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# FORECASTS OF THE 1996 SOCKEYE SALMON RUNS TO BRISTOL BAY

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## INTRODUCTION

Salmon runs are characterized by large year-to-year variation in number, most of which is expressed in the annual catches because escapement requirements that are nearly constant from year to year have priority. During the past 20 yr, the largest annual catches of sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) in the major Alaskan fisheries have all been more than 10x greater than the smallest catch (Fig. 1). In the Bristol Bay sockeye fisheries (the largest in the world), the extreme of variation occurred when the catch went from <1 million fish in 1973 to nearly 40 million fish just 10 yr later. This year-to-year variation poses problems for the fishing industry when trying to prepare for the harvesting, processing, transportation, and sale of the salmon with a great deal of uncertainty. An accurate forecast of the catches can solve many of these problems and greatly assist fishery managers in regulating fishing early in the run. For the industry a forecast is most useful when available well in advance of the run (i.e.,  $\geq 6$  mo).

Sockeye salmon forecasts mostly depend on relationships between numbers of fish in a run and estimates of the numbers of fish at earlier times in their life (e.g., the approaching run, immature fish at sea, seaward migrant smolt, fry in lakes, or number of parent spawners [escapement]). In addition or sometimes as a substitute, characteristics of the salmon (body size, age, sex) or the salmon's environment (temperature) may be used if the measurement explains some of the variation in past runs. The accuracy of a Bristol Bay forecast is largely dependent on (1) how far in advance the forecast is made, (2) the accuracy of the estimates of fish numbers or substitute measures, and (3) the forecaster's experience and methods used.

Measurements needed to forecast the Bristol Bay sockeye salmon runs were not made routinely until about 1950; the first forecasts were made by biologists from the Fisheries Research Institute (FRI) and from what is now the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) late in that decade. Around 1962, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) assembled a staff of biologists to make annual forecasts of the runs from inshore observations (escapements, smolt, age, etc.), and in 1985 salmon processors asked that FRI make forecasts from these same data to provide a second opinion. This report presents a review of the 1995 season and forecasts of the 1996 sockeye salmon runs to Bristol Bay, which are based mostly on preliminary statistics provided by ADFG.

## REVIEW OF THE 1995 RUN

### FORECASTS AND ACTUAL RUNS

The FRI prediction of total run to Bristol Bay in 1995 was 53 million with a 34 million catch, and the ADFG predictions were nearly the same at 50 and 40 million (Table 1). The ADFG forecasts resulting from their statistical analyses were increased by ~33% to adjust for a recent tendency to under-forecast the runs (Geiger and Simpson 1995). Therefore, their database for the 1995 forecast actually indicated a lower run than forecast by FRI. The total 1995 run and catch

(61 and 44 million) as well as the individual district runs were greater than the pre-season forecasts from both agencies.

The catch of 44.3 million was 29% greater than we predicted and the largest ever for Bristol Bay. For the past 8 yr, the catches have differed from our forecasts by an average of 29% (range: 3% to 74%) and from the ADFG forecasts by an average of 39% (range: 10% to 125%). Therefore, both forecasts were relatively accurate in predicting a large catch in 1995.

In addition to the pre-season forecasts, we have made in-season forecasts each year since 1987 from a test-fishing program based out of Port Moller. This project, which was originally operated by ADFG (1968–1985), has provided more accurate predictions than pre-season forecasts because we are estimating the relative abundance of the run just 6–8 d before arrival in the fishing districts. Prior to the 1995 season, a Bristol Bay almanac was provided to processors so they could make daily forecasts of the final 1995 run beginning June 20. The forecast method was based on the past daily cumulative Port Moller indices and the past runs, and assumed average run timing. Very early in 1995 (about June 20), the test boat catches indicated that the run was going to be large and comparable to the pre-season forecasts (Table 2). However the sockeye at Port Moller were small and distributed farther offshore than in past years, which suggested that the 1995 indices might be underestimating the abundance. The Port Moller samples did provide an accurate estimate of the age composition in the 1995 run as did the False Pass fishery (Table 3).

The run timing in 1995 was expected to be average or a little later than average based on water temperatures in the North Pacific. The large 1995 run was spread out in time, but the mid-point was about average.

## THE FISHERIES

The Port Moller program indicated that the 1995 run was going to be large and about average in timing. The first major catch was made on June 25 in the Egegik fishery (Tables 4 and 5). Total daily catches exceeded 1 million from June 27 to July 18, with the largest single day catch on July 6 (2.9 million), which was also the 50% point for the total catch. Management of the 1995 Naknek/Kvichak fishery was again outstanding as escapement goals were achieved in both major rivers with a large run to the Kvichak but only an average run to the Naknek. There was some overescapement in the Egegik, Wood, Igushik and Ugashik rivers, which all had relatively large runs; however, only the escapement to Igushik is likely to result in lower future production.

## FISH SIZE

The sockeye salmon caught in Bristol Bay in 1995 averaged 5.3 lb as in 1994 and were the smallest since 1970 (Table 6). This was caused by a high percentage of 2-ocean fish (71%) and small size by age and sex (Fig. 2). The body size of Bristol Bay sockeye is inversely related to the number of fish in the run (large run-small fish) and is influenced indirectly by water temperature and the length of time the fish has to grow in the spring of the year it returns. Winter and

spring weather over southwest Alaska has been relatively mild since 1976 (Fig. 3), but we do not know what the spring nearshore surface temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska were in 1994. The sockeye caught in the False Pass fishery were also small this year and they were very difficult to catch, just as in 1994. This indicates that some unusual ocean conditions have prevailed for the past 2 yr.

## FORECASTS FOR 1996

The statistics used to forecast the 1996 Bristol Bay sockeye salmon runs came from several sources: (1) the numbers, ages, lengths, and weights of adult salmon in the catches and escapements and smolt in the seaward migrations were from annual reports by ADFG (e.g., Stratton and Crawford 1994, Crawford and Cross 1994); (2) the relative numbers, ages, and lengths of fry in the Wood River and Kvichak lake systems were from annual reports by FRI (e.g., Rogers et al. 1995); and (3) air temperatures for Bristol Bay were from monthly reports by the U.S. Weather Bureau. The Bristol Bay run statistics used in forecasting do not include estimates of interceptions (i.e., fish caught on the high seas or at False Pass). We are forecasting the inshore run from inshore statistics. The climate for the 3 brood years (1990–92) that will contribute to the 1996 run was generally favorable (Fig. 3).

Run predictions were made (usually 4) for each major age group and summed to obtain a forecast for a river system. The river system forecasts were summed to predict the run to a fishing district, and the predicted catch was obtained by subtracting the recent 5-yr average of escapements. To predict the return of an age group in 1995, we assembled all relevant statistics from past brood years (since 1981) and submitted them to a stepwise multiple regression procedure. When no measurement (variable) was significantly correlated with past variation in a run, then the average run in the past 5 yr was used to predict the 1996 run. Only adult returns since 1985 (1981 brood year) were used because of a recent shift in the ocean age composition towards more 3-ocean fish, and the production of sockeye salmon at Egegik has increased greatly since 1980. Egegik was a low producer relative to the size of the lake (second largest in Bristol Bay); now production is more in line with the other systems in Bristol Bay. In addition, the more recent years are likely to better predict events in 1996 than earlier observations. An exception to this was in the forecast of age 1.2 returns to the Kvichak (which has mainly 2-ocean fish). Here I used statistics starting with the 1974 brood year (1978 run) because recent years did not provide a statistically significant forecast and a 5-yr average was not appropriate.

The forecast of the total 1996 Bristol Bay sockeye salmon run is 45.2 million with a predicted catch of 33.4 million (Table 7). Over the past 5 yr, there have been large runs of 3-ocean fish, especially relative to the returns of 2-ocean fish in the preceding years (Table 8). The 2-ocean fish were generally small for these years, so we might expect a large return of 3-ocean fish in 1996 from the small but numerous 2-ocean fish in 1995.

The databases and forecast statistics are presented in Tables 9–14. The Egegik, Ugashik, and Nushagak are expected to have larger runs in 1996 than they had in 1995; however, the Naknek/Kvichak is expected to have a much smaller run in 1996 mainly as a result of the low return of jacks in 1995 (Fig. 4). Because past runs have sometimes differed considerably from the pre-season forecasts, it will again be very important for the industry to have an accurate in-season forecast from the Port Moller test fishery.

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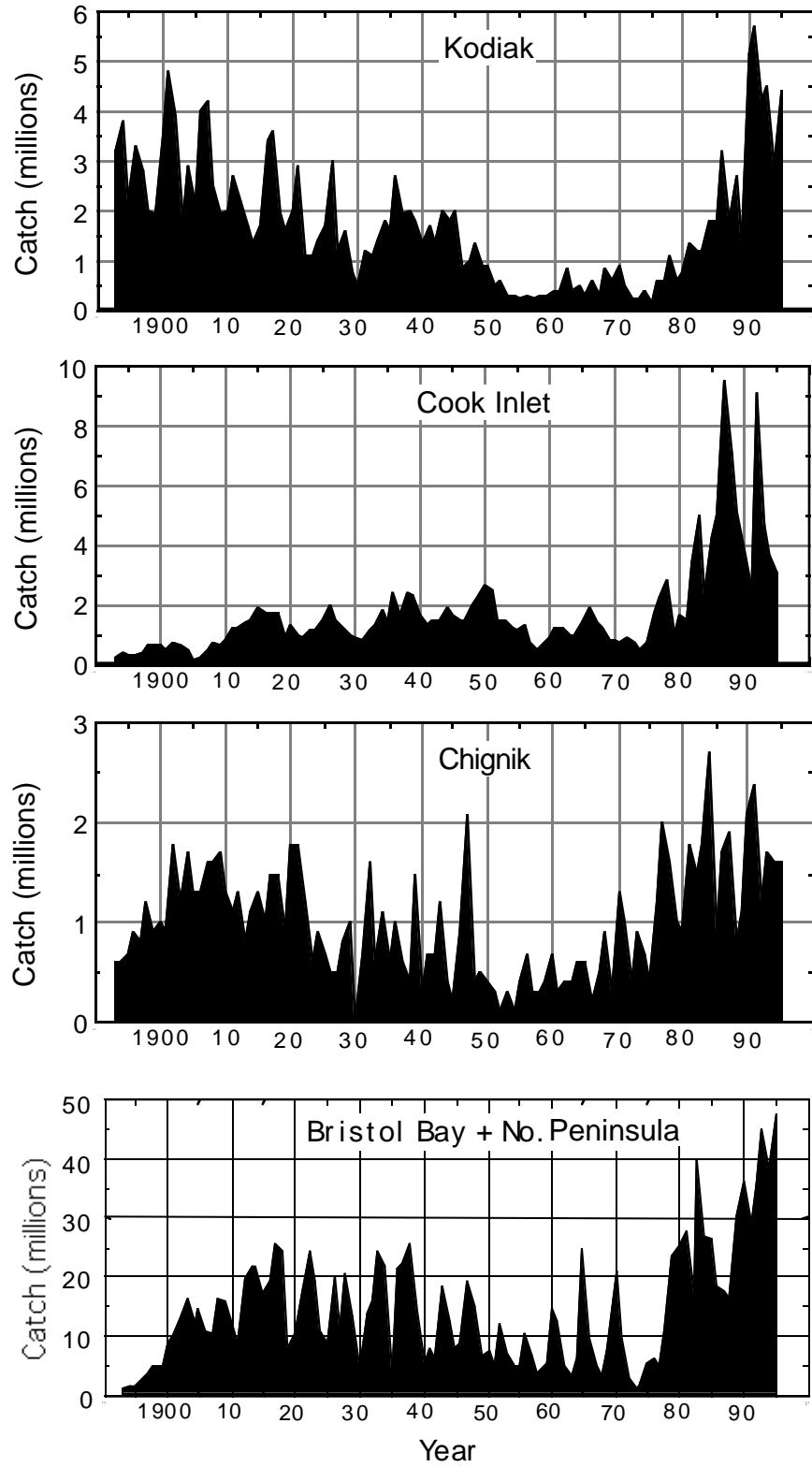


Figure 1. Annual commercial catches of sockeye salmon in the major Alaskan fisheries, 1893–1995.

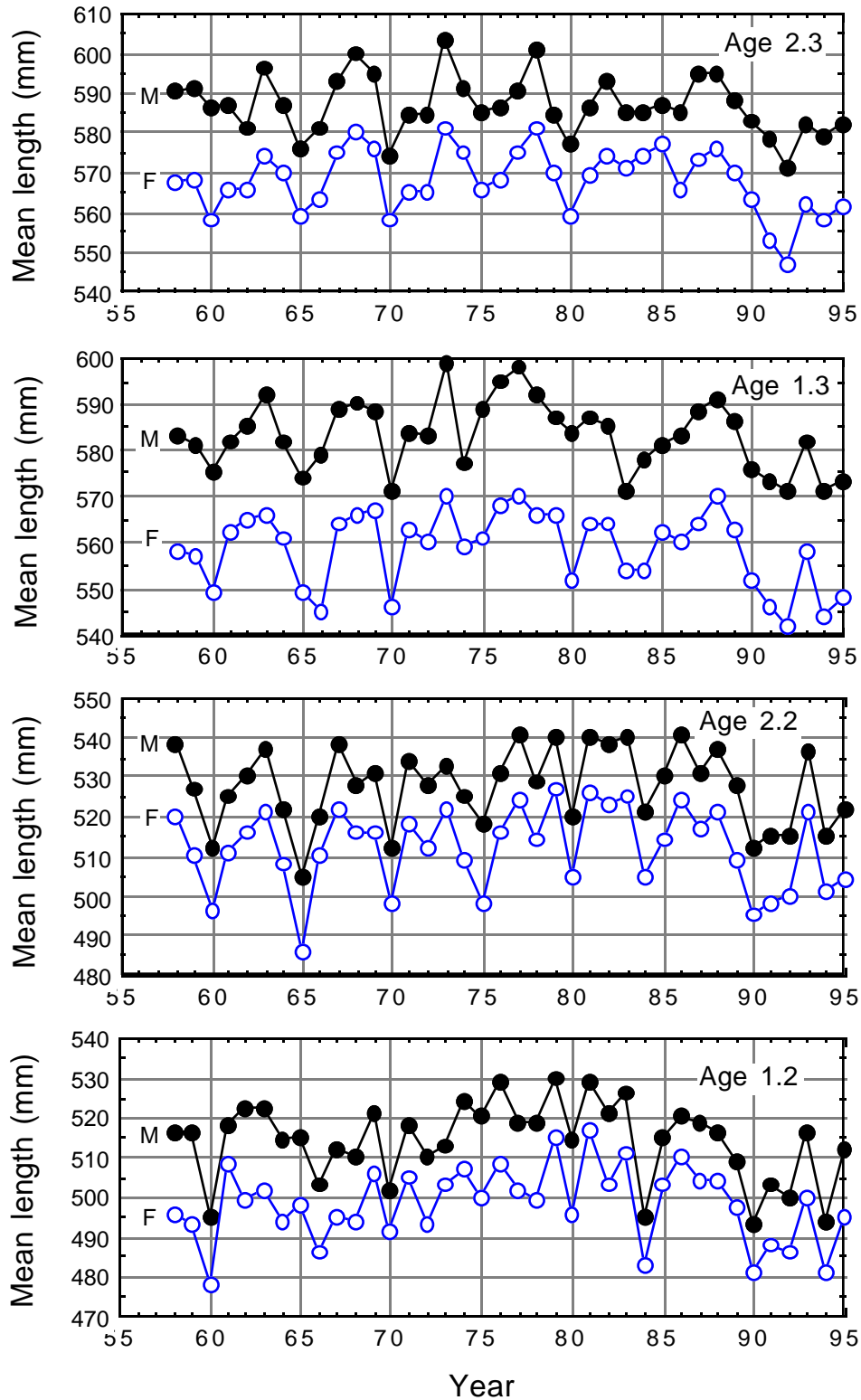


Figure 2. Annual mean lengths (mid-eye to tail fork) by age and sex for sockeye salmon in the Bristol Bay runs, 1958–95.

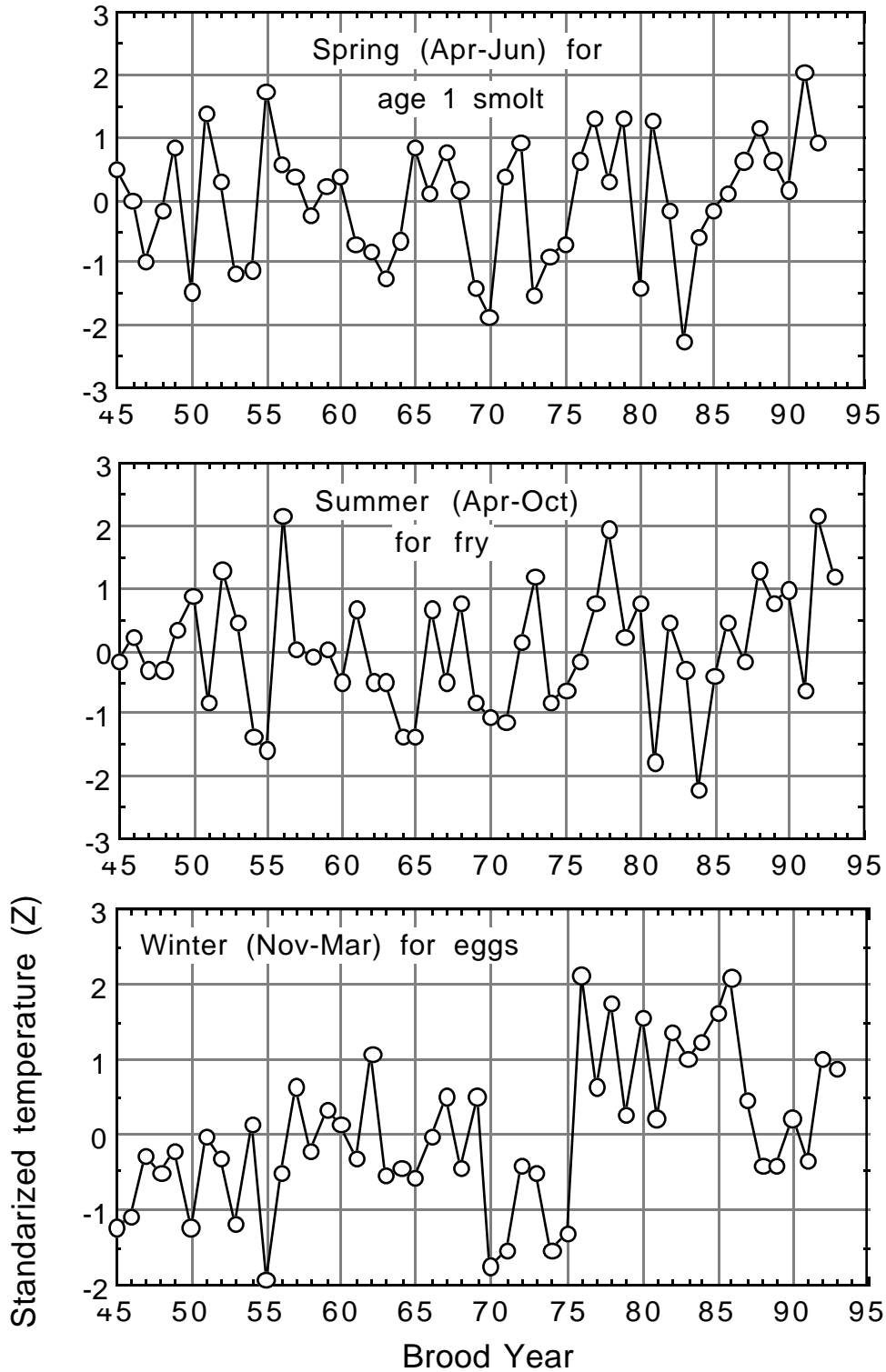


Figure 3. Relative air temperatures (number of standard deviations from the mean) in Bristol Bay (Dillingham and King Salmon) for sockeye salmon brood years, 1945–93.

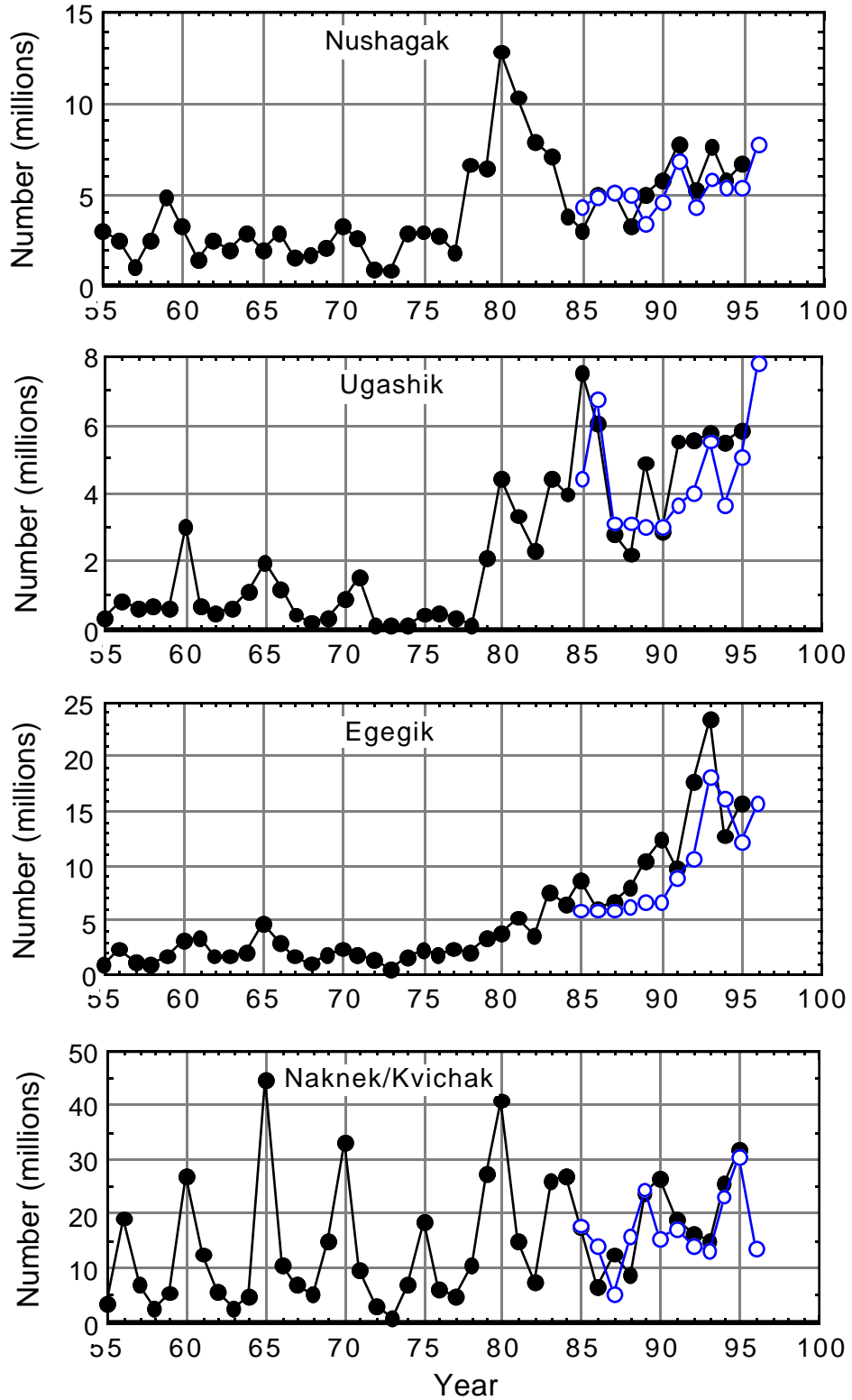


Figure 4. Sockeye salmon runs to the four major Bristol Bay fishing districts, 1955–95, and the FRI pre-season forecasts, 1985–96.

Table 1. Comparisons of forecasts and runs of Bristol Bay sockeye in millions, 1988–95.

Year	District	Pre-season forecasts				Actual		Port	Moller
		ADF&G		FRI		Run	Catch	forecast	(7/2-6)
		Run	Catch	Run	Catch				
1988	Nak/Kvi	11.4	5.2	15.7	9.5	8.8	3.5	8.0	
	Egegik	5.6	4.6	6.2	5.2	8.0	6.4	8.0	
	Ugashik	3.2	2.5	3.1	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.5	
	Nushagak	5.6	4.0	5.0	3.4	3.2	1.7	3.5	
	Togiak	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.0	
	TOTAL	26.5	16.8	30.6	20.8	23.2	13.8	22.0	12
1989	Nak/Kvi	16.0	6.8	24.3	15.0	23.5	13.8	26.5	16.0
	Egegik	5.6	4.6	6.7	5.7	10.5	8.9	8.0	7.0
	Ugashik	3.6	2.9	3.0	2.2	4.9	3.1	2.5	1.5
	Nushagak	3.1	1.4	3.4	2.0	4.9	2.8	5.0	3.5
	Togiak	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	+	+
	TOTAL	28.9	16.2	38.0	25.4	44.0	28.7	42.0	28.0
1990	Nak/Nek	13.0	5.8	15.3	8.1	26.4	17.1	23.0	14.0
	Egegik	5.6	4.6	6.6	5.5	12.3	10.1	8.0	6.5
	Ugashik	3.1	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.9	2.1	3.0	2.0
	Nushagak	3.4	1.7	4.6	3.0	5.7	3.6	4.0	2.5
	Togiak	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	+
	TOTAL	25.4	14.7	29.8	19.0	47.6	33.1	38.5	25.0
1991	Nak/Nek	14.1	8.9	17.0	9.5	18.6	10.6	17.0	7.0
	Egegik	8.2	7.2	8.9	7.8	9.6	6.8	7.0	5.0
	Ugashik	3.5	2.8	3.6	2.7	5.5	3.0	5.0	4.0
	Nushagak	3.8	2.1	6.8	4.8	7.7	5.3	8.0	4.5
	Togiak	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.5	+	+
	TOTAL	30.0	21.2	36.7	25.0	42.2	26.2	37.0	20.5
1992	Nak/Kvi	16.9	9.7	13.8	7.2	15.9	9.4	14.0	8.0
	Egegik	10.7	9.7	10.4	9.0	17.6	15.7	16.0	14.0
	Ugashik	4.3	3.6	4.0	3.0	5.5	3.4	5.0	4.0
	Nushagak	4.6	2.9	4.3	2.5	5.2	2.9	5.0	3.0
	Togiak	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.5	+
	TOTAL	37.1	26.3	33.0	22.0	45.0	32.0	41.0	29.0
1993	Nak/Nek	15.5	9.3	13.1	6.9	14.6	8.9	12.0	7.0
	Egegik	15.8	14.8	18.2	16.2	23.3	21.8	18.5	17.0
	Ugashik	4.9	4.2	5.5	4.5	5.7	4.3	5.0	4.0
	Nushagak	5.1	3.3	6.0	4.0	7.6	5.3	6.0	4.0
	Togiak	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
	TOTAL	41.8	32.0	43.3	31.9	51.9	40.8	42.0	32.3
1994	Nak/Nek	22.5	13.3	23.1	13.1	25.6	16.3	25.2	14.0
	Egegik	18.5	17.5	16.2	14.2	12.7	10.8	11.3	10.0
	Ugashik	5.5	4.8	3.6	2.9	5.4	4.4	3.0	2.0
	Nushagak	5.5	3.8	5.3	3.5	5.9	3.4	5.0	3.0
	Togiak	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3
	TOTAL	52.5	39.7	48.8	34.1	50.1	35.2	45.0	29.3
1995	Nak/Kvi	30.8	19.6	30.2	17.7	31.8	20.4	25.1	13.8
	Egegik	13.1	12.1	12.1	10.0	15.7	14.5	13.0	11.5
	Ugashik	5.4	4.7	5.0	3.4	5.8	4.5	5.0	4.0
	Nushagak	5.3	3.5	5.3	3.0	6.7	4.4	5.6	3.6
	Togiak	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
	TOTAL	55.1	40.3	53.1	34.4	60.7	44.3	49.2	33.2

Table 2. Summary of 1995 Bristol Bay sockeye in-season forecasts from the Port Moller test boat.

Date	Almanac forecast	Date issued	Comment	
June				
12		12	Index for 6/12 is a record high of 32. Temperatures in the North Pacific have been used to forecast run timing for 1995--prediction is for average to 2 days later than average.	
15				
16				
17		17		Based on sockeye lengths they are running about 75% 2-ocean.
18				
19				
20	54			
21	52			
22	49	22	Run will probably be between 45 and 55 million. Expect PM forecasts to drop for a few days then increase; should be strong showing in the bay on the 25th. PM fish are small and concentrated offshore.	
23	49			
24	48			
25	47			
26	48			
27	48			
28	48			
29	50	29	Largest index so far (185), fish still concentrated offshore.	
30	49			
1	48	1	Forecasts by district totaling 49 million with 33 million catch were made from C & E through 6/30 and PM index through 7/1.	
2	50			
3	50			
4	50			
5	51			
6	50			
7				
Final run= 61 catch= 44			Run timing was average	

Table 3. Comparison of the age compositions of sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay runs with age compositions in Port Moller catches, the False Pass fishery and pre-season forecasts.

Year		Age composition (%)						Forecast/run (millions)
		1.2	2.2	1.3	2.3	All .2	All .3	
1989	ADF&G	22	45	24	9	67	33	28.9
	FRI	13	62	18	7	75	25	38
	False Pass	8	62	13	15	70	28	
	Port Moller	13	45	22	17	58	39	37
	BB run	11	62	16	9	73	26	43.8
1990	ADF&G	19	42	26	13	61	39	25.4
	FRI	16	40	28	16	56	44	29.8
	False Pass	16	37	20	25	53	45	
	Port Moller	10	37	24	26	48	52	56
	BB run	14	41	21	20	56	43	47.8
1991	ADF&G	28	25	31	16	53	47	30
	FRI	41	14	31	14	55	45	36.7
	False Pass	21	33	36	6	54	46	
	Port Moller	12	14	55	13	28	71	37
	BB run	19	20	46	11	39	60	42.1
1992	ADF&G	19	39	27	13	58	42	37.1
	FRI	18	39	27	14	57	43	33
	False Pass	6	35	25	30	42	58	
	Port Moller	8	35	31	22	43	53	45
	BB run	13	34	27	22	47	50	44.9
1993	ADF&G	23	41	21	14	64	35	41.8
	FRI	16	41	20	21	56	43	43.3
	False Pass	14	46	14	23	61	38	
	Port Moller	7	27	19	44	34	65	45
	BB run	13	33	18	33	46	53	51.9
1994	ADF&G	14	43	19	22	57	43	52.5
	FRI	17	37	15	29	55	45	48.8
	False Pass	8	34	33	22	42	57	
	Port Moller	7	42	20	28	50	50	41
	BB run	8	56	14	18	65	34	50.1
1995	ADF&G	16	53	17	13	69	31	55.1
	FRI	9	50	19	20	59	41	53.1
	False Pass	19	57	12	11	76	24	
	Port Moller	14	51	15	19	65	34	49.2
	BB Run	16	56	12	14	73	27	60.7

Forecasts and runs do not include jacks (ages 1.1 and 2.1).

The Port Moller forecast is on 6/30 and the age composition is through 6/30 only.

In 1989 and 1993, the percentage of 2-ocean fish increased with date, whereas in 1990 the percentage of 2-ocean fish at Port Moller decreased with date.

Table 4. Timing of Nushagak and Naknek/Kvichak sockeye catches, 1958–95.

Year	Nushagak					Naknek/Kvichak				
	Catch (millions)	Percentage through:				Catch (millions)	Percentage through:			
		6/25	6/30	7/5	7/10		6/25	6/30	7/5	7/10
1958	1.1	5	40	73	88	0.9	2	27	48	91
59	1.7	1	3	38	74	1.7	4	8	35	61
60	1.5	12	36	62	71	9.8	1	17	50	69
61	0.5	9	29	71	84	8.2	1	32	80	96
62	1.5	4	4	62	82	2.2	14	28	48	78
63	0.8	+	+	61	91	1.0	5	29	70	85
64	1.4	7	18	63	80	2.2	5	16	26	92
65	0.8	13	28	49	73	19.1	5	29	50	72
66	1.2	2	3	39	73	5.4	2	20	63	93
67	0.6	18	73	87	89	2.3	26	55	77	86
68	0.7	17	66	80	92	1.2	4	33	45	92
69	0.8	+	+	58	81	4.7	1	18	59	77
70	1.2	2	15	59	89	17.8	3	31	65	91
71	1.3	1	5	21	53	5.9	1	10	28	43
72	0.4	1	10	50	96	1.1	10	53	76	94
73	0.3	1	29	77	77	0.2	14	29	79	79
74	0.5	0	0	26	64	0.5	0	0	13	65
75	0.6	0	0	+	62	3.1	0	0	17	57
76	1.2	2	8	49	68	2.5	0	8	40	62
77	0.6	3	21	66	79	2.2	1	23	76	84
78	3.1	5	21	62	92	5.1	2	26	26	82
79	3.3	7	40	63	82	15.0	7	32	63	84
80	4.5	0	0	28	72	15.1	1	3	33	71
81	7.5	5	18	49	83	11.0	5	22	60	86
82	5.9	1	19	54	86	5.0	2	19	45	86
83	5.1	1	18	53	78	21.6	2	25	58	82
84	2.2	11	24	51	78	14.2	3	11	38	75
85	1.3	+	21	48	86	8.1	2	37	68	82
86	2.8	+	8	33	68	2.9	1	1	36	52
87	3.3	6	15	32	73	4.9	1	3	6	27
88	1.7	0	16	58	58	3.6	7	18	52	56
89	2.9	0	16	59	80	13.9	7	25	57	80
90	3.3	0	0	17	65	17.4	1	11	46	70
91	5.3	0	1	38	77	10.6	1	4	44	76
92	2.9	1	15	39	61	9.3	2	10	38	72
93	5.3	5	29	67	91	8.9	12	40	78	94
94	3.4	2	2	26	68	16.3	+	+	15	58
95	4.5	1	26	56	73	20.4	1	19	40	71
Average (1981-95)	3.8	3	15	45	75	11.2	3	18	45	71

+ = less than 1%

Table 5. Timing of Egegik and Ugashik sockeye catches, 1958–95.

Year	Egegik					Ugashik				
	Catch (millions)	Percentage through:				Catch (millions)	Percentage through:			
		6/25	6/30	7/5	7/10		6/25	6/30	7/5	7/10
1958	0.5	3	19	72	92	0.4	5	32	58	89
59	0.7	7	17	37	66	0.4	5	12	28	65
60	1.4	8	22	42	68	0.8	3	13	31	63
61	2.7	14	33	58	96	0.4	5	11	40	77
62	0.6	10	26	67	88	0.2	7	7	26	72
63	0.7	5	14	44	81	0.2	6	25	51	72
64	1.1	11	28	33	85	0.6	6	10	20	66
65	3.2	7	42	68	88	0.9	3	23	48	83
66	2.1	8	17	68	96	0.4	3	9	32	78
67	1.1	37	84	95	95	0.2	32	52	65	82
68	0.7	18	72	99	99	0.1	6	34	56	83
69	0.9	10	41	72	99	0.2	2	6	82	91
70	1.4	23	37	76	95	0.2	7	29	29	56
71	1.3	6	17	34	76	1.0	+	2	12	50
72	0.8	9	25	82	100	+	...	...	...	...
73	0.2	12	56	96	96	+	...	...	...	...
74	0.2	2	2	42	94	+	...	...	...	...
75	1.0	+	2	18	94	+	...	...	...	...
76	1.3	2	12	62	93	0.2	2	5	18	60
77	1.8	7	30	62	86	0.1	28	28	28	28
78	1.2	13	30	30	71	+	...	...	...	...
79	2.3	16	38	71	85	0.4	2	8	18	22
80	2.6	2	10	41	74	0.9	+	3	8	33
81	4.4	12	34	64	89	2.1	2	7	19	55
82	2.4	11	28	33	87	1.1	2	11	25	74
83	6.8	3	28	58	84	3.3	1	10	30	58
84	6.3	7	34	49	75	2.7	2	10	27	44
85	7.5	6	44	59	86	6.3	1	13	31	65
86	5.0	2	6	43	63	4.9	2	2	29	54
87	5.4	3	34	58	80	2.1	3	3	30	56
88	6.4	18	41	63	80	1.5	4	4	7	21
89	8.7	8	28	51	73	3.2	2	2	8	43
90	10.0	1	4	36	74	2.1	2	2	12	47
91	6.8	+	4	49	75	3.0	1	1	10	54
92	15.7	7	18	49	78	3.4	1	3	3	21
93	21.8	17	42	78	95	4.3	3	5	19	75
94	10.8	2	6	36	72	4.4	+	1	4	30
95	14.5	11	30	53	74	4.5	1	9	27	50
Average (1981-95)	8.8	8	25	52	79	3.3	2	6	19	50

Table 6. Average weights of sockeye in the Bristol Bay commercial catches, 1960–95.

Year	2-ocean			3-ocean			All males	All females	All fish	BB Catch millions	Percent 3-ocean	Percent females
	Male	Female	Combined	Male	Female	Combined						
1960	4.7	4.0	4.4	7.2	6.0	6.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	14	20	38
61	5.4	4.7	5.2	7.4	6.2	6.8	6.7	5.9	6.3	12	71	49
62	5.6	4.8	5.2	7.4	6.3	6.8	6.0	5.3	5.7	5	27	50
63	5.7	4.9	5.3	7.9	6.5	7.1	6.6	5.5	6.0	3	51	54
64	5.4	4.7	5.1	7.7	6.5	7.0	5.8	5.3	5.6	6	27	47
65	4.7	4.2	4.5	6.9	5.9	6.3	4.9	4.5	4.7	24	11	40
66	5.1	4.7	4.9	7.5	6.3	6.7	6.9	6.0	6.3	9	80	62
67	5.6	4.9	5.2	7.7	6.5	6.9	6.3	5.6	5.9	4	39	56
68	5.4	4.8	5.1	8.0	6.7	7.2	6.4	5.8	6.1	3	47	53
69	5.5	4.9	5.2	7.4	6.4	6.9	5.7	5.2	5.4	7	15	52
70	5.0	4.5	4.8	6.7	5.7	6.0	5.2	4.7	5.0	21	10	47
71	5.3	4.7	4.9	7.2	6.0	6.5	6.4	5.5	5.9	10	62	60
72	5.4	4.7	5.1	7.6	6.3	6.9	6.6	5.8	6.2	2	60	48
73	5.5	5.1	5.3	8.4	6.8	7.5	7.9	6.6	7.2	1	86	53
74	5.5	4.9	5.2	7.5	6.6	7.1	6.0	5.4	5.7	1	27	52
75	5.4	4.7	5.1	7.7	6.4	6.9	6.0	5.4	5.7	5	32	49
76	5.7	4.9	5.4	8.0	6.7	7.2	6.4	5.8	6.1	6	40	47
77	5.5	4.9	5.2	8.3	6.8	7.5	7.0	6.2	6.6	5	60	53
78	5.4	4.7	5.1	8.2	6.6	7.3	6.5	5.6	6.1	10	44	48
79	5.8	5.2	5.5	7.4	6.3	6.8	6.1	5.5	5.8	21	20	50
80	5.2	4.6	4.9	7.4	6.0	6.6	5.8	5.0	5.4	24	29	51
81	5.7	5.0	5.3	7.6	6.4	7.0	6.7	5.7	6.2	26	53	52
82	5.3	4.8	5.0	7.5	6.4	6.9	7.0	6.0	6.5	15	77	50
83	5.7	4.8	5.2	7.1	6.2	6.6	5.9	5.1	5.5	37	18	52
84	5.1	4.5	4.9	7.2	6.3	6.7	5.8	5.2	5.5	25	35	46
85	5.4	4.7	5.1	7.3	6.4	6.8	6.2	5.5	5.8	24	44	48
86	5.7	4.9	5.3	7.4	6.2	6.7	6.6	5.7	6.1	16	57	54
87	5.3	4.8	5.0	7.5	6.5	6.9	6.3	5.7	6.0	16	49	53
88	5.4	4.7	5.1	7.6	6.6	7.1	6.7	5.9	6.3	14	60	47
89	5.3	4.6	4.9	7.4	6.2	6.8	6.0	5.0	5.5	28	29	53
90	5.0	4.6	4.8	7.4	6.2	6.7	6.1	5.4	5.8	33	50	53
91	5.1	4.3	4.7	7.2	5.9	6.5	6.5	5.4	5.9	26	67	54
92	4.8	4.3	4.6	6.7	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.1	5.5	32	58	45
93	5.5	4.7	5.1	7.3	6.2	6.7	6.4	5.6	6.0	41	54	53
94	4.9	4.4	4.6	7.0	5.7	6.3	5.7	4.9	5.3	35	39	54
95	5.1	4.4	4.8	7.0	6.1	6.3	5.6	4.9	5.3	44	29	45
Means 85-94	5.2	4.6	4.9	7.3	6.2	6.7	6.2	5.4	5.8	27	51	51

Table 7. Forecasts of the 1996 Bristol Bay sockeye runs.

River system	District	Runs by age group (millions)							Total	Catch
		1.2	2.2	2-ocean	0.3	1.3	2.3	3-ocean		
Kvichak		1.9	1.5	3.4		1.6	3.0	4.6	8.0	
Naknek		0.3	0.7	1.0		1.9	1.6	3.5	4.5	
Branch		0.2	0.2	0.4		0.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	
	Naknek/Kvichak	2.4	2.4	4.8		3.7	4.7	8.4	13.2	7.5
	Egegik	0.8	6.0	6.8		1.7	7.2	8.9	15.7	13.8
	Ugashik	0.9	1.2	2.1		3.7	2.0	5.7	7.8	6.1
Wood		1.6	0.1	1.7		2.1	0.1	2.2	3.9	
Igushik		0.1	0.1	0.2		1.6	0.1	1.7	1.9	
Nush/Nuy		0.1	+	0.1	0.7	1.1	+	1.8	1.9	
	Nushagak	1.8	0.2	2.0	0.7	4.8	0.2	5.7	7.7	5.4
	Togiak	0.1	+	0.1		0.6	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.6
	Bristol Bay	6.0	9.8	15.8	0.7	14.5	14.2	29.4	45.2	33.4

+ indicates less than 100,000 predicted

Catches estimated by subtracting recent (5-year) mean escapements from runs

Table 8. Bristol Bay sockeye runs by age group, 1958–95, and forecasts for 1996.

Year	1-ocean	Age 1.2	Age 2.2	Total 2-ocean	Age 1.3	Age 2.3	Total 3-ocean	4-ocean	Total catch	
58		1.5	1.5	3.0	1.4	1.3	2.7		5.7	3
59		4.8	5.8	10.9	1.0	0.9	1.9		12.8	5
60		30.0	2.0	32.0	2.8	1.5	4.3		36.4	14
61	+	0.4	5.6	6.1	10.9	1.0	12.0	+	18.1	12
62	+	2.4	4.8	7.3	1.0	2.1	3.1	+	10.4	5
63	+	1.9	1.9	3.9	1.1	1.7	2.9	+	6.9	3
64	0.2	5.6	2.8	8.4	1.5	0.7	2.3	+	10.9	6
65	+	1.2	47.6	48.9	3.1	1.1	4.2	+	53.1	24
66	+	1.3	3.0	4.4	3.5	9.6	13.1	+	17.5	9
67	+	1.1	5.7	6.8	1.3	2.0	3.5	+	10.3	4
68	0.2	3.1	1.9	5.0	1.7	1.1	2.8	+	8.0	3
69	0.6	10.8	5.3	16.2	1.2	1.0	2.2	+	19.0	7
70	+	3.4	32.2	35.6	2.7	1.0	3.7	0.0	39.4	21
71	+	1.6	4.8	6.4	6.8	2.6	9.4	+	15.8	10
72	+	1.0	1.7	2.7	1.2	1.4	2.7	+	5.4	2
73	+	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.9	2.0	+	2.4	1
74	0.1	2.0	6.8	8.8	1.4	0.6	2.0	+	10.9	1
75	+	1.6	17.2	19.1	2.3	2.7	5.1	+	24.2	5
76	+	1.6	5.3	7.3	2.6	1.5	4.2	+	11.5	6
77	+	1.6	2.8	4.5	1.8	3.2	5.1	+	9.6	5
78	0.4	10.5	1.5	12.0	4.9	2.3	7.2	0.2	19.8	10
79	0.3	11.0	21.1	32.2	5.3	2.0	7.3	+	39.8	22
80	0.3	12.0	34.1	46.2	13.6	2.2	15.9	+	62.4	24
81	+	5.7	10.2	15.9	13.8	4.5	18.4	+	34.3	26
82	0.1	4.2	1.2	5.4	12.8	3.6	16.4	0.2	22.1	15
83	0.1	27.6	9.8	37.4	6.6	1.3	7.9	0.3	45.7	37
84	0.1	6.2	22.2	28.4	7.9	4.2	12.2	+	40.7	25
85	0.1	4.7	16.7	21.4	9.2	5.8	15.0	+	36.6	24
86	+	3.0	7.0	10.0	10.1	3.1	13.5	0.1	23.6	16
87	+	13.5	3.2	16.7	7.0	3.5	10.5	+	27.3	16
88	0.2	4.9	5.1	10.0	9.7	3.0	12.7	0.2	23.2	14
89	0.1	4.7	27.3	32.1	7.0	4.0	11.6	0.1	43.9	29
90	+	7.0	19.7	27.0	9.9	9.5	20.6	0.2	47.8	33
91	0.1	7.9	8.6	16.6	19.5	4.8	25.4	0.1	42.2	26
92	0.1	5.8	15.3	21.3	12.0	10.0	22.5	1.1	45.0	32
93	0.2	6.7	17.2	24.0	9.6	17.1	27.3	0.6	52.1	41
94	0.2	4.3	28.3	32.8	7.2	8.9	17.0	0.3	50.3	35
95	+	9.8	34.2	44.3	7.1	8.8	16.3	0.2	60.7	44
96		6.0	9.8	15.8	14.5	14.2	29.4	+	45.2	33
Means 1986-95	0.1	6.8	16.6	23.5	9.9	7.3	17.7	0.3	41.6	29

Table 9. Kvichak sockeye salmon statistics to forecast 1996 runs by freshwater age.

Brood year	Escapement		Age 1 smolt		Adult Return (millions)				Smolt/adult survival (%)	Mean length age 1.2
	Number millions	Percent age .2	Number millions	Mean weight	1.1	1.2	1.3	Total		
74	4.43	91	108	5.8	.009	6.14	1.93	8.08	7.5	501
75	13.14	96	78	5.5	.005	5.50	1.18	6.69	8.6	517
76	1.97	81	32	6.0	.005	5.04	.76	5.81	18.1	500
77	1.34	86	29	6.0	.039	1.82	.84	2.70	9.3	518
78	4.15	81	182	5.9	.000	1.66	1.09	2.75	1.5	513
79	11.22	90	220	5.4	.057	17.60	2.14	19.80	9.0	510
80	17.50	96	150	5.1	.002	2.81	1.49	4.30	2.9	478
81	1.75	82	7	4.9	.000	.77	.22	.99	14.1	523
82	1.14	65	52	6.8	.000	.44	.52	.96	1.8	528
83	3.57	93	24	5.3	.001	8.38	2.98	11.36	47.3	515
84	10.49	80	83	5.5	.000	2.46	1.87	4.33	5.2	512
85	7.21	68	11	4.5	.007	1.00	1.24	2.25	20.4	505
86	1.18	74	13	5.6	.000	.66	1.05	1.71	13.2	490
87	6.07	96	147	5.5	.004	4.04	2.38	6.42	4.4	493
88	4.06	56	47	5.8	.004	2.43	2.37	4.80	10.2	495
89	8.32	92	87	5.5	.002	2.01	1.56	3.57	4.1	511
90	7.00	91	18	5.6	.008	1.50	1.14	2.65	14.7	487
91	4.20	77	22	6.0	.001	2.59	1.61			506
92	4.73	77	54	5.7	.000	1.87				

- 1) 96 forecast of age 1.2 from return of age 1.1 (.000) and number of smolt (54) for 1974-91.  $R^2=.77$ ;  $F_{2,13}=22.3$   $Y=-.07+129(\text{age } 1.1)+.036(\text{smolt})$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 1.3 from return of age 1.2 (2.59) and mean length of age 1.2 (506) for 1981-90.  $R^2=.81$ ;  $F_{2,8}=16.9$   $Y=10.7+.320(\text{age } 1.2)-.020$  (1.2 length)

Brood year	Escapement		Age 2 smolt		Adult Return (millions)				Smolt/adult survival (%)	Mean length age 2.2
	Number millions	Percent age .2	Number millions	Mean weight	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total		
74	4.43	91	114	10.1	.301	16.38	.72	17.40	15.3	528
75	13.14	96	213	7.8	.298	28.18	.55	29.03	13.6	508
76	1.97	81	26	10.3	.043	3.85	.24	4.13	15.9	532
77	1.34	86	10	10.7	.002	.18	.09	.27	2.7	531
78	4.15	81	32	10.2	.016	1.24	.80	2.06	6.4	524
79	11.22	90	89	9.1	.073	17.01	3.28	20.36	22.9	504
80	17.50	96	76	8.5	.020	7.79	.38	8.19	10.8	523
81	1.75	82	38	10.0	.000	.91	.16	1.07	2.8	536
82	1.14	65	2	9.2	.001	.50	.14	.64	32.1	521
83	3.57	93	53	10.4	.003	1.13	.54	1.67	3.2	533
84	10.49	80	330	7.0	.043	16.35	2.39	18.78	5.7	513
85	7.21	68	87	8.3	.028	13.08	1.51	14.62	16.8	497
86	1.18	74	7	10.0	.000	1.34	1.23	2.57	36.7	506
87	6.07	96	41	10.5	.030	4.24	.68	4.95	12.1	514
88	4.06	56	34	9.9	.019	4.02	.53	4.57	13.4	538
89	8.32	92	61	9.3	.117	18.47	3.24	21.83	35.8	502
90	7.00	91	205	8.2	.082	20.55	3.02			510
91	4.20	77	30	9.5	.002	1.49				

- 1) 96 forecast of age 2.2 from return of 2.1 (.002) and number of age 2 smolt (30), 1981-90.  $R^2=.93$ ;  $F_{2,7}=43.5$   $Y=.486+.146(\text{age } 2.1)+.034(\text{age } 2 \text{ smolt})$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 2.3 from return of age 2.2 (20.55) and regression for 1981-89.  $R^2=.86$ ;  $F_{1,7}=42.6$   $Y=.24+.135(\text{age } 2.2)$

Table 10. Sockeye salmon escapements and returns to the Naknek and Branch rivers.

Naknek													
Brood year	Escapement		Smolt		Adult return (millions)							Mean length	
	Number millions	% age .2	age 1	age 2	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total	1.2	2.2
81	1.80	29	37	49	.004	.76	2.48	.008	.46	1.46	5.17	475	502
82	1.16	13	32	13	.003	.18	.75	.000	.21	.45	1.59	477	487
83	.89	65	6	19	.000	.14	.48	.007	.32	.45	1.40	475	506
84	1.24	65	22		.001	.46	.88	.022	1.17	1.76	4.29	480	491
85	1.85	58			.002	.64	3.41	.019	1.26	2.68	8.01	471	472
86	1.98	21			.003	1.90	6.95	.006	1.23	2.61	12.70	451	475
87	1.06	20			.000	.32	1.18	.004	.53	3.11	5.14	461	476
88	1.04	48			.000	.27	.76	.013	.47	.52	2.03	448	493
89	1.16	68			.001	.21	.87	.005	1.13	.55	2.77	467	470
90	2.09	56		29	.001	.39	1.18	.046	1.30	1.63		454	490
91	3.58	23	24	42	.013	.53	1.91	.001	.74			484	
92	1.61	26	33		.000	.34							

- 1) 96 forecast of age 1.2 from recent 5-year average (.34).
- 2) 96 forecast of age 1.3 from return of 1.2 (.53) and regression of 1.3 on 1.2 returns.  
 $R^2 = .94$ ;  $F_{1,7} = 136$   $Y = 3.72(1.2 \text{ return}) - .06$
- 3) 96 forecast of age 2.2 from escapement (3.58) and percent .2 in escapement (23).  
 $R^2 = .65$ ;  $F_{2,7} = 6.6$   $Y = .68(\text{escape.}) + .011(\text{percent } .2)$
- 4) 96 forecast of age 2.3 from 5-year mean (1.63)

Branch River											
Brood year	Escapement		Adult return (millions)								
	Number millions	% age .2	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total		
81	.08	49	.000	.05	.17	.000	.05	.01	.28		
82	.24	15	.000	.17	.13	.000	.00	.00	.30		
83	.10	85	.000	.14	.13	.000	.03	.00	.30		
84	.22	37	.001	.15	.14	.000	.04	.02	.35		
85	.12	30	.003	.35	.11	.000	.09	.01	.56		
86	.23	64	.001	.33	.26	.000	.19	.01	.79		
87	.15	63	.000	.15	.16	.000	.16	.08	.55		
88	.19	60	.001	.15	.14	.000	.26	.04	.59		
89	.20	79	.005	.33	.16	.002	.17	.16	.83		
90	.17	85	.002	.26	.12	.000	.32	.06			
91	.28	69	.000	.19	.17	.004	.22				
92	.22	75	.002	.24							

- 1) 96 forecast for age 1.2 from return of age 1.1 (.002) and regression of 1.2 on 1.1 returns  
 $R^2 = .57$ ;  $F_{1,9} = 11.7$   $Y = .15 + 45.5(\text{age } 1.1 \text{ return})$
- 2) 96 forecasts of returns for ages 2.2, 1.3 and 2.3 from recent 5-year averages.

Table 11. Egegik sockeye salmon statistics to forecast runs by freshwater age.

Smolt Year	Escapement		Age 1 smolt		Adult return (millions)				Smolt/ adult sur- vival (%)	Mean length age 1.2
	Number millions	Percent age .2	Number millions	Mean weight	1.1	1.2	1.3	Total		
89	1.27	54	72	8.9	.000	.86	4.34	5.20	7.2	496
94	1.94	63	55	9.7	.000	.78				
85	0.79	88	55	10.4	.002	1.72	2.69	4.41	8.0	509
88	1.15	74	36	10.2	.002	1.76	3.59	5.35	14.9	483
93	2.79	56	20	9.3	.001	1.33	1.68			502
84	1.03	88	17	10.1	.002	1.01	1.79	2.80	16.5	510
86	1.17	69	14	9.0	.001	.58	.93	1.51	10.8	502
92	2.19	70	6	9.7	.000	.40	1.33	1.73	28.8	480
91	1.61	58	5	10.3	.000	.59	.43	1.02	20.4	522
90	1.61	57	4	9.6	.001	.40	1.43	1.83	45.7	472
87	1.10	67	4	11.6	.000	.54	1.33	1.87	46.8	511
83	0.69	71	2	9.5	.000	.52	.95	1.47	73.5	519

- 1) 96 forecast of age 1.2 from return of age1.1 (.000) and number of age 1 smolt (55)  
 $R^2 = .70$ ;  $F_{2,9} = 10.7$        $Y = .42 + 324(\text{age 1.1}) + .0065(\text{age 1 smolt})$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 1.3 from number of age 1. smolt (20) and regression of age1.3 on age 1 smolt  
 $R^2 = .75$ ;  $F_{1,9} = 27.4$        $Y = .82 + .043(\text{age 1 smolt})$

Smolt Year	Escapement		Age 2 smolt		Adult return (millions)				Smolt/ adult sur- vival (%)	Mean length age 2.2
	Number millions	Percent age .2	Number millions	Mean weight	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total		
91	1.61	58	89	15.6	.063	10.24	5.48	15.78	17.7	520
90	1.27	54	52	14.5	.064	8.41	10.73	19.20	36.9	492
87	1.17	69	46	14.1	.083	6.17	4.74	10.91	23.7	524
94	2.77	56	39	13.7	.020	6.00				
93	2.19	70	38	12.2	.065	9.28	7.15			512
84	0.70	71	32	12.2	.060	3.30	1.39	4.69	14.7	528
86	0.79	88	30	15.7	.007	3.03	2.61	5.64	18.8	520
89	1.15	74	27	15.4	.010	3.79	4.21	8.00	29.6	502
92	1.61	54	17	13.3	.034	5.98	3.92	9.90	58.2	488
88	1.10	67	13	14.3	.031	4.17	1.22	5.39	41.5	498
85	1.03	29	11	16.8	.012	1.74	1.59	3.33	30.3	529

- 1) 96 forecast of age 2.2 from number of smolt (39) and regression of smolt on return of 2.2  
 $R^2 = .60$ ;  $F_{1,8} = 12.0$        $Y = 2.17 + .097(\text{age 2 smolt})$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 2.3 from return of age 2.2 (9.28) and regression of 2.3 on 2.2 returns  
 $R^2 = .54$ ;  $F_{1,8} = 9.3$        $Y = .812(\text{Age 2.2}) - .15$

Table 12. Ugashik sockeye salmon statistics to forecast runs by freshwater age.

Brood year	Escapement		Age 1 smolt		Adult return (millions)				Smolt/ adult survival (%)	Mean length age 1.2
	Number millions	Percent age .2	Number millions	Mean weight	1.1	1.2	1.3	Total		
81	1.33	42	31	7.6	.002	1.51	2.51	4.02	13.0	514
82	1.16	20	75	6.8	.001	.41	.69	1.10	1.5	514
83	1.00	90	13	8.3	.000	.60	.34	0.94	7.2	512
84	1.24	81	38	5.8	.000	.45	.55	1.00	2.6	512
85	1.00	75	6	7.9	.001	.49	.69	1.18	19.7	507
86	1.00	41	183	5.7	.001	.48	2.38	2.86	1.6	488
87	0.67	56	89	6.5	.001	.81	1.55	2.36	2.7	502
88	0.64	54	15	6.7	.002	.45	.67	1.12	7.5	498
89	1.68	84	26	7.7	.007	.66	.37	1.04	4.0	517
90	0.73	60			.001	.34	.67	1.01		488
91	2.48	57	58	8.0	.006	1.93	3.75			504
92	2.17	48	24	6.7	.003	.88				

- 1) 96 forecast of age 1.2 from return age 1.1  
 $R^2=.28$ ;  $F_{1,8}=3.0$                        $Y=.54+112(\text{age } 1.1)$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 1.3 from return of age 1. 2 (1.93) and mean length of 1.2 (504)  
 $R^2= .73$ ;  $F_{2,7}= 9.4$                        $Y= 23.44 + 2.07(\text{age } 1.2) - .047(\text{mean length age } 1.2)$

Brood year	Escapement		Age 2 smolt		Adult return (millions)				Smolt/ adult survival (%)	Mean length age 2.2
	Number millions	Percent age.2	Number millions	Mean weight	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total		
81	1.33	42	83	10.3	.004	2.20	.90	3.10	3.7	524
82	1.16	22	21	11.8	.001	.58	.72	1.30	6.2	517
83	1.00	90	15	10.9	.006	.59	.30	.89	5.9	528
84	1.24	80	21	11.1	.054	3.50	.69	4.24	20.2	523
85	1.00	75	33	10.8	.002	.95	.46	1.41	4.3	504
86	1.00	41	32	10.7	.001	1.83	1.63	3.46	10.8	506
87	0.67	56	39	11.8	.010	1.78	2.26	4.04	10.4	499
88	0.64	58	48	11.6	.026	2.03	2.18	4.24	8.8	527
89	1.68	84			.014	2.43	.93	3.37		490
90	0.73	61	12	12.5	.015	2.23	2.01			517
91	2.48	57	6	11.2	.001	1.22				

- 1) 96 forecast of age 2.2 from return of age 2.1 (.001)  
 $R^2= .63$ ;  $F_{1,7}= 11.8$                        $Y=1.18 + 42.6(\text{age } 2.1)$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 2.3 from return of age 2.2 (2.23) and escapement (.73)  
 $R^2= .72$ ;  $F_{2,5}= 6.4$                        $Y= 3.13+ .325 (\text{age } 2.2) - 2.53 (\text{escape.})$

Table 13. Sockeye salmon escapements and returns to the Wood and Igushik Rivers.

Wood River												
Brood year	Escapement		Temperatures for		Adult Return (millions)						Mean length of 1.2	
	Number millions	Percent age .2	Fry Apr-Oct	Smolt June	1.1	1.2	2.2	1.3	2.3	Total		
81	1.23	37	5.4	6.2	.000	.60	.08	1.14	.09	1.91	490	
82	.98	34	7.5	9.2	.003	.50	.13	.90	.02	1.55	501	
83	1.36	75	6.8	3.8	.001	1.91	.02	1.23	.07	3.23	495	
84	1.00	22	5.0	5.4	.000	.52	.03	1.32	.02	1.89	502	
85	.94	49	6.7	5.3	.003	1.11	.03	1.37	.01	2.52	501	
86	.82	36	7.5	7.6	.002	1.16	.07	1.94	.06	3.23	480	
87	1.34	82	6.9	5.2	.000	1.36	.09	.74	.09	2.28	486	
88	.87	37	8.3	5.9	.001	1.59	.09	1.39	.03	3.10	482	
89	1.19	49	7.8	5.3	.004	2.17	.01	1.82	.04	4.04	496	
90	1.07	50	8.0	4.7	.001	1.08	.28	1.15	.10		477	
91	1.16	36	6.5	8.8	.012	2.53	.11	2.15			496	
92	1.29	73	9.1	8.1	.001	1.61						

- 1) 96 return of age 1.2 from return age 1.1 (.001) and percent age .2 in escapement (73).  
 $R^2=.67$ ;  $F_{2,8}=8.0$        $Y=.08 + 204(\text{age } 1.1) + .019(\% \text{ age } .2)$
- 2) 96 forecast of age 1.3 was from a forecast of percent age .2 in escapement (36) and return of age 1.2 (2.53). This forecast that the 2.53 was 54% of the total return; thus the return of age 1.3 in 1996 is 2.15 million.
- 3) 96 return of age 2.2 from recent 5-year average (.11).
- 4) 96 return of age 2.3 from escapement (1.07) and mean length of age 1.2 (477)  
 $R^2=.86$ ;  $F_{2,6}=18.2$        $Y=1.08 + .114(\text{escapement}) - .0023(\text{ML age } 1.2)$

Igushik												
Brood Year	Escapement		Mean air temp. for:		Adult returns (millions)					Mean length of 1.2		
	Number millions	Percent age.2	Fry Apr-Oct	Smolt June	1.2	2.2	1.3	2.3	Total			
81	.59	24	5.8	6.2	.15	.00	.83	.05	1.03	512		
82	.42	5	7.6	9.2	.05	.01	.48	.01	.55	548		
83	.18	73	6.8	3.8	.15	.01	.33	.03	.52	508		
84	.19	9	5.0	5.4	.03	.05	.63	.03	.74	525		
85	.21	37	6.7	5.3	.51	.08	.90	.08	1.57	525		
86	.31	7	7.5	7.6	.23	.03	2.20	.03	2.49	494		
87	.17	40	6.9	5.2	.16	.01	.57	.03	.77	516		
88	.17	12	8.3	5.9	.19	.04	1.02	.04	1.29	503		
89	.46	49	7.8	5.3	.48	.06	1.05	.05	1.64	519		
90	.37	25	8.0	4.7	.16	.18	1.36	.11		494		
91	.76	6	6.5	8.8	.31	.05	1.65			507		
92	.30	26	9.1	8.1	.14							

- 1) 96 returns of age 1.2 and 2.2 from recent 5-year averages.
- 3) 96 return of age 1.3 from return of age 1.2 (.31), % age 2 in escape. (6) and length of 1.2 (504).  
 $R^2=.83$ ;  $F_{3,6}=9.7$        $Y=12.65 + 1.63(\text{age } 1.2) - .016(\% \text{ Esc}) - .0225(\text{Length } 1.2)$
- 4) 96 return of age 2.3 from return of age 2.2 and regression of age 2.3 on age 2.2  
 $R^2=.43$ ;  $F_{1,7}=5.3$        $Y=.024 + .474(\text{age } 2.2)$

Table 14. Sockeye salmon escapements and returns to the Nushagak and Togiak Rivers.

## Nushagak/Nuyakuk

Brood year	Escapement		Adult return (millions)							Mean length	
	Number millions	Percent age .2	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.2	1.3	1.4	Total	1.2	1.3
81	1.01	13	.01	.12	.01	.16	1.43	.06	1.79	487	554
82	.60	7	.04	.33	.05	.16	.85	.06	1.49	497	572
83	.40	35	.10	.57	.12	.11	.62	.02	1.54	502	570
84	.59	16	.01	.22	.03	.12	.55	.02	.95	493	568
85	.50	48	.06	.49	.06	.06	.59	.01	1.27	459	558
86	.99	6	.06	.83	.06	.11	.67	.21	1.94	471	554
87	.39	28	.14	.92	.25	.04	.52	.10	1.97	462	541
88	.48	16	.07	.52	.12	.21	1.39	.06	2.37	468	573
89	.50	14	.07	.47	.03	.12	.66	.02	1.37	480	555
90	.67	22	.05	.75	.10	.04	.24			454	556
91	.50	5	.01	.13	.05	.17	1.08			461	
92	.70	31	.08	.66		.12					
93	.72	10									

- 2) 96 forecast of age 0.3 from age 0.2 return (.08) and regression of 0.3 on 0.2 return  
 $R^2 = .71$ ;  $F_{1,9} = 22.2$   $Y = .21 + 5.11(0.2 \text{ return})$
- 3) 96 forecast of age 0.4 from return of 0.2 (.01) and regression of 0.4 on 0.2 return  
 $R^2 = .57$ ;  $F_{1,7} = 9.1$   $Y = .213(\text{age } 0.3 \text{ return}) - .025$
- 4) 96 forecast of age 1.2 from 5-year average (.12).  
 $R^2 = .31$ ;  $F_{1,8} = 3.5$   $Y = .161 - .0023(\text{Esc. \% age } .2)$
- 5) 96 forecast of age 1.3 from return of age 1.2 (.24) and regression of 1.3 on 1.2 return  
 $R^2 = .72$ ;  $F_{1,8} = 20.7$   $Y = .09 + 5.83(\text{age } 1.2 \text{ return})$

## Togiak

Brood year	Escapement		Adult return (millions)							Mean length	
	Number millions	Percent age .2	0.2	0.3	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.3	Total	1.2	1.3
81	.31	19	.002	.01	.05	.24	.01	.02	.33	501	568
82	.29	30	.000	.02	.11	.24	.01	.02	.40	513	579
83	.21	28	.001	.00	.28	.91	.01	.02	1.22	516	586
84	.15	41	.000	.01	.02	.11	.00	.02	.16	520	583
85	.15	20	.000	.01	.03	.21	.04	.08	.37	513	579
86	.20	27	.000	.03	.08	.44	.08	.11	.74	504	572
87	.28	39	.000	.01	.19	.53	.03	.08	.84	514	567
88	.31	73	.001	.01	.11	.39	.03	.05	.59	515	592
89	.10	3	.000	.04	.12	.31	.01	.04	.52	522	561
90	.19	24	.001	.02	.10	.43	.07	.11	.73	495	570
91	.28	41	.001	.00	.18	.57	.04			516	
92	.19	24	.001		.14						

- 1) 96 forecasts of ages 1.2 and 2.2 from recent 5-year averages
- 2) 96 forecast of age 1.3 from return of 1.2 (.18) and regression of age 1.3 on 1.2 returns  
 $R^2 = .86$ ;  $F_{1,8} = 47$   $Y = .089 + 2.67(\text{age } 1.2 \text{ return})$
- 4) 96 forecast of age 2.3 from return of 2.2 (.07) and regression of 2.3 on 2.2 returns  
 $R^2 = .86$ ;  $F_{1,7} = 43.5$   $Y = .018 + 1.274(\text{age } 2.2 \text{ return})$