 | 155 | 141 |
| 98 | 16 | 31.6 | 55.8 | . 35 | 3 | 404 | 26 | 30.6 | 45.3 | . 21 | 6 | 0 |
| 99 | 312 | 29.3 | 60.0 | . 44 | 5 | 401 | 182 | 31.4 | 52.8 | . 31 | 5 | 0 |
| Means | 146 | 31.4 | 55.8 | 0.35 | 47 | 336 | 132 | 31.2 | 44.7 | 0.19 | 76 | 21 |

1. Beach seine catches at 10 stations for four dates during 6/22-7/14.
2. Tow net catches for 5-min hauls, two at each of six stations during Sept. 1-5.
3. Lengths measured to nearest mm on preserved fish, means adjusted to live measurement.
4. Threespine stickleback catches are for all ages (0-4), but mean lengths for age 1 only.

TABLE 16. Average townet catches and mean lengths of sockeye fry (by lake area), number of parent spawners and average catches and mean lengths (age 1) of threepine stickleback for Lake Nerka, 1958-99.

| Year | Sockeye salmon fry |  |  |  |  |  | Sockeye salmon spawners in year-1 (1000s) |  |  | Threespine stickleback |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean tow-net catch |  |  | Mean length (mm) on 9/1 |  |  |  |  |  | Mean tow- | Mean length |
|  | South | Central | North | South | Central | North | South | Central | North | net catch | (mm) on 9/1 |
| 58 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 62 | 60 | 61 | 73 | 57 | 52 | 26 | 44 |
| 59 | 17 | 9 | 4 | 66 | 61 | 61 | 163 | 58 | 188 | 35 | 43 |
| 60 | 62 | 42 | 42 | 58 | 55 | 51 | 564 | 332 | 395 | 11 | 42 |
| 61 | 108 | 57 | 64 | 59 | 56 | 54 | 231 | 137 | 214 | 8 | 41 |
| 62 | 2 | 7 | 26 | 64 | 59 | 59 | 49 | 50 | 143 | 6 | 47 |
| 63 | 58 | 18 | 55 | 62 | 60 | 62 | 97 | 73 | 126 | 9 | 48 |
| 64 | 3 | 7 | 44 | 57 | 55 | 64 | 56 | 65 | 110 | 8 | 45 |
| 65 | 15 | 8 | 93 | 57 | 54 | 54 | 110 | 159 | 161 | 9 | 40 |
| 66 | 4 | 7 | 70 | 57 | 54 | 54 | 60 | 77 | 184 | 6 | 44 |
| 67 | 8 | 18 | 58 | 64 | 58 | 59 | 149 | 141 | 246 | 12 | 46 |
| 68 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 68 | 64 | 65 | 44 | 64 | 114 | 25 | 48 |
| 69 | 15 | 4 | 27 | 65 | 61 | 60 | 46 | 103 | 150 | 14 | 46 |
| 70 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 64 | 65 | 63 | 51 | 56 | 266 | 5 | 43 |
| 71 | 3 | 9 | 197 | 54 | 52 | 58 | 141 | 132 | 229 | 4 | 42 |
| 72 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 57 | 55 | 55 | 68 | 73 | 178 | 8 | 45 |
| 73 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 61 | 61 | 61 | 37 | 82 | 109 | 4 | 45 |
| 74 | 5 | 4 | 34 | 69 | 64 | 64 | 19 | 29 | 83 | 107 | 50 |
| 75 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 59 | 55 | 53 | 236 | 141 | 242 | 60 | 44 |
| 76 | 1 | 9 | 40 | 52 | 49 | 45 | 128 | 69 | 297 | 17 | 40 |
| 77 | 19 | 50 | 143 | 55 | 54 | 51 | 77 | 69 | 176 | 17 | 42 |
| 78 | <1 | <1 | 4 | 56 | 61 | 63 | 67 | 65 | 173 | 18 | 46 |
| 79 | 3 | 17 | 50 | 64 | 54 | 58 | 151 | 181 | 460 | 61 | 47 |
| 80 | 1 | 14 | 37 | 52 | 49 | 47 | 246 | 142 | 287 | 33 | 41 |
| 81 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 59 | 55 | 55 | 219 | 224 | 566 | 6 | 46 |
| 82 | 1 | 6 | 38 | 54 | 56 | 54 | 89 | 169 | 348 | 24 | 45 |
| 83 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 66 | 63 | 63 | 29 | 43 | 396 | 1 | 48 |
| 84 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 72 | 61 | 63 | 66 | 84 | 243 | 14 | 50 |
| 85 | 1 | 2 | 123 | 61 | 56 | 55 | 57 | 89 | 371 | 2 | 45 |
| 86 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 50 | 54 | 64 | 50 | 106 | 492 | 2 | 42 |
| 87 | 1 | 7 | 21 | 57 | 56 | 55 | 34 | 64 | 253 | 4 | 43 |
| 88 | <1 | 2 | 7 | 64 | 57 | 57 | 77 | 213 | 293 | 2 | 49 |
| 89 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 57 | 51 | 59 | 57 | 174 | 176 | 5 | 48 |
| 90 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 63 | 62 | 58 | 87 | 153 | 377 | 3 | 48 |
| 91 | 27 | 22 | 32 | 61 | 57 | 56 | 80 | 94 | 219 | 27 | 44 |
| 92 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 57 | 55 | 55 | 51 | 43 | 99 | 4 | 41 |
| 93 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 62 | 57 | 55 | 200 | 252 | 201 | 15 | 45 |
| 94 | 29 | 39 | 66 | 63 | 55 | 52 | 162 | 169 | 203 | 15 | 44 |
| 95 | 41 | 127 | 49 | 63 | 56 | 50 | 95 | 152 | 372 | 22 | 44 |
| 96 | 6 | 44 |  | 66 | 61 |  | 154 | 153 | 232 | 1 | 49 |
| 97 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 62 | 59 | 60 | 131 | 216 | 355 | 39 | 43 |
| 98 | 12 | 47 | 26 | 59 | 53 | 52 | 148 | 282 | 250 | 37 | 44 |
| 99 | 136 | 59 | 181 | 51 | 48 | 49 | 137 | 241 | 161 | 12 | 47 |
| Means | 16 | 19 | 41 | 60 | 57 | 57 | 114 | 126 | 243 | 18 | 45 |

TABLE 17. Occurrence and numbers of juvenile sockeye in stomachs of Arctic char collected by hook and line from Little Togiak River during 30 days after ice out, 1972-99.

| Year | Date of ice out | Range in sampling dates | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Number } \\ \text { of char } \\ \text { examined } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Mean length (mm) | Percent of char with |  | Mean number per char |  | Sockeye escape. year-2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Fry | Smolt | Fry | Smolt |  |
| 72 | 6/17 | 6/26-7/10 | 82 | 446 | 34 | 60 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 55 |
| 73 | 6/08 | 6/19-7/03 | 121 | 446 | 34 | 44 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 24 |
| 74 | 5/27 | 6/11-25 | 64 | 429 | 19 | 39 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 14 |
| 75 | 6/15 | 6/22-7/13 | 71 | 415 | 9 | 36 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 14 |
| 76 | 6/17 | 6/19-7/13 | 96 | 418 | 11 | 56 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 48 |
| 77 | 6/13 | 6/11-7/11 | 325 | 403 | 30 | 17 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 30 |
| 78 | 6/02 | 6/07-25 | 316 | 437 | 7 | 42 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 18 |
| 79 | 5/24 | 6/06-22 | 178 | 438 | 32 | 25 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 26 |
| 80 | 5/27 | 6/09-25 | 278 | 459 | 27 | 81 | 1.4 | 9.4 | 45 |
| 81 | 5/28 | 6/12-25 | 124 | 415 | 3 | 31 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 44 |
| 82 | 6/15 | 6/17-7/05 | 105 | 450 | 18 | 61 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 81 |
| 83 | 5/27 | 6/19-7/03 | 78 | 424 | 0 | 14 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 60 |
| 84 | 5/26 | 6/20-7/02 | 56 | 408 | 0 | 18 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 36 |
| 85 | 6/17 | 6/15-7/06 | 60 | 437 | 22 | 30 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 29 |
| 86 | 6/04 | 6/16-7/05 | 61 | 437 | 21 | 56 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 15 |
| 87 | 6/01 | 6/14-7/05 | 51 | 451 | 6 | 78 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 20 |
| 88 | 6/05 | 6/16-29 | 43 | 431 | 7 | 26 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 24 |
| 89 | 6/17 | 6/20-7/15 | 105 | 388 | 37 | 38 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 15 |
| 90 | 5/28 | 6/07-24 | 72 | 391 | 35 | 11 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 16 |
| 91 | 6/07 | 6/20-7/07 | 48 | 415 | 4 | 35 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 13 |
| 92 | 6/13 | 6/15-7/11 | 79 | 425 | 0 | 46 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 29 |
| 93 | 5/12 | 6/07-18 | 51 | 428 | 21 | 22 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 19 |
| 94 | 5/28 | 6/14-29 | 39 | 416 | 3 | 21 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 35 |
| 95 | 5/29 | 6/11-13 | 3 | 468 | 66 | 66 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 19 |
| 96 | 5/30 | 6/16-22 | 40 | 429 | 0 | 42 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 24 |
| 97 | 5/29 | 6/13-24 | 28 | 445 | 0 | 11 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 28 |
| 98 | 5/28 | 6/15-25 | 22 | 435 | 9 | 36 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 23 |
| 99 | 6/15 | 6/28-7/01 | 12 | 469 | 17 | 50 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 45 |
| means | 6/5 |  | 93 | 430 | 17 | 39 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 30 |

TABLE 18. Ground survey counts of sockeye spawners in the Wood River lakes, 1999.

| Location | Date | Estimated off mouth | In creek |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Live | Dead | Natural | Bear kill |  |
| Aleknagik |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yako | 8/02 | 1000 | 4641 | 652 | 282 | 370 | 6293 |
| Hansen | 8/08 |  | 7607 | 6187 | 4527 | 1723 | 13794 |
| Bear | 8/06 | 800 | 3539 | 422 | 119 | 303 | 4761 |
| Нарру* | 8/05 | 1500 | 5932 | 2645 | 1853 | 792 | 10077 |
| Ice* | 8/07 |  | 8879 | 785 | 499 | 286 | 9664 |
| Eagle | 8/09 | 500 | 1222 | 809 | 82 | 727 | 2531 |
| Mission | 8/15 | 375 | 3131 | 731 | 452 | 279 | 4237 |
| Whitefish | 8/14 | 400 | 1569 | 665 | 78 | 587 | 2634 |
| Nerka |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fenno | 8/13 | 50 | 1130 | 3536 | 3282 | 254 | 4716 |
| Pick | 8/14 | 300 | 4549 | 481 | 90 | 391 | 5330 |
| Lynx | 8/23 | 100 | 691 | 293 | 75 | 218 | 1084 |
| Hidden Lake | 8/19 | 150 | 1839 | 839 | 500 | 339 | 2828 |
| Elva | 8/26 | 75 | 51 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 142 |
| Little Togiak River | 8/27 |  | 1813 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1821 |
| Stovall* | 8/25 | 0 | 532 | 444 | 250 | 194 | 976 |
| Pike | 8/20 | 0 | 73 | 42 | 37 | 5 | 115 |
| Teal | 8/20 | 150 | 1022 | 1227 | 449 | 778 | 2399 |
| Kema | 8/27 | 0 | 985 | 1856 | 1229 | 627 | 2841 |
| Little Togiak |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A Creek | 8/21 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| C Creek | 8/21 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 3 | 22 | 25 |
| Beverley |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moose | 8/23 |  | 2205 | 831 | 529 | 302 | 3036 |
| Kulik |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grant R. | 8/22 |  | 12680 | 1406 | 742 | 664 | 14086 |

[^2]TABLE 19. Age compositions (\%) of sockeye salmon spawners in the Wood River Lakes in 1999.

| Location | Males |  |  |  |  |  | No. fish | Females |  |  |  |  |  | No. <br> fish |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.4 |  | 1.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.4 |  |
| Hansen | 0.0 | 97.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 110 | 0.0 | 97.3 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 105 |
| Happy | 0.0 | 68.4 | 0.0 | 30.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 98 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 0.9 | 32.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 108 |
| Bear | 0.0 | 89.1 | 0.0 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 110 | 0.0 | 91.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100 |
| Ice | 0.0 | 46.8 | 0.0 | 53.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 109 | 1.0 | 34.3 | 0.0 | 64.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 102 |
| Agulowak River | 0.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 80.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 105 | 0.0 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 86.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 114 |
| Wood River | 0.0 | 88.7 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 97 | 0.0 | 87.5 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 104 |
| Fenno | 0.0 | 81.7 | 0.0 | 18.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 104 | 0.0 | 87.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100 |
| Stovall | 0.0 | 69.4 | 0.0 | 30.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 108 | 0.0 | 70.4 | 0.0 | 29.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 125 |
| Lynx | 3.2 | 79.0 | 0.0 | 17.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 62 | 0.0 | 82.0 | 0.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 111 |
| Kema | 0.0 | 88.2 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 102 | 0.0 | 97.1 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 104 |
| Pick | 0.0 | 61.7 | 0.0 | 37.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 107 | 0.0 | 62.9 | 0.0 | 37.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70 |
| LT River | 0.0 | 63.9 | 3.1 | 32.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 97 | 0.0 | 48.0 | 0.0 | 52.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100 |
| N4-N6 beach | 0.0 | 69.2 | 0.0 | 30.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 104 | 0.0 | 84.0 | 0.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 106 |
| Hidden Lake | 0.0 | 91.8 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98 | 0.9 | 88.7 | 0.9 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 106 |
| Anvil Bay beach | 0.0 | 75.5 | 0.0 | 24.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 102 | 0.0 | 93.6 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 109 |
| Agulukpak River | 0.0 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 89.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 114 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 96.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 107 |
| LT beaches |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| ABC creeks |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Moose | 0.0 | 82.3 | 2.5 | 15.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 79 | 0.0 | 90.9 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99 |
| Grant River | 0.0 | 69.9 | 1.9 | 28.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 103 | 0.0 | 79.0 | 2.0 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100 |
| Unweighted mean | 0.2 | 69.5 | 0.6 | 29.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1809 | 0.1 | 71.0 | 0.3 | 28.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1870 |
| Wood River |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ADFG tower | 0.0 | 53.6 | 3.4 | 41.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 365 | 0.0 | 74.8 | 2.9 | 22.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 819 |

TABLE 20. Daily counts of sockeye salmon spawners in Hansen Creek, 1999.

| Date | In creek |  |  | In ponds |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total } \\ \text { live } \end{array}$ | Totaldead | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Cumu- } \\ \text { lative } \\ \text { dead } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Live+ } \\ \text { cum. } \\ \text { dead } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Live | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Natural } \\ \text { dead } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Bear } \\ & \text { dead } \end{aligned}$ | Live | $\begin{array}{r} \text { atural } \\ \text { dead } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bear } \\ & \text { dead } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Jul. 21 | 0 | 20 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 31 | 31 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 40 | 40 |
| 23 | 129 | 28 | 37 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 65 | 105 | 244 |
| 24 | 187 | 38 | 97 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 224 | 135 | 240 | 464 |
| 25 | 1561 | 90 | 117 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 1635 | 207 | 447 | 2082 |
| 26 | 838 | 168 | 167 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 942 | 335 | 782 | 1724 |
| 27 | 756 | 56 | 59 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 852 | 115 | 897 | 1749 |
| 28 | 1198 | 106 | 91 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 1330 | 197 | 1094 | 2424 |
| 29 | 1465 | 142 | 57 | 194 | 0 | 0 | 1659 | 199 | 1293 | 2952 |
| 30 | 2576 | 297 | 46 | 172 | 0 | 0 | 2748 | 343 | 1636 | 4384 |
| 31 | 2563 | 291 | 104 | 212 | 0 | 0 | 2775 | 395 | 2031 | 4806 |
| Aug. 1 | 3151 | 257 | 24 | 196 | 0 | 0 | 3347 | 281 | 2312 | 5659 |
| 2 | 3521 | 305 | 64 | 228 | 2 | 0 | 3749 | 371 | 2683 | 6432 |
| 3 | 5112 | 558 | 64 | 244 | 3 | 0 | 5356 | 625 | 3308 | 8664 |
| 4 | 7066 | 297 | 150 | 749 | 6 | 0 | 7815 | 453 | 3761 | 11576 |
| 5 | 6774 | 423 | 147 | 440 | 9 | 0 | 7214 | 579 | 4340 | 11554 |
| 6 | 7374 | 347 | 135 | 440 | 15 | 0 | 7814 | 497 | 4837 | 12651 |
| 7 | 5809 | 457 | 124 | 600 | 0 | 0 | 6409 | 581 | 5418 | 11827 |
| 8 | 7124 | 577 | 156 | 483 | 35 | 1 | 7607 | 769 | 6187 | 13794 |
| 9 | 7119 | 408 | 65 | 480 | 15 | 0 | 7599 | 488 | 6675 | 14274 |
| 10 | 6410 | 678 | 173 | 480 | 21 | 1 | 6890 | 873 | 7548 | 14438 |
| 11 | 6990 | 785 | 226 | 600 | 24 | 0 | 7590 | 1035 | 8583 | 16173 |
| 12 | 6579 | 945 | 161 | 675 | 46 | 0 | 7254 | 1152 | 9735 | 16989 |
| 13 | 5928 | 1232 | 128 | 400 | 98 | 0 | 6328 | 1458 | 11193 | 17521 |
| 14 | 5642 | 717 | 76 | 300 | 34 | 0 | 5942 | 827 | 12020 | 17962 |
| 15 | 4716 | 926 | 154 | 285 | 25 | 0 | 5001 | 1105 | 13125 | 18126 |
| 16 | 3909 | 879 | 175 | 230 | 60 | 3 | 4139 | 1117 | 14242 | 18381 |
| 17 | 3513 | 725 | 113 | 200 | 51 | 7 | 3713 | 896 | 15138 | 18851 |
| 18 | 3046 | 732 | 190 | 280 | 53 | 2 | 3326 | 977 | 16115 | 19441 |
| Totals |  | 12464 | 3183 |  | 497 | 14 |  |  |  |  |

Upper pond not counted
Dead fish removed on each survey.

Table 21. Summary of Hansen Creek spawning surveys, 1990-99.

| Year | Datefirstfishentered | Survey date | Survey counts |  |  |  | Total from daily surveys | Percent peak count of total | Mortalities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Natural |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Bear- } \\ \text { kill } \end{array}$ | Percent bear- |
|  |  |  | Mouth | Live | Dead | Total |  |  | dead | dead | kill |
| 1990 | 7/28 | 8/1 |  | 3570 | 201 | 3771 |  | 6733 | 56 | 5139 | 1594 | 24 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 25 | 4105 | 743 | 4873 | 6733 | 72 |  |  |  |
| 1991 | 7/21 | 8/1 |  | 4460 | 1664 | 6124 | 16296 | 38 | 13671 | 2625 | 16 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 500 | 8670 | 3735 | 12905 | 16296 | 79 |  |  |  |
| 1992 | 7/18 | 8/1 |  | 4594 | 1085 | 5679 | 7292 | 78 | 5991 | 1301 | 18 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 50 | 3518 | 2886 | 6454 | 7292 | 89 |  |  |  |
| 1993 | 7/20 | 8/1 |  | 1359 | 685 | 2044 | 4212 | 49 | 2696 | 1516 | 36 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 200 | 1482 | 1573 | 3055 | 4212 | 73 |  |  |  |
| 1994 | 7/27 | 8/1 |  | 2314 | 718 | 3032 | 7413 | 41 | 3358 | 4055 | 55 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 500 | 3205 | 1947 | 5652 | 7413 | 76 |  |  |  |
| 1995 | 7/20 | 8/1 | 600 | 6509 | 2348 | 9457 | 17589 | 54 | 9854 | 7297 | 43 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 100 | 7680 | 4425 | 12205 | 17589 | 69 |  |  |  |
| 1996 | 7/18 | 8/1 | 1000 | 5076 | 1674 | 6750 | 9736 | 69 | 6476 | 2800 | 30 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 200 | 3968 | 3345 | 7313 | 9736 | 75 |  |  |  |
| 1997 | 7/18 | 8/1 |  | 1597 | 2183 | 3780 | 8845 | 43 | 3969 | 4831 | 55 |
|  |  | 8/6 | 300 | 2163 | 3804 | 5967 | 8845 | 67 |  |  |  |
| 1998 | 7/21 | 8/1 |  | 4336 | 2152 | 6488 | 12529 | 52 | 6040 | 5875 | 49 |
|  |  | 8/6 |  | 4153 | 4525 | 8678 | 12529 | 69 |  |  |  |
| 1999 | 7/21 | 8/1 |  | 3347 | 2312 | 5659 | 19441 | 29 | 12961 | 3197 | 20 |
|  |  | 8/6 |  | 7374 | 4837 | 12651 | 19441 | 65 |  |  |  |


[^0]:    *Strike in 1991 delayed the start of fishing except at Ugashik.
    **Upper range of escapement goals for Egegik and Ugashik were increased to 1.4 and 1.2 million for 1995 and 1999.
    ***Mid point escapement goals for Naknek, Egegik, and Ugashik were increased to 1.1, 1.1, and 1.0 million for 1999.
    ****Nushagak escapement reduced to .235 million for 1999.

[^1]:    Newhalen River spawners estimated by two times the aerial survey estimate.
    Italics $=$ estimate of missing data.

[^2]:    * Partial count; entire stream not surveyed.

