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deciliter	dL	Fish and Game	ADF&G	mid-eye-to-fork	MEF
gram	g	Alaska Administrative		mid-eye-to-tail-fork	METF
hectare	ha	Code	AAC	standard length	SL
kilogram	kg	all commonly accepted		total length	TL
kilometer	km	abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.		
liter	L			Mathematics, statistics	
meter	m	all commonly accepted		<i>all standard mathematical</i>	
milliliter	mL	professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	<i>signs, symbols and</i>	
millimeter	mm			<i>abbreviations</i>	
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cubic feet per second	ft ³ /s	east	E	catch per unit effort	CPUE
foot	ft	north	N	coefficient of variation	CV
gallon	gal	south	S	common test statistics	(F, t, χ^2 , etc.)
inch	in	west	W	confidence interval	CI
mile	mi	copyright	©	correlation coefficient	
nautical mile	nmi	corporate suffixes:		(multiple)	R
ounce	oz	Company	Co.	correlation coefficient	
pound	lb	Corporation	Corp.	(simple)	r
quart	qt	Incorporated	Inc.	covariance	cov
yard	yd	Limited	Ltd.	degree (angular)	°
		District of Columbia	D.C.	degrees of freedom	df
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day	d	et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	greater than	>
degrees Celsius	°C	exempli gratia		greater than or equal to	≥
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	(for example)	e.g.	harvest per unit effort	HPUE
degrees kelvin	K	Federal Information		less than	<
hour	h	Code	FIC	less than or equal to	≤
minute	min	id est (that is)	i.e.	logarithm (natural)	ln
second	s	latitude or longitude	lat. or long.	logarithm (base 10)	log
		monetary symbols		logarithm (specify base)	log ₂ , etc.
Physics and chemistry		(U.S.)	\$, ¢	minute (angular)	'
all atomic symbols		months (tables and		not significant	NS
alternating current	AC	figures): first three		null hypothesis	H ₀
ampere	A	letters	Jan,...,Dec	percent	%
calorie	cal	registered trademark	®	probability	P
direct current	DC	trademark	™	probability of a type I error	
hertz	Hz	United States		(rejection of the null	
horsepower	hp	(adjective)	U.S.	hypothesis when true)	α
hydrogen ion activity	pH	United States of		probability of a type II error	
(negative log of)		America (noun)	USA	(acceptance of the null	
parts per million	ppm	U.S.C.	United States	hypothesis when false)	β
parts per thousand	ppt, ‰	U.S. state	Code	second (angular)	"
			use two-letter	standard deviation	SD
volts	V		abbreviations	standard error	SE
watts	W		(e.g., AK, WA)	variance	
				population	Var
				sample	var

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ABSTRACT

Optimal production of adult Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* from the Situk River was investigated with information from a stock assessment program (1976-2003) comprised of escapement enumeration and sampling, and harvest enumeration and sampling programs. Estimates of relative age composition from sampling of the commercial set gillnet harvest (1982-2003), the recreational fishery (1982-1983 and 1997-2003) and in the escapement (1984 and 1988-2003) were used to estimate the numbers of returning adults by age class annually. Relative age composition in years missing samples in the recreational fishery (1984-1985, 1987-1988, 1991-1996) and in the escapement (1982-1983, 1985-1987, 1994) were estimated from the gillnet samples. Spawning escapements of large fish (age-.3 and older) were the parent stock, and were estimated directly from weir counts (1976-1987) or from subtracting the estimated recreational harvest above the weir site from the weir count of large spawners (1988-2003). Measurement error in the spawning stock was zero or low in all years, with an average CV = 3%. Residuals from a fit of a linearized, log-transformed version of Ricker's exponential stock-recruit model to the data showed significant autocorrelation in process error. We corrected for this in estimating spawner-recruit parameters, and used the 1977-1994 year classes in the latter analysis. Spawning abundance that would on average produce maximum sustained yield (3,893 for age-.2 to age-.5 fish) was estimated at 730 large Chinook salmon, and the range predicted to produce 90% of MSY was estimated to be 453 to 1,052 large spawners. We recommend a range of 450 to 1,050 large spawners, with a point estimate of 730 large spawners, as the biological escapement goal range for this stock. We recommend continuation of the current stock assessment program based on biological sampling of harvests and the escapement, as well as continuation of the enumeration of the harvests and the population past the weir in the Situk River.

Key words: Chinook salmon, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, Situk River, spawning abundance, age composition, escapement goal, stock-recruit analysis, maximum-sustained yield, autocorrelation.

INTRODUCTION

Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* from the Situk River (Figure 1) are a "spring run", with adults entering the lower river in June and July. Spawning occurs between the outlet of Situk Lake and Nine Mile Bridge (on Forest Highway 10) in late August to mid-September. Juveniles rear for either a few months to just over a year in fresh water after emergence and are a combination of subyearling (age-0. or ocean-type fish) and yearling (age-1.) smolt (Kissner and Hubartt 1986; Thedinga et al. 1994). While at sea, these immature Chinook rear offshore north and west of troll, sport, and net fisheries in Southeast Alaska; then, after 1 to 5 years of ocean residence, they mature and return to the Situk River. Fish maturing at a younger age (age-.1 and -.2 fish; 1- and 2-ocean-age fish) are almost exclusively males, whereas older fish (age-.3, -.4. and -.5 fish) are a mixture of males and females. European aging notation is used throughout this manuscript, where the numeral to the left of the decimal place is the number of years spent rearing as fry in freshwater and the numeral to the right of the decimal place is the number of years of ocean residence. Total age is the sum of the two

numerals plus one year for the time spent in the substrate and freshwater after egg deposition, e.g. an age-0.3 fish is 4 years old.

Age-0.3 and -0.4 Chinook salmon on average comprise about 60% of the annual spawning migration of age-.2 to -.5 (2- to 5-ocean-age) fish, although age-0.2, -1.3, -1.4 and -1.2 fish occasionally are abundant. Age-.1 fish often return in thousands of fish, but are all males, have not been enumerated consistently, and are not included in the spawner-recruit analysis in this report.

The Situk River is a relatively small drainage (176 km²) that is highly productive for salmon production and includes two main forks one of which is the primary producer having two lake systems. The river supports relatively large populations of sockeye *O. nerka*, coho *O. kisutch* and pink *O. gorbuscha* salmon and steelhead *O. mykiss*, a moderate population of Chinook salmon and a small population of chum salmon *O. keta*. The run timing of sockeye and Chinook salmon in the terminal area overlap substantially yet there is little overlap of these two species with the annual pink and coho salmon runs that occur later (Figure 2).

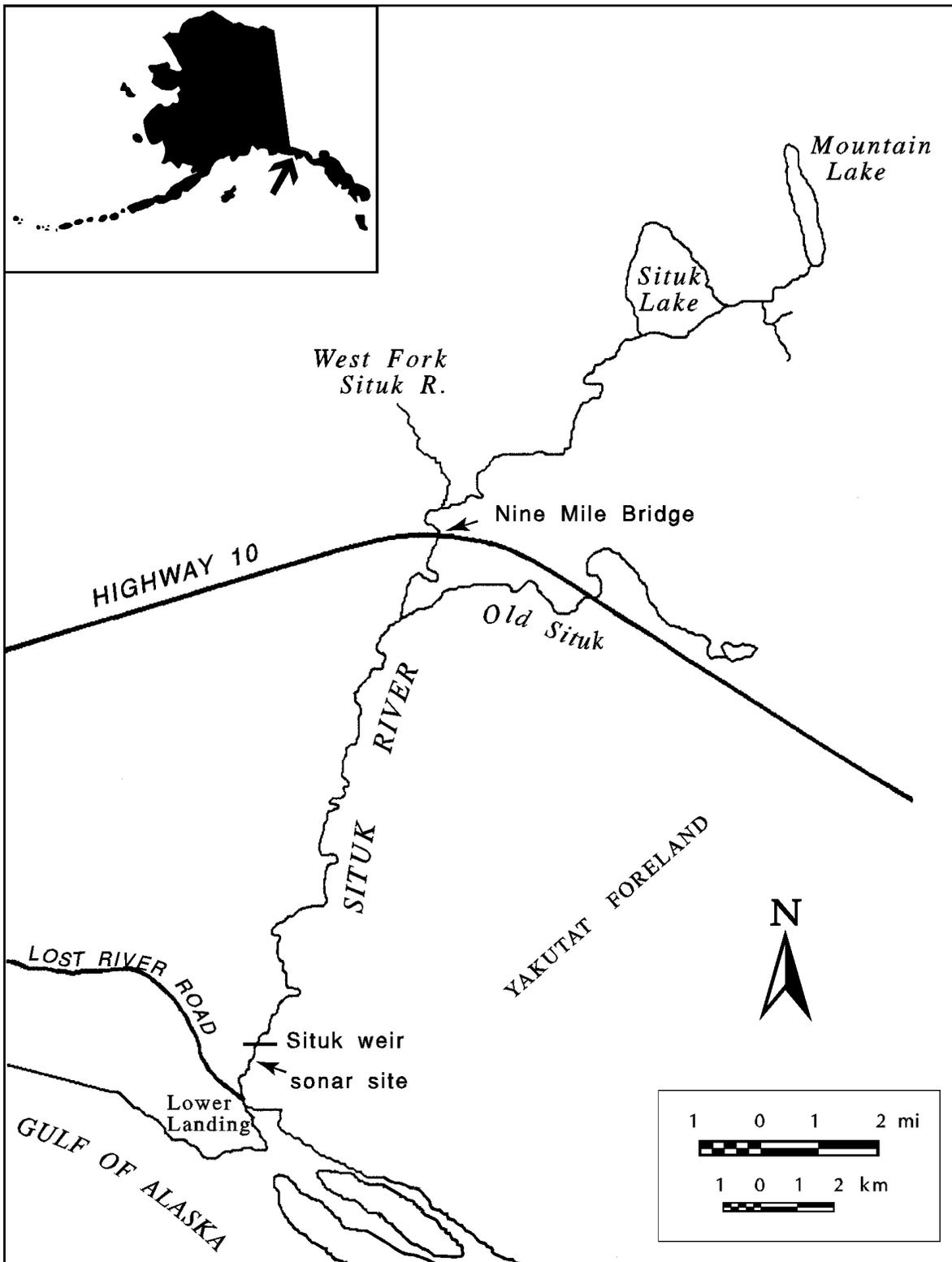


Figure 1.—The Situk River drainage and the upper (1976-1987; below Nine Mile Bridge) and lower (1988-2003) weir sites.

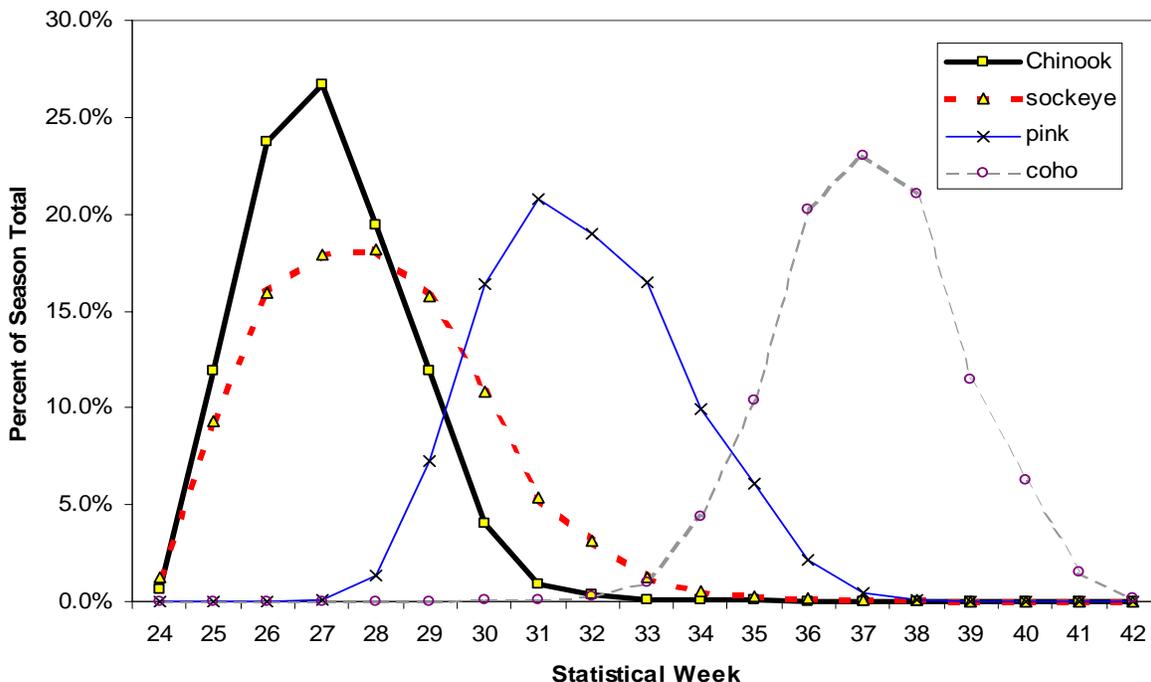


Figure 2.—Timing of the Situk River Chinook, sockeye, pink and coho salmon runs through the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet, determined from harvest statistics from 1960-2003.

Statistical week 24 begins about mid-June, on average.

Terminal runs (harvest and escapement) have averaged about 127,000 sockeye and 4,000 Chinook salmon (excluding age-.1 fish) since 1976. Commercial harvests of coho and pink salmon have averaged about 80,000 and 25,000 since 1976. Escapements of pink salmon occasionally exceed 200,000 adults. Escapements between 5,000 and 9,000 steelhead have been enumerated annually since the early 1990s. A small run of summer chum salmon is also present.

Salmon have been harvested commercially since the turn of the century in the Situk River; Situk River salmon were harvested for subsistence use before that time. Management of the commercial fisheries has focused on the sockeye and coho salmon runs. The recreational fishery harvest was relatively small prior to the 1990s.

Presently, Chinook and sockeye salmon are targeted in commercial set gillnet, sport, and subsistence/personal use fisheries. The commercial and subsistence set gillnet fishery (fishing district 182-70) takes place in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet where the Situk, Ahrnklin, and

Lost rivers drain into the Gulf of Alaska (Figure 1). The recreational fishery predominantly takes place in the Situk River below the Forest Highway 10.

The sockeye and Chinook runs are managed to meet escapement requirements for both species. In 1991, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (ABF) adopted a management plan for the Situk River Chinook and sockeye runs (Appendix A). A weir was installed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in 1976 to enumerate the escapement. Weir counts and harvest statistics have been used to judge run strength and shape fisheries inseason since 1976. Biological sampling for age, sex and length has occurred since 1982.

The 1991 ABF management plan includes trigger points based on a biological escapement goal for Situk River Chinook salmon, using spawner-recruit data available at that time (S. McPherson, ADF&G, Douglas, pers. comm.) That analysis recommended a point estimate of 600 large spawners. The ABF directed ADF&G to manage the Chinook stock for a range of 600 to 750 large

spawners in 1991. In 1997, ADF&G revised the Situk River escapement goal range to 500-1,000 large spawners to conform to the department's escapement goal policy and to provide a more realistic maximum sustained yield (MSY) range for management.

The purpose of our analysis is to estimate the spawning abundance of Chinook salmon in the Situk River that is associated with maximum sustained yield (S_{MSY}). As specified in the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PSC 1999) between Canada and the U. S. (PSC 1999: chapter 3), harvest regimes will be established that are responsive to changes in Chinook production and that are designed to meet MSY or other biologically-based escapement objectives (spawning abundance). A substantial number of years and biological sampling has both improved and extended the spawner-recruit database since the last analysis in 1991. We estimated S_{MSY} with information dating back to 1977 from stock assessment and catch sampling programs on the Situk River and in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet.

STATISTICS

SITUK RIVER WEIR COUNTS

Since 1976, escapements to the Situk River have been assessed annually by counting returning adult salmon through a weir operated by ADF&G. The Situk Weir was located just below Nine Mile Bridge on Forest Highway 10 from 1976 to 1987, about 13.5 miles upstream from tidewater (Figure 1). This site was logistically advantageous, but not ideal for inseason management purposes because Chinook and sockeye salmon were several days to two weeks removed from timing in the fisheries in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet. For this reason the Situk Weir has been located near tidewater since 1988, about 2 km above the Lower Landing on the Lost River Road (Figure 1). Timing of weir counts at this location is one to three days removed from the Inlet fisheries.

The counts of Chinook salmon moving upstream of the weir are considered a census, without sampling error, for Chinook salmon classified in two size groups, medium- and large-sized fish. Chinook salmon classified as "large" are typically age-.3 (3-ocean-age) and older and ≥ 660 mm mid-eye to tail fork (MEF) in length (Figure 3).

Large Chinook salmon are the spawning stock used for management and stock-recruit analysis because: 1) almost all females in the Situk River are large Chinook, 2) weir counts of large Chinook are made inseason and are used to implement the management plan. Medium-sized Chinook salmon are counts of fish typically 441-659 mm MEF and age-.2 males. Medium-sized Chinook salmon in the escapement are used to determine total returns, but are not part of the escapement goal. Medium and large Chinook have been counted past the Situk Weir since 1976.

Age-.1 (1-ocean-age, or "jack") or "small" Chinook salmon about 440 mm MEF or less (~20 inches) have been partially enumerated in the Situk River escapements since 1989. The weir counts of small Chinook are incomplete in most years because spacing of pickets in the weir and trap used for biological sampling allow a portion of this size of Chinook salmon to pass uncounted and unsampled. Counts of small Chinook salmon are not included in enumerating total returns. These counts are presented in this report to document the relatively high precocity rate of the Situk River Chinook salmon population and because regulations in the recreational fishery allow for liberal harvests of small Chinook salmon.

Four adjustments were made to the weir counts of medium and large Chinook past the Situk Weir since 1976. The weir was washed out for a portion of the season in two years (1980 and 1981); the portion of the run missed in those two years was added to the weir count total (see Appendix B). In 1987 and in 1993, Chinook salmon were counted below the weir on the last day of weir operations; these counts were added to the weir count to estimate the total escapement in those two years. In 1976, 1978, 1979 and 1987 large and medium-sized Chinook salmon were counted without a breakdown by size; the number of medium and large fish was estimated for those years from the average proportions seen for 1977 and 1980-1986.

RECREATIONAL FISHERY HARVESTS

A recreational fishery for Chinook salmon takes place annually in the Situk River. Road access to the Situk River is limited to two areas: the Lower

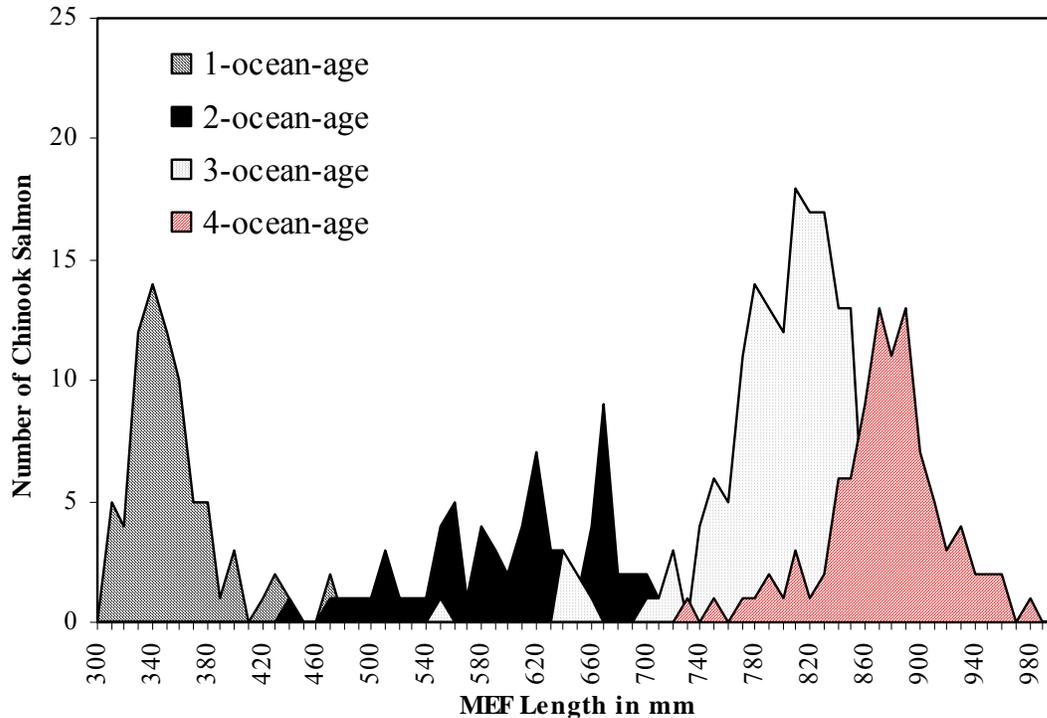


Figure 3.—Length-frequency polygons of ocean-age classes of Chinook salmon sampled at the weir on the Situk River in 1997.

Note: The boundary for “large” fish is ≥ 660 mm MEF.

Landing near the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and at Nine Mile Bridge, which is about 22 km upstream (Figure 1). Anglers fish from banks or boats after accessing the river. Some anglers float in boats from Nine Mile Bridge to the Lower Landing. Most bank fishing occurs in the lower 3 km of the river.

Sport fishing is not allowed above Nine Mile Bridge and was not allowed between Nine Mile Bridge and the upper weir site from 1976-1987. Hence, from 1976-1987 the weir counts included all Chinook salmon passing to the spawning grounds.

When the weir was moved to the lower river site in 1988, the estimated recreational harvest above the weir must be subtracted from the weir count to estimate spawning escapement. The recreational harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River is estimated through a statewide postal survey; this program started in 1977. The results of this program are available in published annual reports (Howe et al. 2001a). In 1996 the statewide postal

survey was reconfigured to estimate harvests of salmon above and below the lower river site. In addition, an on-site creel project has been operated in recent years. We used the statewide postal survey estimates for 1977-2000 and the on-site creel estimates in 2001-2003 to estimate returns (Johnson 2005). We used the 1988-2000 postal survey estimates and the 2001-2003 creel survey estimates to estimate spawning abundance, by subtracting estimates of the recreational harvest above the weir from the weir counts.

For the period 1977-2003, the estimated recreational harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River has ranged from 0 (zero) large and medium-sized fish in 1986, 1989 and 1990 (fishery closed) to 1,598 large and medium-sized fish in 1997 (Appendix C). The recreational fishery harvests were 400 or fewer large and medium-sized Chinook through 1994 and then exceeded 1,000 fish annually from 1995 to 2000. Since 1988, the estimated removals in the sport

fishery above the weir have ranged from 0 (zero) in 1989 and 1990 to 812 in 1997.

SPAWNING ABUNDANCE

For calendar years 1988 to 2003, we estimated spawning abundance by subtracting the estimated recreational harvest taken above the weir, from the weir counts or the estimated total past the weir (in years when adjustments were made to the weir counts). Details of these statistics are given in Appendix C. For 1976-1987, we consider the weir counts the annual spawning abundance of large fish \hat{S}_{Lt} , spawning in year t , and considered them known without error.

For all years (1976-2003), \hat{S}_{Lt} averaged 1,473 large fish, and ranged from 434 in 1982 to 4,330 in 1995 (Table 1). This provides a contrast of 10:1 in spawning abundance. Omitting 1995, the next highest \hat{S}_{Lt} of 2,067 (in 1986), provides a contrast of 4.8:1 in spawning abundance.

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE HARVESTS AND TOTAL RUNS

Harvests in the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet are reported on fish tickets and are considered a census without error. Statistics for this fishery were obtained from the Integrated Fishery Database (IFDB) reporting system as of October 16, 2003, a database maintained by ADF&G, Commercial Fisheries Division, Region 1. Harvests in the subsistence fishery in the inlet are reported on permits returned from individuals participating in this fishery. Not all permits were returned and statistics for this fishery were estimated by expanding the reported harvest for unreturned permits (usually less than 10% of the total). Estimated subsistence harvests were considered to have negligible error.

In the commercial and subsistence fisheries, fishing is usually directed at sockeye salmon, with Chinook salmon a secondary target. The gear is consistent for both fisheries, usually sockeye-mesh set gillnets are used. Commercial gillnet harvests have averaged about 1,400 Chinook since 1976, ranging from zero (1989 and 1990) to over 8,000 fish in 1995. (Table 2). Subsistence harvests have averaged 272 Chinook since 1976, ranging

from about 25 fish to about 600 in recent years. Estimated total harvests of medium and large Chinook combined \hat{H}_t , have averaged 2,122 fish since 1976, ranging from 301 fish in 1986 to over 10,000 fish in 1995 (Table 2). Total harvests averaged about 800 Chinook salmon from 1976-1990. Since the Situk River management plan went into effect in 1991, harvests of Chinook salmon have averaged about 3,800 medium and large fish. This total does not include an average harvest of 340 age-1 jacks since 1991.

Table 1.—Weir counts, sport removals and estimated large spawning Chinook salmon \hat{S}_{Lt} in the Situk River, 1976-2003.

Year	Weir count	Sport removals	\hat{S}_{Lt}	(SE)
1976	1,421	0	1,421	(0)
1977	1,732	0	1,732	(0)
1978	808	0	808	(0)
1979	1,284	0	1,284	(0)
1980	905	0	905	(0)
1981	702	0	702	(0)
1982	434	0	434	(0)
1983	592	0	592	(0)
1984	1,726	0	1,726	(0)
1985	1,521	0	1,521	(0)
1986	2,067	0	2,067	(0)
1987	1,379	0	1,379	(0)
1988	885	17	868	(17)
1989	637	0	637	(0)
1990	628	0	628	(0)
1991	897	8	889	(8)
1992	1,618	23	1,595	(23)
1993	980	28	952	(28)
1994	1,311	40	1,271	(40)
1995	4,700	370	4,330	(185)
1996	2,175	375	1,800	(187)
1997	2,690	812	1,878	(197)
1998	1,353	429	924	(132)
1999	1,947	486	1,461	(152)
2000	2,518	733	1,785	(144)
2001	696	40	656	(16)
2002	1,024	24	1,000	(12)
2003	2,615	498	2,117	(68)
Averages				
1976-2003	1,473	139	1,334	
1976-1987	1,214	0	1,214	
1988-2003	1,667	243	1,424	

Table 2.—Estimated spawning escapements, inriver harvests, and estimated inriver harvest rates for medium and large Chinook salmon returning to the Situk River, 1976-2003.

Medium and Large Chinook Salmon									
Year	Estimated escapement			Estimated harvest				Inriver total run	Inriver harvest rate
	Medium	Large	Total	Sport	Comm. gillnet	Subs. ^a	Total		
1976	520	1,421	1,941	200	1,002	41	1,243	3,184	39.0%
1977	148	1,732	1,880	244	833	24	1,101	2,981	36.9%
1978	295	808	1,103	210	382	50	642	1,745	36.8%
1979	470	1,284	1,754	282	1,028	25	1,335	3,089	43.2%
1980	220	905	1,125	353	969	57	1,379	2,504	55.1%
1981	105	702	807	130	858	62	1,050	1,857	56.5%
1982	177	434	611	63	248	27	338	949	35.6%
1983	257	592	849	42	349	50	441	1,290	34.2%
1984	475	1,726	2,201	146	512	89	747	2,948	25.3%
1985	461	1,521	1,982	294	484	156	934	2,916	32.0%
1986	505	2,067	2,572	0	202	99	301	2,873	10.5%
1987	505	1,379	1,884	75	891	24	990	2,874	34.4%
1988	154	868	1,022	185	299	90	574	1,596	36.0%
1989	243	637	880	0	1	496	497	1,377	36.1%
1990	499	628	1,127	0	0	516	516	1,643	31.4%
1991	114	889	1,003	88	784	220	1,092	2,095	52.1%
1992	207	1,595	1,802	172	1,504	341	2,017	3,819	52.8%
1993	477	952	1,429	137	790	202	1,129	2,558	44.1%
1994	1,391	1,271	2,662	400	2,656	367	3,423	6,085	56.3%
1995	565	4,330	4,895	1,407	8,107	578	10,092	14,987	67.3%
1996	495	1,800	2,295	1,529	3,717	559	5,805	8,100	71.7%
1997	434	1,878	2,312	1,598	2,339	352	4,289	6,601	65.0%
1998	645	924	1,569	1,156	2,101	594	3,851	5,420	71.1%
1999	189	1,461	1,650	1,160	3,810	588	5,558	7,208	77.1%
2000	101	1,785	1,886	1,143	1,318	594	3,055	4,941	61.8%
2001	97	656	753	75	1,087	402	1,564	2,317	67.5%
2002	424	1,000	1,424	99	1,078	416	1,593	3,017	52.8%
2003	299	2,117	2,416	909	2,342	600	3,851	6,267	61.4%
Average	374	1,334	1,708	432	1,418	272	2,122	3,830	48.0%

^a Subsistence harvests include 400 fish in 1989, 415 in 1990 and 109 in 1991 taken home during commercial openings in those years with non-retention for Chinook salmon. Harvest in 2003 is preliminary.

Estimated harvest notation is “Sport” for recreational, “Comm. gillnet” for commercial set gill net and “Subs.” for the subsistence fishery.

Estimated annual total runs \hat{T}_t of medium and large Chinook combined are the sum of escapement and harvest in a calendar year. Total run size has increased over the time series in the data set, averaging about 2,300 for 1976-1990 and about 5,650 for 1991-2003 (Table 2).

The combined harvests represent on average an annual exploitation rate of 48% for 1976-2003.

Those rates have ranged from 11% in 1986 to 77% in 1999. Annual exploitation rates have averaged about 62% since the 1991 ABF management plan was implemented.

We did not include estimates of harvest outside of those mentioned above as we do not have direct estimates of any such harvests and we conclude that they are of low magnitude and would not have any meaningful effect on our estimates of

optimal spawning. Inclusion of harvests estimates outside of the terminal runs have been explored in the past by Seibel in 1988 (M. Seibel, ADF&G, retired, pers. comm.) and McPherson in 1991 (S. McPherson, ADF&G, Douglas, unpublished data). Those analyses demonstrated that inclusion of outside harvests had negligible effect on the estimate of S_{MSY} .

ESTIMATED AGE COMPOSITION

Age composition of the annual total runs was estimated from separate sampling programs for the set gillnet/subsistence fishery, the recreational fishery, and the escapement.

Estimates of age composition of Chinook salmon caught in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet commercial and subsistence fisheries were calculated using estimates of relative age composition from the scale sampling in the commercial fishery (see Appendix D).

In the set gillnet/subsistence fishery, the numbers of fish harvested by age and the associated variance is estimated from:

$$\hat{H}_{at} = H_t \hat{p}_{at}$$

$$v(\hat{H}_{at}) = H_t^2 v(\hat{p}_{at})$$

where H_t is the harvest of adults in year t and \hat{p}_{at} is the estimated proportion for age group a in year t , from scale samples taken and successfully aged.

Age composition of harvests of medium and large Chinook (combined) in the recreational fishery was estimated as the product of the estimated harvest and the relative age composition:

$$\hat{H}_{at} = \hat{H}_t \hat{p}_{at}$$

where \hat{H}_t is the estimated harvest in year t .

Estimated variance was calculated as the product of two variates as per Goodman (1960):

$$v(\hat{H}_{at}) = v(\hat{H}_t) \hat{p}_{at}^2 + v(\hat{p}_{at}) \hat{H}_t^2 - v(\hat{H}_t) v(\hat{p}_{at})$$

Estimated variances $v(\hat{H}_t)$ were calculated from the statewide harvest survey [see Howe et al. (2001a) for an example of the survey]. Estimated

recreational harvests are detailed in Appendix C and estimates of age composition are detailed in Appendix D.

Estimates of age composition in the escapement were determined from our estimated escapements and associated sampling. For 1981-1987 and 1989-1990 we used the formulae for the gillnet fishery, substituting S_t for H_t . For 1988 and 1991-2003 we use the formulae for the recreational fishery, substituting \hat{S}_t for \hat{H}_t , where \hat{S}_t is the estimated escapement of medium \hat{S}_{Mt} plus large \hat{S}_{Lt} Chinook salmon.

Samples sizes, estimated abundance by age and calendar year are detailed in Appendix D for the gillnet fisheries, the recreational fisheries and the escapement. The relative age composition for the total run for each calendar year are detailed there as well, along with standard errors for the estimated number of fish by age. The estimated total runs of Chinook salmon by age for 1982-2003 are generally dominated by age-0.3 fish (total age 4) in most years (Table 3).

PRODUCTION

Estimated production of adults from year class y and its estimated variance was calculated as

$$\hat{R}_y = \sum_{i=2}^5 \hat{S}_{1.i,y+i+2} + \sum_{i=2}^5 \hat{S}_{0.i,y+i+1} +$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^5 \hat{H}_{1.i,y+i+2} + \sum_{i=2}^5 \hat{H}_{0.i,y+i+1}$$

$$v(\hat{R}_y) = \sum_{i=2}^5 v(\hat{S}_{1.i,y+i+2}) + \sum_{i=2}^5 v(\hat{S}_{0.i,y+i+1}) +$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^5 v(\hat{H}_{1.i,y+i+2}) + \sum_{i=2}^5 v(\hat{H}_{0.i,y+i+1})$$

where $\hat{S}_{1.i,y+i+2}$ is the estimated number of spawners age-1. i (1-freshwater age, i.e., age classes 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5) in year $y+i+2$, $\hat{S}_{0.i,y+i+1}$ is the estimated number of spawners age-0. (0-freshwater age, i.e., age classes 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 and 0.5), and the summation of both is the number of age-2 and older spawners in the return for year class y . Similarly, the summation of $\hat{H}_{1.i,y+i+2}$ and $\hat{H}_{0.i,y+i+1}$ across all age classes is the estimated harvest of Chinook salmon age-2 to age-.5 for year class y .

Cohort analysis using adult equivalent factors was not needed in the subsequent spawner-recruit analysis because all enumerated fish are mature in this analysis.

Estimated production by age and year class and estimates of the SEs for the age-.2-.5 and age-.3-.5 totals are shown in Table 4 for year classes 1977 through 1999. Estimated returns for the 1998 year class are incomplete, lacking age classes 0.5, 1.4 and 0.5; since these are classes comprised 3.3% of the 1987-1997 returns, we deemed this brood year to be as good as complete. The 1999 year class returns are also incomplete. We estimated the total return for the 1999 year class by dividing the return to date (through total age 4) by the average fraction complete through age 4 returns (68%) for recent (1987-1997) year classes (Table 5).

Age-0.3 fish have been the dominant age class throughout the time series and there has been shift in age of smolt (Table 5). For all year classes (1978-1997), age-0.3 fish have comprised an estimated 37% of the age-.2-.5 total returns, with age-0.4 fish accounting for 21% of the total. For more recent year classes (1987-1997), age-0.3 (45%) and age-0.4 (22%) fish have comprised an estimated 67% of total returns. For the 1978-1986 year classes, age-1. fish (progeny from yearling smolt) accounted for 42% of total returns, while later in the time series (1987-1997 year classes), the percentage of age-1. fish was substantially less (27%). Following completion of returns from the 1986 year class, only the 1990 year class (46%) produced returns with more than 25% age-1. fish.

Table 3.– Estimated total runs by year and age class \hat{T}_{at} of Chinook salmon returning to the Situk River, 1982-2003.

Year	Total age and age class										Estimated total run		
	2-yr 0.1	3-yr 0.2	3-yr 1.1	4-yr 0.3	4-yr 1.2	5-yr 0.4	5-yr 1.3	6-yr 0.5	6-yr 1.4	7-yr 1.5	Age-.3-.5	Age-.2-.5	Total
1982	0	156	0	346	92	138	61	0	144	12	701	949	949
1983	10	268	0	524	180	151	162	0	6	0	842	1,290	1,300
1984	194	137	35	897	221	548	741	17	163	0	2,367	2,725	2,953
1985	195	318	22	693	375	433	462	29	577	29	2,223	2,916	3,133
1986	33	324	4	556	417	417	602	0	556	0	2,132	2,873	2,910
1987	287	79	32	1,142	39	315	984	0	315	0	2,756	2,874	3,193
1988	0	35	0	118	172	747	88	0	439	0	1,392	1,599	1,599
1989	875	225	97	544	74	338	103	4	89	0	1,078	1,377	2,349
1990	151	540	65	216	177	400	88	0	222	0	926	1,643	1,858
1991	593	491	3	1,039	228	123	136	7	61	3	1,370	2,089	2,685
1992	119	544	36	841	147	1,753	211	0	305	0	3,110	3,801	3,956
1993	1,776	497	996	650	171	690	214	64	250	4	1,871	2,539	5,311
1994	1,576	2,103	188	1,525	841	1,104	210	0	289	0	3,128	6,072	7,836
1995	2,789	934	342	10,680	424	1,304	1,545	11	68	0	13,608	14,966	18,096
1996	1,892	1,071	207	3,139	329	2,375	714	34	427	0	6,690	8,090	10,189
1997	1,693	1,346	232	2,929	85	1,878	198	37	87	9	5,138	6,568	8,493
1998	3,185	1,674	275	2,633	111	822	71	0	29	0	3,555	5,340	8,800
1999	610	1,496	147	4,457	113	872	162	10	50	0	5,550	7,159	7,916
2000	501	284	79	3,584	120	557	345	0	50	0	4,537	4,941	5,521
2001	412	406	53	524	46	1,107	194	17	52	0	1,892	2,345	2,810
2002	262	1,557	72	741	463	106	101	0	26	0	975	2,995	3,329
2003	261	450	79	4,912	212	318	360	0	42	0	5,632	6,294	6,634

Note: Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis. The number of these fish is incomplete prior to 1989 and after 1998 in the above totals.

Production and return rates have been variable and measurement error has been low for both spawning escapements and total return estimates (Table 6). The average CV for spawning escapements for year classes 1977-1998 has averaged an estimated 2.4% and has increased to about 10% since the 1996 year class, as more recreational harvest has occurred above the weir. CVs for total returns of both age-2-.5 and age-3-.5 (large) fish have averaged about 7% over the time series. CVs for the estimated return rate $\hat{R}_{Ly} / \hat{S}_{Ly}$ have averaged about 8%. The contrast in

estimated spawning escapements is 10.0:1 including the unusually large escapement in 1995 and is about half (4.8:1), excluding 1995. The contrast in age-2-.5 returns is about 16:1, ranging from estimates of 1,035 fish for the 1984 year class to 16,420 for the 1991 year class. The contrast in age-3-.5 (large fish) returns is 18:1, with estimates ranging from just under 800 fish for the 1984, 1986 and 1997 year classes to 13,894 fish for the 1991 year class. Estimated return rates for large fish have averaged 3.1:1 over the time series, ranging from 0.4:1 to 15.6:1.

Table 4.—Estimated total returns (production) by year class and age class \hat{R}_{ay} of Chinook salmon returning to the Situk River, for year classes 1977-1999.

Year Class	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Age-2-.5	SE	Age-3-.5	SE
1977	399	666	136	138	61	0	6	0	1,405	(113)	870	(96)
1978	150	346	92	151	162	17	163	29	1,110	(117)	868	(84)
1979	156	524	180	548	741	29	577	0	2,755	(165)	2,419	(158)
1980	268	897	221	433	462	0	556	0	2,838	(207)	2,348	(196)
1981	137	693	375	417	602	0	315	0	2,539	(231)	2,027	(215)
1982	318	556	417	315	984	0	439	0	3,028	(244)	2,294	(204)
1983	324	1,142	39	747	88	4	89	0	2,434	(186)	2,070	(151)
1984	79	118	172	338	103	0	222	3	1,035	(111)	784	(92)
1985	35	544	74	400	88	7	61	0	1,208	(102)	1,099	(95)
1986	225	216	177	123	136	0	305	4	1,187	(111)	785	(91)
1987	540	1,039	228	1,753	211	64	250	0	4,084	(197)	3,317	(182)
1988	491	841	147	690	214	0	289	0	2,672	(191)	2,034	(173)
1989	544	650	171	1,104	210	11	68	0	2,758	(195)	2,043	(166)
1990	497	1,525	841	1,304	1,545	34	427	9	6,182	(302)	4,844	(268)
1991	2,103	10,680	424	2,375	714	37	87	0	16,420	(416)	13,894	(377)
1992	934	3,139	329	1,878	198	0	29	0	6,506	(254)	5,243	(215)
1993	1,071	2,929	85	822	71	10	50	0	5,038	(219)	3,882	(191)
1994	1,346	2,633	111	872	162	0	50	0	5,173	(242)	3,717	(216)
1995	1,674	4,457	113	557	345	17	52	0	7,214	(274)	5,428	(242)
1996	1,496	3,584	120	1,107	194	0	26		6,527	(229)	4,911	(197)
1997	284	524	46	106	101	0	42		1,103	(78)	773	(64)
1998 ^a	406	741	463	318	360				2,289	(118)	1,419	(102)
1999 ^a	1,557	4,912	212						9,824		8,055	
Average	622	1,795	214	770	352	11	195	2	3,963		3,126	

^a The 1998 year class was deemed complete. The estimated total return for the 1999 year class was estimated by dividing the returns through age class 1.2 by 68.0%, the average return rate through age-1.2 for the 1987-1997 year classes.

The averages shown are for the 1977-1997 year classes.

Table 5.—Estimated percent by year class and age class p_{ay} of Chinook salmon returning to the Situk River, for year classes 1978-1997.

Year Class	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Age-0.	Age-1.
1978	13.5%	31.2%	8.3%	13.6%	14.6%	1.6%	14.7%	2.6%	59.8%	40.2%
1979	5.7%	19.0%	6.5%	19.9%	26.9%	1.0%	21.0%	0.0%	45.6%	54.4%
1980	9.5%	31.6%	7.8%	15.3%	16.3%	0.0%	19.6%	0.0%	56.3%	43.7%
1981	5.4%	27.3%	14.8%	16.4%	23.7%	0.0%	12.4%	0.0%	49.1%	50.9%
1982	10.5%	18.4%	13.8%	10.4%	32.5%	0.0%	14.5%	0.0%	39.2%	60.8%
1983	13.3%	46.9%	1.6%	30.7%	3.6%	0.2%	3.7%	0.0%	91.1%	8.9%
1984	7.6%	11.4%	16.6%	32.6%	10.0%	0.0%	21.5%	0.3%	51.7%	48.3%
1985	2.9%	45.0%	6.2%	33.1%	7.3%	0.5%	5.0%	0.0%	81.6%	18.4%
1986	18.9%	18.2%	14.9%	10.4%	11.5%	0.0%	25.7%	0.3%	47.5%	52.5%
1987	13.2%	25.4%	5.6%	42.9%	5.2%	1.6%	6.1%	0.0%	83.1%	16.9%
1988	18.4%	31.5%	5.5%	25.8%	8.0%	0.0%	10.8%	0.0%	75.7%	24.3%
1989	19.7%	23.6%	6.2%	40.0%	7.6%	0.4%	2.5%	0.0%	83.7%	16.3%
1990	8.0%	24.7%	13.6%	21.1%	25.0%	0.6%	6.9%	0.1%	54.3%	45.7%
1991	12.8%	65.0%	2.6%	14.5%	4.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	92.5%	7.5%
1992	14.4%	48.2%	5.1%	28.9%	3.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	91.5%	8.5%
1993	21.3%	58.1%	1.7%	16.3%	1.4%	0.2%	1.0%	0.0%	95.9%	4.1%
1994	26.0%	50.9%	2.1%	16.9%	3.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	93.8%	6.2%
1995	23.2%	61.8%	1.6%	7.7%	4.8%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	92.9%	7.1%
1996	22.9%	54.9%	1.8%	17.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	94.8%	5.2%
1997	25.7%	47.5%	4.2%	9.6%	9.2%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	82.8%	17.2%
Average	18.7%	44.7%	4.5%	21.9%	6.8%	0.3%	3.1%	<0.1%		
Cum.	18.7%	63.4%	67.9%	89.8%	96.6%	96.9%	100.0%	100.0%		

Note: The averages shown are for the 1987-1997 year classes.

ANALYSIS

PARAMETER ESTIMATES

Logarithms of returns per spawner were first regressed against spawners using the following formulation:

$$\ln(R_y/S_y) = \ln(\alpha) - \beta S_y + \varepsilon_y$$

where $\ln(\alpha)$ and β are parameters and ε_y is an independent set of residuals $\sim \text{Norm}(0, \sigma^2)$. Information for the 1995 brood year was excluded from this analysis because: 1) we do not believe the 1995 year class to be indicative of the productivity of the Situk River Chinook salmon stock, on average, at that level of spawners, 2) it is more than double any other escapement and influences parameter estimates much more than any other individual year class, and 3) the fit of the model, with corrections for autocorrelation, was substantially improved without the 1995 year class (corrected $R^2 = 0.69$ vs. 0.50). Investigation

of residuals from this fit showed that the ε_y were not independent, but were serially correlated as per an autoregressive process of lag one brood year (Figure 4). From Noakes et al. (1987), the appropriate model under this circumstance is

$$\ln(R_y/S_y) =$$

$$(1 - \phi)\ln \alpha + \phi \ln(R_{y-1}/S_{y-1}) - \beta S_y + \phi \beta S_{y-1} + u_y$$

where ϕ is the autoregressive parameter ($0 \leq \phi < 1$ for salmon) and $u_y \sim \text{Norm}(0, \sigma^2)$. Because the brood year 1995 was so near the end of the time series, and because escapements in 1996-1998 were typical of years before 1995, information in Table 6 was truncated after 1994 for this next regression. Parameters were estimated with ML procedures in the computer statistical program SYSTAT[®] and the results given in Table 7. Note that the log of the estimate of the parameter $\ln(\hat{\alpha})$ is given in Table 4 when

Table 6.—Estimated production \hat{R}_y by year class, the estimated abundance of their parents \hat{S}_{Ly} (age-3 and older) and the return per spawner ($\hat{R}_{Ly} / \hat{S}_{Ly}$; both in large fish) for the population of Chinook salmon spawning in the Situk River.

Year class y	\hat{S}_{Ly}	SE(\hat{S}_{Ly})	CV(\hat{S}_{Ly})	\hat{R}_y	SE(\hat{R}_y)	CV(\hat{R}_y)	$\hat{R}_{Ly} / \hat{S}_{Ly}$	SE($\hat{R}_{Ly} / \hat{S}_{Ly}$)
1977	1,732	(0)	0.0%	1,405	(113)	8.1%	0.50	0.06
1978	808	(0)	0.0%	1,110	(117)	10.6%	1.07	0.10
1979	1,284	(0)	0.0%	2,755	(165)	6.0%	1.88	0.12
1980	905	(0)	0.0%	2,838	(207)	7.3%	2.59	0.22
1981	702	(0)	0.0%	2,539	(231)	9.1%	2.89	0.31
1982	434	(0)	0.0%	3,028	(244)	8.1%	5.29	0.47
1983	592	(0)	0.0%	2,434	(186)	7.6%	3.50	0.25
1984	1,726	(0)	0.0%	1,035	(111)	10.7%	0.45	0.05
1985	1,521	(0)	0.0%	1,208	(102)	8.5%	0.72	0.06
1986	2,067	(0)	0.0%	1,187	(111)	9.4%	0.38	0.04
1987	1,379	(0)	0.0%	4,084	(197)	4.8%	2.41	0.13
1988	868	(17)	1.9%	2,672	(191)	7.1%	2.34	0.20
1989	637	(0)	0.0%	2,758	(195)	7.1%	3.21	0.26
1990	628	(0)	0.0%	6,182	(302)	4.9%	7.71	0.43
1991	889	(8)	0.9%	16,420	(416)	2.5%	15.63	0.45
1992	1,595	(23)	1.5%	6,506	(254)	3.9%	3.29	0.14
1993	952	(28)	2.9%	5,038	(219)	4.3%	4.08	0.23
1994	1,271	(40)	3.1%	5,173	(242)	4.7%	2.92	0.19
1995	4,330	(185)	4.3%	7,214	(274)	3.8%	1.25	0.08
1996	1,800	(187)	10.4%	6,527	(229)	3.5%	2.73	0.30
1997	1,878	(197)	10.5%	1,103	(78)	7.1%	0.41	0.05
1998	924	(132)	14.3%	2,289	(118)	5.2%	1.54	0.25
1999	1,461	(152)	10.4%	9,824			3.36	

(Standard error in parentheses; coefficient of variation (CV) in percent.)

the parameter estimated in the regression is $\ln \alpha$. The relationship between these two expressions is derived and given in Appendix E. Inspection of residuals from this fit indicates that residuals are stationary and represent random variation (Figure 5).

An estimate of S_{MSY} (= 730 large salmon) was obtained by iteratively solving the equation:

$$1 = (1 - \hat{\beta} \hat{S}_{MSY}) \exp(\ln \hat{\alpha})(1 + \tau)^{-1} \exp(-\hat{\beta} \hat{S}_{MSY})$$

where τ = the expected ratio of medium to large salmon in the spawning population (see eq. 1.14 in CTC 1999). From Table 2, fractions of medium-sized salmon averaged 19% across years making $\tau = 0.23$ [= 0.19/(1-0.19)]. Ninety percent

of MSY in medium and large salmon combined can be expected at escapements between 453 and 1,052 large salmon. The production relationship is shown in Figure 6.

DISCUSSION

Our estimate of spawning abundance of Chinook salmon in the Situk River that on average will produce MSY is relatively unbiased. Measurement error in estimates of spawning abundance, if ignored when estimating parameters, will make a salmon population appear more productive than it is (Hilborn and Walters 1992:288). We had little or no measurement error in the estimates of spawning abundance. The CVs for our estimates of recruits

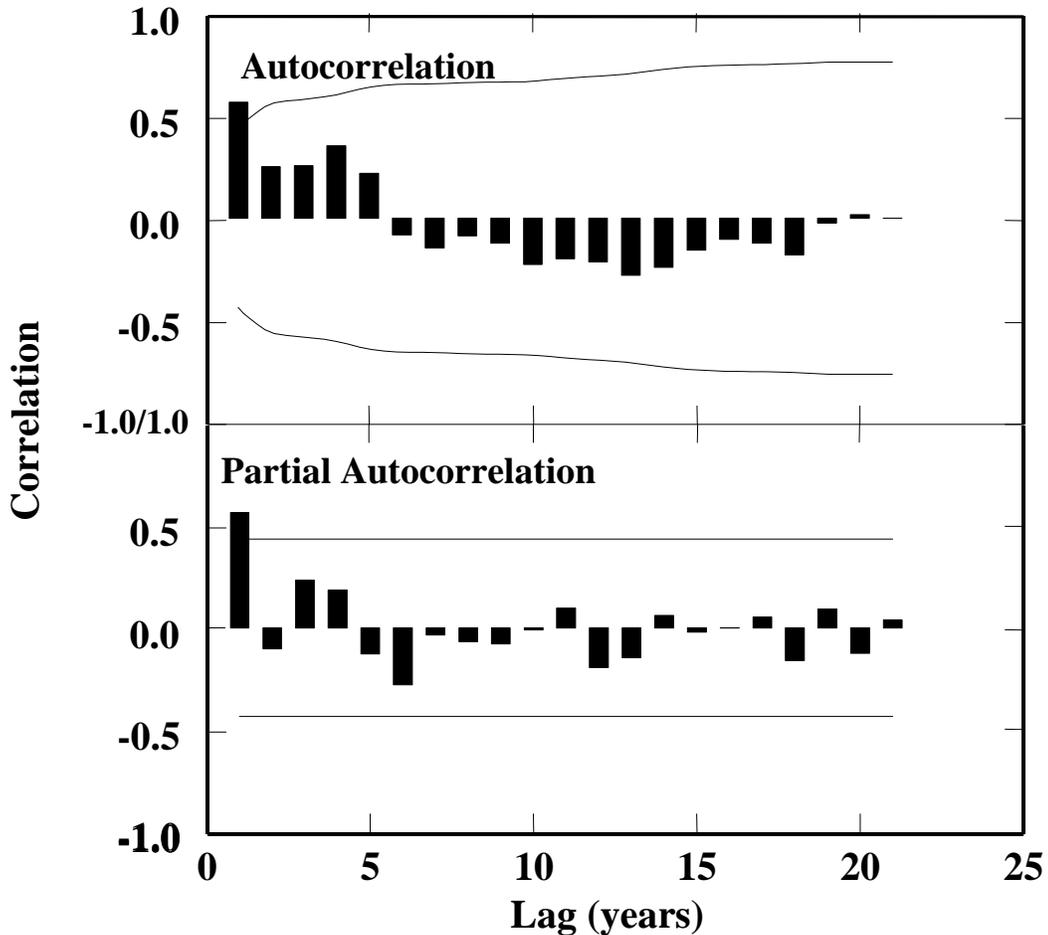


Figure 4.—Autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation functions for residuals from the fitted stock-recruit relationship for Situk River Chinook salmon for brood years 1977 through 1997 with 1995 excluded.

Quadratic interpolation was used to bridge the series for the missing brood year. Thin lines correspond to significance levels corresponding to a Type I error of 5%. An autoregressive process of lag one brood year is indicated.

(total returns) were low, averaging 6.9% for the 1977-1994 year classes. However, we did have autocorrelation present in the spawner-recruit relationship and our estimate of 730 large Chinook salmon was based on parameters corrected for any bias due to autocorrelation.

In correcting for the bias in spawner-recruit parameters, we excluded the 1995 year class from the analysis. This single year doubled the contrast in spawning escapements to 10:1, compared to 4.8:1 for the 1977-1994 year classes. We excluded the 1995 year class (with an escapement of 4,330) because it is the only

estimated spawning escapement above 2,067 fish in the time series. Also this year class was unexpectedly productive and significantly more influential on the spawner-recruit relationship than any other year class (see Appendix F for details). It produced an estimated total return above replacement ($R:S = 1.25$, Table 6). Most brood years with escapements greater than 1,500 large spawners did not replace themselves. Five of the eight broods with escapements greater than 1,500 large spawners yielded $R:S$ rates of less than 0.72 (range 0.41 to 0.72).

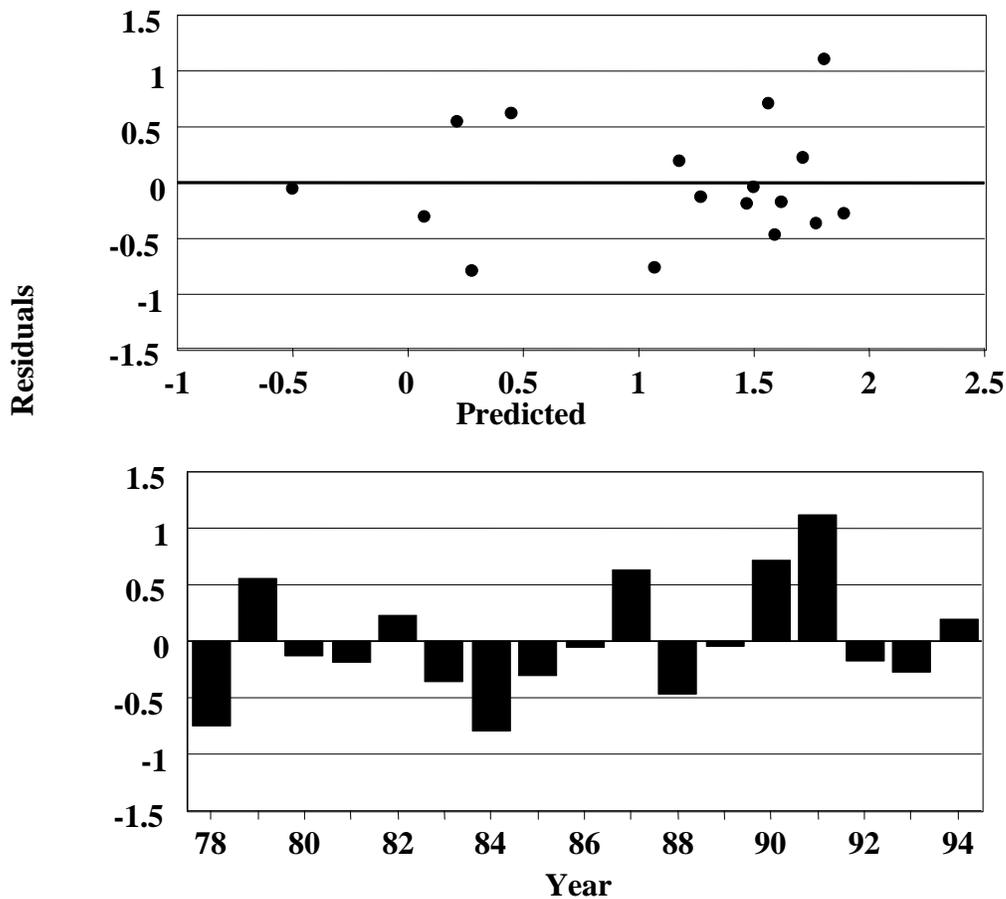


Figure 5.—Residuals from the fitted stock-recruit model with an autoregressive parameter with lag one year plotted against predicted values and against brood years for Chinook salmon of the Situk River.

The three year classes with escapements greater than 1,500 large spawners and R:S rates greater than 1.0 were all embedded in the 1990-1996 year classes, which were more productive than the year classes before and after this period. The escapements of 1,595 (1992), 4,330 (1995), and 1,800 (1996) produced R:S rates of 3.29, 1.25 and 2.73, an average of 2.61, less than half the average R:S rates for the seven year classes from 1990-1996 of 5.42 (Table 6).

The 1995 year class escapement of 4,330 was a result of the very high returns from the 1991 brood. It is common to see one extremely productive year class, which may be 4-5 times the average year-class production in spawner-recruit data sets with 20-30 years of data. We

have seen such phenomena in other SEAK/TBR Chinook salmon stocks, such as the Taku River (McPherson et al. 2000), the Stikine River (Bernard et al. 2000), the Chilkat River (Ericksen and McPherson 2004) and the Unuk River (Weller and McPherson 2003).

If an annual run of 16,000 or more occurs in the future, such as that produced by the 1991 year class, it is likely that a large escapement will occur again. Fishery management (Appendix A) and the associated fishing effort, is unlikely to exert a harvest rate above 75%. This will populate the spawner-recruit database with other large escapements to provide a contrast in return rates at relatively large escapement levels.

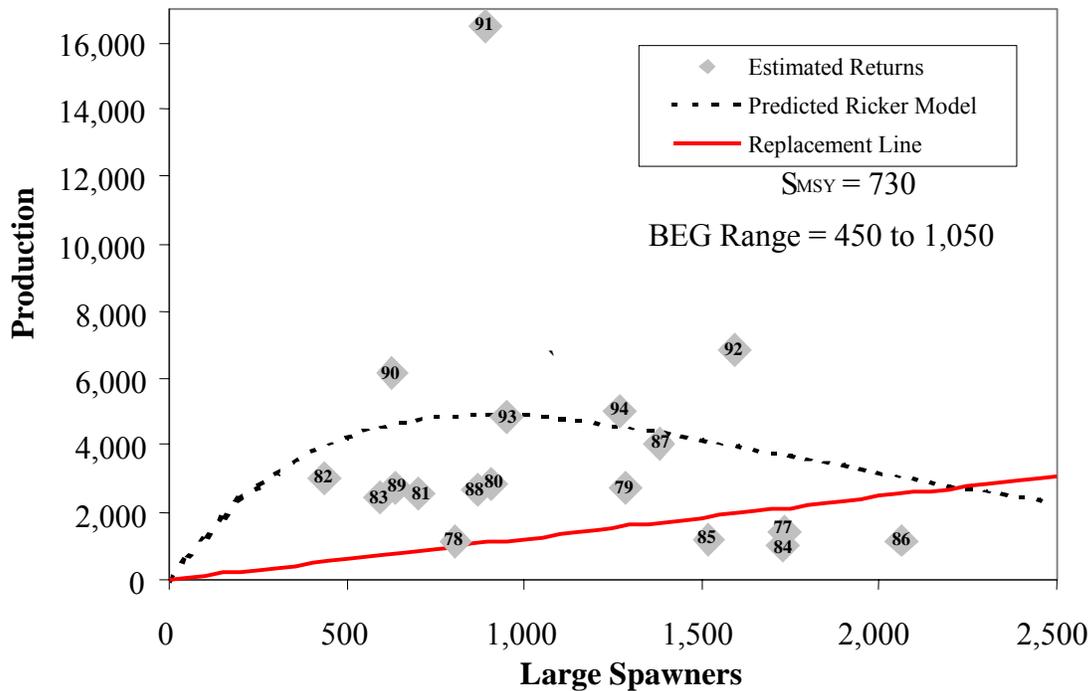


Figure 6.—Estimated production of age-2-5 Chinook salmon in year classes 1977–1994 against the estimated spawning abundance of their parents age-3 and older for the population in the Situk River.

It is unknown whether these shifts in year-class strength arose from environmental factors in the fresh or saltwater environments. Regardless, this variation in production is a strong argument that the stock-production relationship should include a variable representing survival rates. Unfortunately, no data concerning survival rates for this stock of Chinook salmon, or any nearby stocks, are available.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Sampling to estimate age composition of harvests and escapements should continue. The recreational and gillnet fisheries along with the escapement should all be sampled with enough intensity to provide estimates with precision on par or better than historical statistics. Knowledge of catch and escapement by age is essential to estimating production by year class, and subsequently to our understanding of the stock-production relationship for Chinook salmon in the Situk River.

The productivity of the stock of Chinook salmon spawning in the Situk River changed over the duration of this time series. The total returns of

Table 7.—Estimates of parameters for the stock-recruit model along with estimates of their variances for Chinook salmon in the Situk River based on brood years 1977 through 1994.

Parameter	Estimate
$\ln(\hat{\alpha})$	2.484 (P = 0.0001)
$v[\ln(\hat{\alpha})]$	0.2587
$\hat{\alpha}$	11.993
$\hat{\beta}$	0.0011135 (P = 0.0011)
$v[\hat{\beta}]$	8.9×10^{-8}
$\hat{\phi}$	0.65 (P = 0.0030)
$v[\hat{\phi}]$	0.0407
R^2	0.88
R^2 (corrected)	0.69

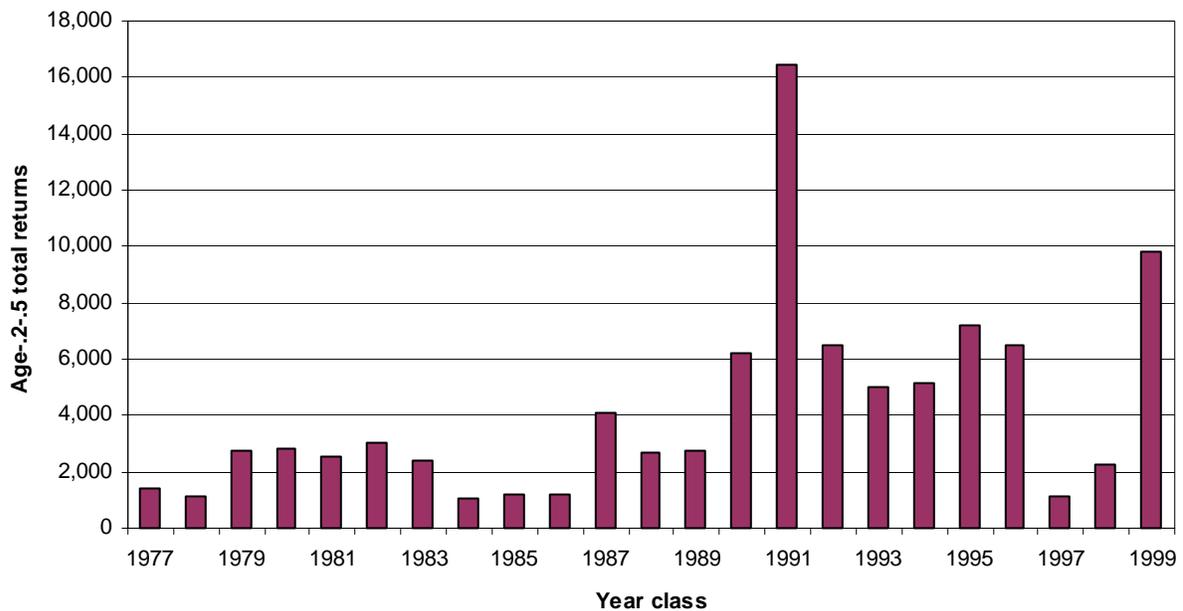


Figure 7.—Estimated production of age-2-.5 Chinook salmon in year classes 1977–1999.

age-2-.5 fish from the 1990-1996 year classes was 3.4 times the average before this period. Total returns averaged 2,235 for the 1977-1989 broods, compared to 7,676 for the 1990-1996 broods (Figure 7). Since then, the 1997 and 1998 returns were comparable to the earlier period, while the 1999 brood is similar to the returns seen in the more productive period.

An escapement goal range of 450 to 1,050 adult spawners (3-5 ocean-age) is recommended for Chinook salmon spawning in the Situk River.

The limits of this range are the approximate values that will produce 90% of the predicted MSY at S_{MSY} . An internal review committee of ADF&G accepted this range early in 2003 as the revised escapement goal and range for this stock, with a point estimate of 730 large spawners. The Alaska Board of Fisheries accepted this goal in 2003.

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**APPENDIX A:
SITUK-AHRNKLIN INLET AND LOST RIVER CHINOOK SALMON
FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Appendix A1.—5 AAC 30.365. Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River Chinook Salmon Fishery Management Plan

(a) The inriver escapement goal for the Situk River Chinook salmon stock is 600 large fish (three ocean age and older) with a range of 450 to 750 fish.

(b) Before the department makes a projection for Chinook salmon escapement to the Situk River weir,

(1) the Situk River sport fishery is restricted to non-retention of Chinook salmon;

(2) the commercial troll fishery in state waters between Loran lines 7960-Y-30390 and 7960-Y-30200 is closed; and

(3) the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River commercial set gillnet fisheries are restricted to non-sale of Chinook salmon.

(c) The department shall manage the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River, the commercial troll fishery off Yakutat, and the sport Chinook salmon fishery in the Situk River before July 15 as follows:

(1) if the projected escapement of Chinook salmon to the Situk River weir is less than 350 Chinook (three ocean age and older) the department shall close the Situk River Chinook sport fishery, the subsistence, personal use, and commercial set gillnet fisheries, and the commercial troll fishery in state waters between Loran lines 7960-Y-30390 and 7960-Y-30200;

(2) if the projected escapement of Chinook salmon to the Situk River weir is 350 - 450 fish (three ocean age and older), the department shall

(A) adopt emergency orders that do one or more of the following:

(i) establish a "non-sale" Chinook salmon season in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River set gillnet fisheries;

(ii) close the commercial troll fishery in state waters between Loran lines 7960-Y-30390 and 7960-Y-30200;

(iii) restrict the weekly fishing periods in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River set gillnet fisheries; and

(B) close the sport fishery for Chinook salmon in the Situk River;

(3) if the projected escapement of Chinook salmon to the Situk River weir is 451 - 750 fish (three ocean age and older), the department shall

(A) adopt emergency orders that do one or more of the following:

(i) establish a "non-sale" Chinook salmon season in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River set gillnet fisheries;

(ii) close the commercial troll fishery in state waters between Loran lines 7960-Y-30390 and 7960-Y-30200;

(iii) restrict the weekly fishing periods in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River set gillnet fisheries; and

(B) restrict the sport harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River by emergency orders that do one or more of the following:

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(i) close portions of the river to Chinook salmon sport fishing;

(ii) allow the use of only unbaited, artificial lures;

(iii) allow only catch and release sport fishing for Chinook salmon over 20 inches;

(4) if the projected escapement of Chinook salmon to the Situk River weir is greater than 750 fish (three ocean age and older), the department shall

(A) manage the commercial set gillnet fisheries in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River based on sockeye salmon run strength; and

(B) provide a sport fishery for Chinook salmon in which the bag limit is one Chinook salmon over 20 inches in length and the seasonal limit from June 1 through August 31 is two Chinook salmon over 20 inches in length; if a Chinook salmon sport fishery is established under this paragraph, each angler shall immediately record the angler's catch on a Situk River Chinook salmon catch record.

**APPENDIX B: WEIR COUNTS OF CHINOOK SALMON IN THE SITUK
RIVER , 1976-2002**

Appendix B1.—Weir counts of Chinook salmon in the Situk River, 1976-2002.

Daily counts of Chinook salmon past the weir in the Situk River from 1976 to 2002 are documented in this appendix. Complete counts of large and medium Chinook salmon (>440 mm MEF) are given and incomplete counts of small Chinook salmon (<440 mm MEF or almost all age-.1 fish) are included.

The Situk River weir was located at the upper river site from 1976 to 1987, just below Nine Mile Bride (Figure 1). From 1976 to 1979 the weir was constructed with chicken wire to block the passage of salmon upstream until weir technicians opened the weir trap to count them. From 1980 to 1987 the weir was constructed with vertical pickets to hold salmon until counted. Counts of Chinook salmon at the Nine Mile Bridge location consisted of counts of large Chinook (Appendix B1), medium Chinook (Appendix B2) and large and medium Chinook salmon combined (Appendix B3). No small Chinook salmon were recorded at the Nine Mile Bridge location.

Counts at the upper (Nine Mile Bridge) location were adjusted for inconsistencies as follows. Large and medium Chinook salmon counts through the Situk River weir were not segregated in 1976, 1978, 1979 and 1987. In those four years, we estimated the number of large spawning Chinook from the average proportion of large fish counted in 1977 and 1980-1986, multiplied by the weir count of large and medium Chinook combined. In 1980 and 1981, weir counts were incomplete due to weir outages. In 1980, a total of 432 Chinook salmon were added to the weir count, 348 large and 84 medium-sized fish. In 1981, a total of 123 Chinook salmon were added to the weir count, 107 large and 16 medium-sized fish.

The Situk River weir was located at the lower river site near tidewater from 1988 to present, with data presented through 2001. The weir at the lower river site has been constructed with pickets since 1988. However, from 1988 to 1994, it was designed with anchored pickets; whereas in 1995, it was reconfigured as a floating picket weir.

Large Chinook (Appendix B4) have been counted separately from medium Chinook (Appendix B5) each year since 1988, or all years at the lower

river site. Small Chinook (Appendix B6) have been counted at the lower river site since 1989. Small, medium and large Chinook have been counted separately at the lower river site since 1990; combined counts for all Chinook are included in Appendix B7. Note that the numbers of small Chinook are incomplete counts because picket spacing in the weir and the sampling trap allow a portion of these small fish to slip through uncounted. In 1993, 109 large Chinook salmon were counted below the weir on the last day of weir operations and were added to weir counts;

Appendix Table B1.—Comparison of the percent of medium and large Chinook salmon from segregation in visual weir counts vs. members sampled and aged. Count below refers to seasonal tallies of the percentage breakdown of medium and large fish by weir technicians, whereas Sample refers to percent of aged samples that were age-.2 (medium) vs. age-.3 to -.5 (large).

Year	Source	Medium	Large	Difference
1990	Count	44.3%	55.7%	1.0%
	Sample	43.3%	56.7%	
1991	Count	12.8%	87.2%	30.2%
	Sample	43.1%	56.9%	
1992	Count	12.7%	87.3%	0.7%
	Sample	12.0%	88.0%	
1993	Count	33.3%	66.7%	7.0%
	Sample	26.3%	73.7%	
1994	Count	52.9%	47.1%	
	Sample	NS	NS	
1995	Count	11.6%	88.4%	0.6%
	Sample	11.0%	89.0%	
1996	Count	21.7%	78.3%	4.0%
	Sample	17.6%	82.4%	
1997	Count	17.8%	82.2%	3.5%
	Sample	21.3%	78.7%	
1998	Count	38.6%	61.4%	7.8%
	Sample	30.8%	69.2%	
1999	Count	13.4%	86.6%	1.6%
	Sample	15.0%	85.0%	
2000	Count	6.0%	94.0%	1.4%
	Sample	4.6%	95.4%	
2001	Count	12.8%	87.2%	10.6%
	Sample	23.4%	76.6%	

weir counts were not adjusted in any other year at the lower river site.

As mentioned in the body of this report, the estimated escapement of large Chinook salmon is used as the spawning stock for both management and spawner-recruit analysis (ADF&G *Unpublished*). This is a standard used by ADF&G for all wild Chinook stocks in the region of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, including the transboundary stocks that originate in Canada—the Taku, Stikine and Alsek Rivers. Large Chinook are used as the standard because: 1) large Chinook salmon contain the vast majority of all females for all stocks and 2) they can be estimated with greater accuracy than age-.1 and age-.2 fish, in most systems.

In the Situk River, each annual run is managed to achieve escapements of large Chinook and sockeye salmon, with management actions for Chinook salmon specified in the management plan in Appendix A. Preseason forecasts are used prior to inseason information to project annual run size and to set management early in the season. Subsequently, weir counts of large Chinook

salmon are provided to managers daily during the fishing season. Management is then refined dependent upon where the projection of the total escapement lies in relationship to the trigger points in the management plan. Consequently, good management is tied to our ability to accurately count large Chinook salmon at the weir, and distinguish them from medium and small Chinook salmon.

We compared the percentage of medium and large fish counted by weir technicians to the percentage of medium (age-.2) and large (age-.3 to -.5) Chinook sampled in the weir trap from 1990-2001 (Appendix B8), except in 1994 when Chinook salmon were not sampled at the weir for age structure. The 11-year comparison reveals that weir counts are representative of the large spawners passing the weir. The average difference in percents counted versus sampled was 6.2% over 11 years. In seven years the difference was <5%. By far the largest difference occurred in 1991, when the weir counts were 30% higher in relative numbers of large Chinook.

Appendix B2 .-Daily weir counts of large ($\geq 28''$ TL) Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located below Nine Mile Bridge, 1976-1987.^{a, b, c}

Date	Year													Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987				
31-May					0		0							0	0	0.000
01-Jun					0		0							0	0	0.000
02-Jun					0		0							0	0	0.000
03-Jun					0		0							0	0	0.000
04-Jun					0		0				0			0	0	0.000
05-Jun					0	0	0		0		0			0	0	0.000
06-Jun					0	0	0		0		0			0	0	0.000
07-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0			0	0	0.000
08-Jun		0			0	0	0		2		0			0	0	0.000
09-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0			0	0	0.000
10-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0			0	0	0.000
11-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		2			0	1	0.000
12-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0		0			0	1	0.000
13-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0		0			0	1	0.000
14-Jun		1			0	0	0	0	0		1			0	1	0.001
15-Jun		2			0	0	0	0	0		0			0	1	0.001
16-Jun		5			0	1	0	0	0		0			1	2	0.002
17-Jun		2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1			0	2	0.002
18-Jun		0			0	5	1	0	0	0	0			1	3	0.002
19-Jun		8			0	1	0	0	0	0	0			1	4	0.003
20-Jun		11			0	3	0	0	0	0	1			2	6	0.005
21-Jun		4			0	1	0	0	5	0	0			1	7	0.006
22-Jun		2			0	2	1	0	0	0	0			1	8	0.007
23-Jun		4			1	1	0	2	2	0	0			1	9	0.008
24-Jun		18			11	0	0	19	1	1	0			6	15	0.013
25-Jun		5			2	1	0	0	0	3	0			1	17	0.014
26-Jun		45			9	0	0	1	0	0	0			7	24	0.020
27-Jun		25			10	0	2	1	11	4	4			7	31	0.027
28-Jun		14			4	2	0	0	1	0	6			3	34	0.029
29-Jun		10			1	3	6	1	21	9	8			7	41	0.036
30-Jun		34			0	31	2	7	3	23	3			13	54	0.047
01-Jul		25			2	11	1	0	1	18	29			11	65	0.056
02-Jul		21			2		5	2	0	1	13			6	71	0.061
03-Jul		60			11		9	1	22	3	2			14	84	0.073
04-Jul		53			2		0	1	29	31	9			16	100	0.087
05-Jul		2			6		4	5	7	39	4			8	108	0.094
06-Jul		36			7		1	5	6	16	3			9	117	0.102
07-Jul		11			9	0	4	2	11	11	2			6	124	0.107
08-Jul		24			4	3	3	0	3	9	7			7	130	0.113
09-Jul		74			2	0	0	0	254	12	0			43	173	0.150
10-Jul		15			2	23	0	0	21	9	31			13	186	0.161
11-Jul		120			5	42	4	1	33	20	3			29	214	0.186
12-Jul		15			11	9	3	2	1	2	29			9	223	0.194
13-Jul		11			11	19	11	3	15	27	20			15	238	0.206
14-Jul		7			9	10	0	3	12	1	31			9	247	0.214
15-Jul		41			6	10	2	3	1	50	12			16	263	0.228
16-Jul		27			5	4	4	2	6	29	2			10	272	0.236
17-Jul		27			1	11	1	1	17	5	2			8	281	0.243
18-Jul		132			0	3	1	3	13	43	17			27	307	0.266
19-Jul		18			1	4	7	2	2	24	3			8	315	0.273
20-Jul		7			37	42	2	16	32	77	47			33	347	0.301
21-Jul		7			23	36	2	6	18	0	13			13	360	0.312
22-Jul		0			5	5	10	77	5	39	18			20	380	0.330
23-Jul		55			34	36	3	2	11	11	27			22	403	0.349
24-Jul		8			7	8	0	2	55	30	76			23	426	0.369
25-Jul		46			5	4	0	41	50	32	101			35	461	0.400
26-Jul		83			1	11	10	8	21	13	195			43	503	0.437
27-Jul		52			25	12	14	3	18	17	53			24	528	0.458
28-Jul		53			147	4	15	16	95	39	54			53	581	0.503
29-Jul		101			139	12	0	9	51	14	40			46	626	0.543
30-Jul		23				13	5	1	52	56	20			21	648	0.562
31-Jul		24				9	5	8	29	54	97			28	676	0.586

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Date	Year											Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.	
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986				1987
01-Aug		7				6	1	4	126	11	116		34	710	0.615
02-Aug		3				21	4	13	9	58	11		15	725	0.628
03-Aug		6				18	13	35	34	8	58		22	746	0.647
04-Aug		8				4	0	4	114	33	211		47	793	0.688
05-Aug		44				2	0	3	37	119	38		30	823	0.714
06-Aug		48				112	0	91	74	159	22		63	886	0.769
07-Aug		6				9	0	11	20	29	80		19	906	0.786
08-Aug		23				10	100	15	23	32	53		32	938	0.813
09-Aug		13					28	58	155	58	73		48	986	0.855
10-Aug		80					6	31	20	18	151		38	1,024	0.888
11-Aug		80					4	27	156	22	13		38	1,062	0.921
12-Aug		9				3	1	10	9	54	82		21	1,083	0.939
13-Aug		1				7	20	3	4	104	52		24	1,107	0.960
14-Aug		20				11	1	12	0	13	30		11	1,118	0.969
15-Aug		3					9	12	0	26	34		11	1,128	0.978
16-Aug		3					7	3	2	5	51		9	1,137	0.986
17-Aug		10					7	4	3		6		4	1,141	0.989
18-Aug							10	0	3				2	1,142	0.991
19-Aug							10						1	1,144	0.992
20-Aug							11						1	1,145	0.993
21-Aug							14						2	1,147	0.995
22-Aug							12						2	1,148	0.996
23-Aug							22						3	1,151	0.998
24-Aug							16						2	1,153	1.000
Weir total		1,732			557	595	434	592	1,726	1,521	2,067		1,153		
Add-on number					348	107						85			
Estimated total	1,421	1,732	808	1,284	905	702	434	592	1,726	1,521	2,067	1,379	1,195		

^a Weir counts in 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1987 were combined counts of large and medium-sized Chinook salmon. The number of large Chinook was estimated from the average proportion of large Chinook in 1977 and 1980-1986. No small (age-1) fish were counted at the Nine Mile Bridge location.

^b In 1980 and 1981, 348 and 107 large Chinook were added to weir counts to account for weir outages.

^c In 1987, 85 large Chinook were counted below the weir on the day it was removed, and were added to the estimated weir count of large Chinook salmon.

Appendix B3.— Daily weir counts of medium (20-28" TL) Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located below Nine Mile Bridge, 1976-1987. ^{a, b}

Date	Year												Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987			
31-May					0		0						0	0	0.000
01-Jun					0		0						0	0	0.000
02-Jun					0		0						0	0	0.000
03-Jun					0		0						0	0	0.000
04-Jun					0		0				0		0	0	0.000
05-Jun					0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
06-Jun					0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
07-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
08-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
09-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
10-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		1		0	0	0.000
11-Jun		0			0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
12-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0.000
13-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0.000
14-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0.000
15-Jun		1			0	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0.001
16-Jun		2			0	0	0	0	0		0		0	1	0.002
17-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0.002
18-Jun		1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0.002
19-Jun		2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0.003
20-Jun		0			0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0.004
21-Jun		1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0.004
22-Jun		1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0.004
23-Jun		0			0	0	0	1	2	0	0		0	2	0.006
24-Jun		2			4	0	0	5	0	0	0		1	3	0.011
25-Jun		5			1	1	0	0	0	0	0		1	4	0.014
26-Jun		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	4	0.014
27-Jun		1			0	0	0	1	1	0	0		0	4	0.015
28-Jun		2			5	0	0	3	0	0	0		1	6	0.020
29-Jun		0			1	0	1	0	2	0	3		1	6	0.023
30-Jun		1			0	3	1	1	0	0	8		2	8	0.029
01-Jul		1			1	0	0	0	0	0	8		1	9	0.033
02-Jul		0			1		1	0	0	0	2		1	10	0.035
03-Jul		6			1		1	2	3	0	0		2	12	0.041
04-Jul		4			1		0	1	1	27	0		4	16	0.056
05-Jul		0			2		4	3	0	0	1		1	17	0.060
06-Jul		0			4		0	0	3	1	1		1	18	0.065
07-Jul		0			2	0	3	0	2	0	0		1	19	0.068
08-Jul		2			0	0	3	0	0	4	0		1	20	0.072
09-Jul		4			0	0	4	0	17	2	3		4	24	0.085
10-Jul		2			0	4	3	3	1	5	2		3	26	0.094
11-Jul		7			0	2	5	1	1	9	1		3	30	0.105
12-Jul		6			0	5	7	0	0	4	1		3	33	0.116
13-Jul		6			2	2	7	0	0	5	3		3	36	0.127
14-Jul		1			6	2	2	2	1	0	5		2	38	0.135
15-Jul		5			2	0	2	2	1	14	4		4	42	0.149
16-Jul		4			4	1	2	6	2	8	5		4	46	0.163
17-Jul		2			1	2	0	1	3	15	3		3	49	0.175
18-Jul		8			0	1	4	3	1	8	8		4	53	0.190
19-Jul		4			0	0	6	2	3	6	0		3	56	0.199
20-Jul		0			15	5	1	8	2	6	19		7	63	0.224
21-Jul		6			10	3	5	2	7	0	11		6	68	0.243
22-Jul		0			7	0	6	20	0	13	7		7	75	0.267
23-Jul		3			8	6	5	0	6	10	12		6	81	0.289
24-Jul		9			2	3	5	3	6	27	21		10	91	0.323
25-Jul		2			1	2	0	13	26	30	32		13	104	0.370
26-Jul		8			4	2	9	6	2	5	54		11	115	0.410
27-Jul		1			1	1	8	10	18	9	38		11	126	0.448
28-Jul		4			30	3	7	13	18	9	10		12	138	0.490
29-Jul		9			20	2	0	3	25	22	7		11	149	0.529
30-Jul		1				7	1	1	18	17	12		7	156	0.555
31-Jul		0				4	5	4	27	10	13		8	164	0.583

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Date	Year											Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.	
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986				1987
01-Aug		1				0	1	3	5	9	11		4	168	0.596
02-Aug		0				3	2	2	14	13	6		5	173	0.614
03-Aug		1				4	4	18	17	2	17		8	180	0.642
04-Aug		0				3	1	7	69	24	45		19	199	0.708
05-Aug		3				0	0	6	26	32	1		9	208	0.738
06-Aug		3				6	3	52	39	53	15		21	229	0.815
07-Aug		1				6	0	7	14	6	22		7	236	0.839
08-Aug		2				1	21	5	11	9	12		8	244	0.867
09-Aug		2					3	17	38	5	9		9	253	0.899
10-Aug		2					0	6	17	6	20		6	259	0.922
11-Aug		4					0	3	8	6	5		3	262	0.934
12-Aug		2				0	0	3	1	8	11		3	266	0.945
13-Aug		0				3	9	2	5	9	21		6	272	0.967
14-Aug		2				1	0	3	4	4	11		3	275	0.978
15-Aug		0					6	2	6	8	3		3	278	0.989
16-Aug		0					5	0	2	1	1		1	279	0.993
17-Aug		1					2	1	0		0		1	280	0.995
18-Aug							3	0	0				0	280	0.996
19-Aug							1						0	280	0.996
20-Aug							1						0	280	0.997
21-Aug							1						0	280	0.997
22-Aug							4						1	281	0.999
23-Aug							1						0	281	1.000
24-Aug							1						0	281	1.000
Weir total		148			136	89	177	257	475	461	505		281		
Add-on number					84	16									
Estimated total	520	148	295	470	220	105	177	257	475	461	505	505	329		

^a Weir counts in 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1987 were combined counts of large and medium-sized Chinook salmon. The number of large Chinook was estimated from the average proportion of medium Chinook in 1977 and 1980-1986. No small (age-.1 fish were counted at the Nine Mile Bridge location.

^b In 1980 and 1981, 84 and 16 medium Chinook were added to weir counts to account for weir outages.

Appendix B4.– Daily weir counts of large and medium Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located below Nine Mile Bridge, 1976-1987. ^{a, b, c}

Date	Year												Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987			
31-May				0	0		0						0	0	0.000
01-Jun				0	0		0						0	0	0.000
02-Jun				0	0		0						0	0	0.000
03-Jun				0	0		0						0	0	0.000
04-Jun				0	0		0				0		0	0	0.000
05-Jun				0	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
06-Jun			0	0	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
07-Jun		0	0	0	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
08-Jun		0	0	0	0	0	0		2		0		0	0	0.000
09-Jun		0	0	0	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0.000
10-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		1		0	0	0.000
11-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		2	0	0	0	0.000
12-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.000
13-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.000
14-Jun	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	1	0.000
15-Jun	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0.001
16-Jun	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1	2	0.001
17-Jun	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.001
18-Jun	7	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.002
19-Jun	0	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.003
20-Jun	4	11	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	0.004
21-Jun	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	7	0.004
22-Jun	2	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0.005
23-Jun	1	4	8	2	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	2	10	0.006
24-Jun	3	20	1	0	15	0	0	24	1	1	0	0	5	15	0.010
25-Jun	3	10	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	17	0.011
26-Jun	0	45	13	3	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	23	0.015
27-Jun	3	26	9	4	10	0	2	2	12	4	4	0	6	30	0.020
28-Jun	7	16	4	15	9	2	0	3	1	0	6	0	5	35	0.023
29-Jun	10	10	4	1	2	3	7	1	23	9	11	3	7	42	0.028
30-Jun	6	35	2	2	0	34	3	8	3	23	11	9	11	53	0.035
01-Jul	12	26	5	1	3	11	1	0	1	18	37	25	12	65	0.043
02-Jul	6	21	23	28	3		6	2	0	1	15	0	9	74	0.049
03-Jul	6	66	19	75	12		10	3	25	3	2	4	19	92	0.061
04-Jul	13	57	17	64	3		0	2	30	58	9	0	21	113	0.075
05-Jul	59	2	10	18	8		8	8	7	39	5	3	14	127	0.085
06-Jul	74	36	12	20	11		1	5	9	17	4	5	16	143	0.095
07-Jul	82	11	22	6	11	0	7	2	13	11	2	3	14	158	0.105
08-Jul	54	26	15	6	4	3	6	0	3	13	7	15	13	170	0.113
09-Jul	11	78	7	4	2	0	4	0	271	14	3	8	34	204	0.135
10-Jul	17	17	28	12	2	27	3	3	22	14	33	3	15	219	0.145
11-Jul	34	127	21	4	5	44	9	2	34	29	4	19	28	247	0.164
12-Jul	66	21	7	5	11	14	10	2	1	6	30	20	16	263	0.174
13-Jul	33	17	19	0	13	21	18	3	15	32	23	0	16	279	0.185
14-Jul	21	8	5	7	15	12	2	5	13	1	36	0	10	289	0.192
15-Jul	107	46	3	16	8	10	4	5	2	64	16	0	23	313	0.208
16-Jul	38	31	36	4	9	5	6	8	8	37	7	10	17	329	0.219
17-Jul	8	29	25	34	2	13	1	2	20	20	5	0	13	342	0.227
18-Jul	15	140	26	54	0	4	5	6	14	51	25	8	29	371	0.247
19-Jul	97	22	18	37	1	4	13	4	5	30	3	4	20	391	0.260
20-Jul	103	7	24	31	52	47	3	24	34	83	66	25	42	433	0.287
21-Jul	75	13	15	11	33	39	7	8	25	0	24	10	22	455	0.302
22-Jul	7	0	10	9	12	5	16	97	5	52	25	19	21	476	0.316
23-Jul	10	58	46	7	42	42	8	2	17	21	39	41	28	504	0.334
24-Jul	25	17	11	12	9	11	5	5	61	57	97	39	29	533	0.354
25-Jul	38	48	44	87	6	6	0	54	76	62	133	7	47	580	0.385
26-Jul	139	91	17	76	5	13	19	14	23	18	249	20	57	637	0.423
27-Jul	67	53	9	11	26	13	22	13	36	26	91	94	38	675	0.448
28-Jul	18	57	23	62	177	7	22	29	113	48	64	41	55	730	0.485
29-Jul	68	110	3	101	159	14	0	12	76	36	47	81	59	789	0.524
30-Jul	70	24	26	89		20	6	2	70	73	32	33	37	826	0.549
31-Jul	28	24	21	8		13	10	12	56	64	110	41	32	858	0.570

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Date	Year												Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987			
01-Aug	48	8	13	7		6	2	7	131	20	127	95	39	897	0.596
02-Aug	80	3	60	5		24	6	15	23	71	17	22	27	924	0.614
03-Aug	37	7	48	13		22	17	53	51	10	75	74	34	958	0.636
04-Aug	22	8	73	59		7	1	11	183	57	256	120	66	1,024	0.680
05-Aug	6	47	10	151		2	0	9	63	151	39	205	57	1,081	0.718
06-Aug	0	51	4	19		118	3	143	113	212	37	76	65	1,146	0.761
07-Aug	0	7	10	37		15	0	18	34	35	102	55	26	1,172	0.778
08-Aug	7	25	139	44		11	121	20	34	41	65	108	51	1,223	0.812
09-Aug	19	15	27	41			31	75	193	63	82	78	52	1,275	0.847
10-Aug	10	82	15	19			6	37	37	24	171	52	38	1,313	0.872
11-Aug	54	84	7	46			4	30	164	28	18	20	38	1,351	0.897
12-Aug	22	11	5	6		3	1	13	10	62	93	18	20	1,371	0.911
13-Aug	10	1	20	197		10	29	5	9	113	73	91	47	1,418	0.942
14-Aug	15	22	14	27		12	1	15	4	17	41	19	16	1,433	0.952
15-Aug	25	3	12	97			15	14	6	34	37	70	26	1,460	0.969
16-Aug	24	3	13	60			12	3	4	6	52	54	19	1,479	0.982
17-Aug	20	11	17				9	5	3		6	39	9	1,488	0.988
18-Aug	64						13	0	3			9	7	1,495	0.993
19-Aug	22						11						3	1,498	0.995
20-Aug	9						12						2	1,500	0.996
21-Aug							15						1	1,501	0.997
22-Aug							16						1	1,502	0.998
23-Aug							23						2	1,504	0.999
24-Aug							17						1	1,506	1.000
Weir total	1,941	1,880	1,103	1,754	693	684	611	849	2,201	1,982	2,572	1,799	1,506		
Add-on number					432	123						85			
Estimated total	1,941	1,880	1,103	1,754	1,125	807	611	849	2,201	1,982	2,572	1,884	1,524		

^a Weir counts in 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1987 were combined counts of large and medium-sized Chinook salmon. No small (age-.1) fish were counted at the Nine Mile Bridge location.

^b In 1980 and 1981, 432 and 123 Chinook salmon were added to weir counts to account for weir outages.

^c In 1987, 85 large Chinook were counted below the weir on the day it was removed, and were added to the weir count.

Appendix B5.–Daily weir counts of large (≥28” TL) Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located near tidewater, 1988-2002. ^a

Date	Year																Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Avg		
31-May		0	0	0	7			1	8	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0.001
01-Jun		0	3	0	0		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0.001
02-Jun		0	0	0	2		0	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0.002
03-Jun		1	0	0	1		0	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	3	0.002
04-Jun		0	0	0	6		0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0.002
05-Jun		2	0	0	3		1	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	5	0.003
06-Jun		0	1	0	7		0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	6	0.004
07-Jun	0	0	1	0	2		0	13	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	0.004
08-Jun	0	0	0	0	4		1	0	3	4	0	0	2	2	0	1	8	0.005
09-Jun	0	0	1	0	7	4	0	2	0	44	0	0	7	1	0	4	13	0.008
10-Jun	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	1	5	1	0	0	12	11	3	3	15	0.010
11-Jun	5	0	0	0	11	1	2	3	5	5	0	0	3	0	1	2	18	0.011
12-Jun	0	0	0	4	18	4	6	0	0	9	2	0	7	2	5	4	22	0.013
13-Jun	9	0	0	0	18	3	0	0	4	16	9	7	19	0	0	6	27	0.017
14-Jun	0	0	3	0	24	33	0	76	50	54	7	5	52	3	4	21	48	0.030
15-Jun	2	0	2	3	65	16	8	117	22	18	0	7	65	7	10	23	71	0.044
16-Jun	1	0	0	2	13	7	7	146	12	58	0	5	97	1	15	24	95	0.059
17-Jun	1	6	6	1	33	6	12	81	12	4	5	0	85	8	2	17	112	0.070
18-Jun	2	2	6	2	4	61	11	154	41	0	1	9	163	17	14	32	145	0.091
19-Jun	9	10	59	9	36	6	9	69	44	69	3	4	81	4	0	27	172	0.108
20-Jun	12	3	0	38	32	73	29	538	201	119	1	25	74	8	58	81	253	0.159
21-Jun	3	11	19	20	113	6	49	37	55	56	47	100	39	2	31	39	292	0.183
22-Jun	6	2	1	30	28	13	13	62	16	20	186	50	10	8	36	32	324	0.203
23-Jun	0	4	20	6	30	3	112	9	45	157	24	78	23	35	8	37	361	0.226
24-Jun	7	5	1	73	48	47	3	122	18	21	14	24	21	15	41	31	392	0.246
25-Jun	4	37	11	85	20	1	25	353	148	5	0	37	45	14	20	54	446	0.279
26-Jun	11	3	66	24	70	21	46	81	21	21	11	17	27	7	2	29	474	0.297
27-Jun	11	19	8	31	59	72	4	373	61	84	23	7	26	10	28	54	529	0.331
28-Jun	22	65	43	29	170	13	22	25	72	107	44	155	31	2	61	57	586	0.367
29-Jun	49	8	8	92	53	11	51	70	39	142	16	123	101	1	46	54	640	0.401
30-Jun	40	7	3	51	32	13	180	41	101	58	10	30	66	27	44	47	687	0.430
01-Jul	3	12	7	26	40	21	7	86	39	15	18	70	223	22	33	41	728	0.456
02-Jul	10	12	1	34	6	0	21	97	39	0	66	52	127	30	30	35	763	0.478
03-Jul	9	10	28	114	4	24	80	130	92	10	65	90	134	13	17	55	818	0.512
04-Jul	7	27	42	9	33	29	36	120	28	11	13	91	32	9	21	34	852	0.534
05-Jul	2	6	1	0	16	15	243	168	38	66	11	68	2	11	39	46	898	0.562
06-Jul	4	0	0	21	14	25	11	84	50	33	121	98	44	64	50	41	939	0.588
07-Jul	18	9	2	41	82	15	35	77	111	25	18	35	51	17	107	43	982	0.615
08-Jul	11	6	3	10	61	50	19	34	53	9	64	55	129	43	60	40	1,022	0.640
09-Jul	9	14	67	11	24	28	2	60	98	9	83	7	41	43	21	34	1,057	0.662
10-Jul	21	77	25	20	19	17	17	38	34	12	20	44	136	11	2	33	1,090	0.682
11-Jul	13	15	1	11	23	43	26	20	51	72	31	18	10	2	6	23	1,112	0.697
12-Jul	57	9	0	5	52	17	6	80	4	518	119	6	33	0	4	61	1,173	0.735
13-Jul	23	16	5	17	38	1	22	176	9	71	25	110	12	13	28	38	1,211	0.758
14-Jul	16	12	2	6	24	13	5	32	45	33	50	48	60	52	14	27	1,238	0.775

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Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002			
15-Jul	1	0	12	10	22	10	3	99	60	26	30	53	15	16	4	24	1,262	0.791
16-Jul	6	0	127	9	12	13	1	58	46	54	36	46	11	19	54	33	1,295	0.811
17-Jul	9	1	1	12	26	1	2	170	60	24	3	19	94	11	0	29	1,324	0.829
18-Jul	17	26	1	11	114	3	11	55	51	64	19	1	17	8	44	29	1,353	0.848
19-Jul	27	17	0	5	0	11	10	20	17	18	4	17	18	22	0	12	1,366	0.855
20-Jul	19	16	11	4	10	10	81	46	23	86	1	28	9	15	4	24	1,390	0.871
21-Jul	13	16	14	15	2	17	3	5	3	48	4	13	22	12	1	13	1,403	0.878
22-Jul	0	1	3	4	6	7	2	18	6	23	62	8	77	28	0	16	1,419	0.889
23-Jul	212	3	6	1	10	34	3	3	3	19	15	20	21	12	9	25	1,444	0.904
24-Jul	4	0	1	0	4	6	3	23	21	28	53	1	4	3	19	11	1,455	0.911
25-Jul	46	7	3	0	11	1	5	304	9	5	6	3	16	4	2	28	1,483	0.929
26-Jul	2	12	0	0	1	3	6	24	4	76	5	1	20	7	7	11	1,494	0.936
27-Jul	72	31	2	1	0	2	3	23	2	49	2	4	11	4	2	14	1,508	0.945
28-Jul	0	32	1		4	1	20	31	12	57	2	101	12	7	0	19	1,527	0.956
29-Jul	1	27			0	3	0	20	9	7	0	120	12	1	0	13	1,540	0.965
30-Jul	21	2			10	1	19	100	20	21	0	14	9	0	0	14	1,555	0.974
31-Jul	0	0			10	3	0	47	11	4	0	5	20	0	2	7	1,561	0.978
01-Aug	9	1			10	2	4	23	28	15	2	4	8	0	3	7	1,569	0.982
02-Aug	6	2			1	11	1	7	64	16	0	1	4	0	0	8	1,576	0.987
03-Aug	3	3			1	13	4	43	15	37	1	7	4	1	1	9	1,585	0.993
04-Aug	4	18			3	5	6		9	18	0	3	3	0	2	5	1,590	0.996
05-Aug	0	4			4	1			11	9	1	0	3	1	2	2	1,592	0.997
06-Aug	2	2							12	7	0	3	5	1	2	2	1,594	0.999
07-Aug	0	0								10	0				2	0	1,595	0.999
08-Aug	0	1											1		0	0	1,595	0.999
09-Aug	1	1													0	0	1,596	0.999
10-Aug	0	0													0	0	1,596	0.999
11-Aug	0	0													0	0	1,596	0.999
12-Aug	0	0													0	0	1,596	0.999
13-Aug	0	1													0	0	1,596	0.999
14-Aug	1	1													0	0	1,596	0.999
15-Aug	0	1													0	0	1,596	0.999
16-Aug	0	1													0	0	1,596	0.999
17-Aug	2														0	0	1,596	1.000
18-Aug	1														0	0	1,596	1.000
19-Aug	4														0	0	1,596	1.000
20-Aug	4														0	0	1,597	1.000
21-Aug	1														0	0	1,597	1.000
Weir total	885	637	628	897	1,618	871	1,311	4,700	2,175	2,690	1,353	1,947	2,518	696	1,024	1,597		
Add-on number						109												
Estimated total	885	637	628	897	1,618	980	1,311	4,700	2,175	2,690	1,353	1,947	2,518	696	1,024	1,604		

^a In 1993, 109 large Chinook were counted below the weir on the day it was removed, and were added to the weir count of large Chinook salmon.

Appendix B6– Daily weir counts of medium (20-28” TL) Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located near tidewater, 1988-2002. ^a

Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002			
31-May			0	0	0			2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.001
01-Jun			0	0	0		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.001
02-Jun			0	0	0		0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.002
03-Jun			0	0	5		0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.004
04-Jun			0	0	0		0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.004
05-Jun			0	0	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.005
06-Jun			0	0	3		1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.006
07-Jun			1	0	0		2	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.008
08-Jun	0		0	0	1		5	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0.010
09-Jun	0		2	0	4	0	0	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	3	2	6	0.013
10-Jun	0		0	3	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0.015
11-Jun	0		0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	8	0.016
12-Jun	0		0	0	3	0	5	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	1	2	9	0.020
13-Jun	0		0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	124	10	0	0	0	10	19	0.041
14-Jun	0		1	0	1	7	1	83	3	4	36	0	10	0	1	11	30	0.063
15-Jun	0		1	0	0	14	8	10	2	2	0	1	3	0	5	3	33	0.069
16-Jun	0		0	0	1	5	26	22	2	6	0	1	2	0	27	7	40	0.083
17-Jun	0		3	0	1	3	21	8	2	0	12	0	10	0	1	4	44	0.092
18-Jun	0		6	0	1	8	9	12	4	0	4	4	15	1	2	5	49	0.102
19-Jun	0		35	1	2	2	12	6	18	6	0	0	4	1	2	6	55	0.115
20-Jun	0		0	2	3	23	28	15	36	5	2	2	5	0	15	10	65	0.136
21-Jun	0		23	5	0	0	68	3	17	6	42	5	3	0	8	13	78	0.163
22-Jun	3		0	14	1	11	37	2	3	1	172	5	1	0	16	19	97	0.203
23-Jun	0		12	0	2	6	88	1	10	5	5	19	1	2	20	12	109	0.228
24-Jun	0		5	5	6	20	17	14	2	6	11	2	1	1	37	9	118	0.247
25-Jun	0		13	14	7	1	44	87	11	4	2	3	0	1	13	14	132	0.277
26-Jun	0		54	1	7	23	48	5	6	5	5	1	2	0	1	11	144	0.301
27-Jun	1		7	5	6	17	19	32	16	16	12	5	3	5	11	11	155	0.324
28-Jun	4		42	3	23	11	21	4	20	9	2	9	2	0	17	12	167	0.349
29-Jun	5		14	6	10	12	57	2	2	38	7	21	7	0	14	14	181	0.378
30-Jun	1		6	6	24	11	133	1	9	22	16	8	5	5	16	19	199	0.417
01-Jul	0		6	6	1	13	1	8	30	3	5	10	32	2	10	9	208	0.436
02-Jul	10		10	6	4	1	19	8	10	0	12	8	7	5	11	8	216	0.453
03-Jul	4		23	17	0	20	98	11	16	2	41	18	17	2	8	20	236	0.494
04-Jul	0		6	2	3	11	33	12	22	15	9	21	2	0	7	10	246	0.516
05-Jul	0		5	0	5	16	118	26	24	26	1	10	0	1	12	17	264	0.552
06-Jul	0		0	2	3	17	5	19	26	9	34	17	1	7	26	12	276	0.577
07-Jul	5		6	2	12	7	25	17	55	12	15	2	0	3	37	14	290	0.607
08-Jul	10		8	5	6	12	23	6	8	5	24	9	7	7	21	11	301	0.629
09-Jul	0		15	5	8	11	3	5	47	6	27	2	1	2	9	10	311	0.650
10-Jul	3		20	3	7	9	35	9	31	9	4	5	3	0	0	10	320	0.671
11-Jul	4		5	0	2	21	54	2	13	26	16	4	0	3	8	11	332	0.695
12-Jul	13		1	1	7	21	35	21	10	88	56	0	0	0	9	19	350	0.734
13-Jul	15		9	0	7	2	27	23	12	17	23	14	0	2	17	12	362	0.759
14-Jul	4		0	3	10	3	12	7	12	14	28	12	2	13	5	9	371	0.778
15-Jul	6		32	6	12	10	21	16	22	10	5	18	0	11	2	12	384	0.803

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Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002			
16-Jul	5		43	1	4	14	3	4	9	21	17	8	0	8	27	12	395	0.828
17-Jul	7		6	3	2	0	2	11	12	13	2	1	5	5	1	5	400	0.838
18-Jul	10		3	0	18	1	28	8	26	18	13	0	1	2	15	10	411	0.860
19-Jul	12		2	2	0	30	30	3	11	15	13	3	0	3	0	9	419	0.878
20-Jul	1		16	0	0	7	80	15	1	23	4	7	0	5	0	11	431	0.902
21-Jul	1		21	1	0	11	7	3	0	17	5	2	1	1	0	5	436	0.912
22-Jul	0		16	0	0	6	6	5	8	6	18	1	0	3	0	5	441	0.923
23-Jul	16		9	0	2	2	7	1	3	6	0	7	1	1	1	4	445	0.931
24-Jul	0		5	0	0	4	9	4	3	6	4	0	0		3	3	447	0.937
25-Jul	7		3	0	2	9	12	11	2	4	0	1	1		1	4	451	0.945
26-Jul	2		0	2	1	13	17	2	2	12	4	1	0		0	4	455	0.953
27-Jul	9		4	0	1	8	11	6	1	8	1	3	1		1	4	459	0.961
28-Jul	2		0	0	1	5	43	2	0	8		13	0		1	5	464	0.972
29-Jul	0				0	4	2	1	2	2		6	0		0	1	466	0.975
30-Jul	22				2	2	30	14	0	0		0	0		0	5	471	0.985
31-Jul	0				0	1	2	8	2	0		1	1		0	1	472	0.988
01-Aug	0				0	4	7	6	1	0		0	0		1	1	473	0.991
02-Aug	6				0	9	1	0	4	0		0	0		0	1	474	0.994
03-Aug	0				0	2	3	0	2	5		0	0		2	1	475	0.996
04-Aug	0				0	2	7		2	0		0	0		1	1	476	0.997
05-Aug	0				0	4			2	2		1	0		0	1	477	0.999
06-Aug	2								3	0		0	0		0	0	477	1.000
07-Aug	0							0	0			0	0			0	477	1.000
08-Aug	0												0			0	477	1.000
09-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
10-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
11-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
12-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
13-Aug	2															0	477	1.000
14-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
15-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
16-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
17-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
18-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
19-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
20-Aug	0															0	477	1.000
21-Aug	1															0	478	1.000
Weir total	193		499	132	236	490	1,471	617	602	582	851	301	161	102	448	478		

^a Weir counts in 1989 were combined counts of small and medium-sized Chinook salmon. The number of medium Chinook was estimated from the field observation of 20% medium-sized Chinook salmon.

Appendix B7.—Daily weir counts of small (<440 mm MEF) Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located near tidewater, 1988-2002. ^a

Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.	
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002				
31-May		0	0	0	0			0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
01-Jun		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
02-Jun		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
03-Jun		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
04-Jun		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
05-Jun		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
06-Jun		0	0	0	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.001
07-Jun		0	2	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.001
08-Jun		0	0	0	0		3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.001
09-Jun		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.001
10-Jun		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.001
11-Jun		0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.002
12-Jun		0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.002
13-Jun		0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.003
14-Jun		0	1	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.004
15-Jun		1	9	0	0	0	17	0	0	2	0	15	8	0	1	4	8	0.007	
16-Jun		0	0	0	0	1	22	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	2	11	0.009	
17-Jun		5	12	0	0	6	14	0	0	0	6	0	7	0	0	4	14	0.011	
18-Jun		1	8	0	0	30	2	8	0	0	2	0	4	0	1	4	18	0.015	
19-Jun		22	20	0	0	9	4	2	25	15	0	0	1	0	0	7	25	0.020	
20-Jun		8	0	14	0	68	5	11	21	18	0	0	0	0	8	11	36	0.029	
21-Jun		19	7	2	0	1	16	3	16	5	35	32	3	0	3	10	46	0.037	
22-Jun		2	0	3	0	59	34	0	0	2	94	1	0	4	4	15	61	0.049	
23-Jun		12	1	2	1	75	115	0	14	3	15	34	0	4	0	20	80	0.065	
24-Jun		18	2	0	1	61	4	12	0	0	29	7	0	10	5	11	91	0.074	
25-Jun		25	7	16	0	22	50	4	11	5	0	8	3	3	12	12	103	0.084	
26-Jun		6	9	2	0	130	21	5	6	87	9	1	3	0	4	20	123	0.100	
27-Jun		28	1	3	4	109	20	33	20	150	27	2	1	2	10	29	152	0.124	
28-Jun		24	3	4	4	90	6	8	44	71	0	22	7	0	14	21	174	0.141	
29-Jun		13	2	12	7	68	85	8	23	182	79	4	8	2	10	36	210	0.170	
30-Jun		33	0	15	0	149	151	0	24	33	24	2	6	54	0	35	245	0.199	
01-Jul		21	0	5	1	153	7	33	52	32	32	24	17	23	5	29	274	0.222	
02-Jul		51	2	5	2	15	44	57	43	3	25	5	61	19	7	24	298	0.242	
03-Jul		40	0	69	0	148	85	181	64	119	75	21	85	23	11	66	364	0.295	
04-Jul		57	3	11	6	111	32	133	33	93	11	33	4	0	4	38	401	0.326	
05-Jul		42	0	0	0	25	129	282	82	148	2	27	0	3	10	54	455	0.370	
06-Jul		3	0	32	10	191	31	105	51	30	99	31	0	49	18	46	501	0.407	
07-Jul		56	5	26	9	147	44	321	107	34	9	11	0	18	53	60	561	0.456	
08-Jul		40	1	19	5	182	48	277	32	34	56	4	48	3	7	54	615	0.500	
09-Jul		56	0	75	10	137	4	186	95	6	39	18	7	30	8	48	663	0.539	
10-Jul		96	3	23	10	45	27	96	72	46	13	29	50	0	5	37	700	0.569	
11-Jul		40	0	5	4	71	48	29	31	97	103	5	1	29	10	34	734	0.596	
12-Jul		52	0	34	6	115	65	218	36	238	552	2	4	0	15	96	829	0.674	
13-Jul		31	1	49	3	20	36	159	54	43	218	30	4	46	21	51	881	0.715	
14-Jul		41	0	39	0	82	64	52	44	16	344	14	38	27	10	55	936	0.760	
15-Jul		21	7	21	15	69	87	117	88	20	288	11	3	14	5	55	990	0.805	

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Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002			
16-Jul		15	8	11	3	74	23	38	58	32	450	19	0	28	13	55	1,045	0.849
17-Jul		25	6	23	5	12	7	76	44	11	25	7	5	5	1	18	1,063	0.864
18-Jul		76	1	7	14	15	33	55	65	14	196	0	0	29	17	37	1,101	0.894
19-Jul		74	1	18	0	51	33	41	11	12	54	7	0	9	0	22	1,123	0.912
20-Jul		58	6	13	0	7	68	59	14	25	26	16	0	5	3	21	1,144	0.930
21-Jul		41	2	19	0	23	6	8	17	23	2	0	0	7	0	11	1,155	0.938
22-Jul		0	3	3	0	36	12	36	15	9	47	3	11	7	1	13	1,168	0.949
23-Jul		12	4	0	0	7	17	13	2	13	16	3	5	3	0	7	1,175	0.954
24-Jul		0	2	0	0	20	19	20	10	4	11	1	0	2	4	7	1,181	0.960
25-Jul		17	2	1	0	13	18	66	7	3	0	0	2	0	0	9	1,191	0.967
26-Jul		4	1	2	2	11	12	6	7	10	4	0	1	1	0	4	1,195	0.971
27-Jul		8	1	0	1	7	11	1	2	3	16	1	2	0	0	4	1,199	0.974
28-Jul		7	0		0	6	20	19	2	10	31	9	2	0	0	8	1,206	0.980
29-Jul		1			0	14	1	5	5	2	24	6	1	0	0	4	1,211	0.984
30-Jul		1			0	2	16	78	1	2	2	4	4	1	0	8	1,219	0.990
31-Jul		4			7	6	1	14	6	0	3	1	0	1	0	3	1,222	0.992
01-Aug		1			0	11	2	15	2	0	8	2	0	0	0	3	1,225	0.995
02-Aug		2			0	12	2	0	5	0	5	0	3	0	0	2	1,227	0.997
03-Aug		1			0	3	0	17	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1,229	0.998
04-Aug		1			0	4	2		2	3		0	1	0	0	1	1,230	0.999
05-Aug		1			0	4			1	0		0	1	0	0	1	1,230	0.999
06-Aug		0							2	3		0	0	0	0	0	1,231	1.000
07-Aug		0								0		0	1	0	0	0	1,231	1.000
08-Aug		1											0	1	0	0	1,231	1.000
09-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
10-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
11-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
12-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
13-Aug		1													0	0	1,231	1.000
14-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
15-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
16-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
17-Aug		0													0	0	1,231	1.000
18-Aug															0	0	1,231	1.000
19-Aug																0	1,231	1.000
20-Aug																0	1,231	1.000
21-Aug																0	1,231	1.000
Weir total		1,215	147	584	131	2,730	1,634	2,914	1,374	1,729	3,125	473	413	463	300	1,231		
Weir total		1,215	147	584	131	2,730	1,634	2,914	1,374	1,729	3,125	473	413	463	300	1,231		

^a The weir count in 1989 includes both small and medium-sized Chinook salmon; 972 (80%) were estimated to be age-.1 fish from field observations (Doug Mecum, pers. comm.).

Appendix B8.—Daily weir counts of large, medium and small Chinook salmon past the Situk River weir, located near tidewater, 1988-2002. ^a

Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002			
31-May	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	3	8	6	1	0	0	3	2	2	2	0.001
01-Jun	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	0.001
02-Jun	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	10	1	0	0	2	1	1	4	0.001
03-Jun	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	6	0	0	2	5	0.002
04-Jun	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	0.002
05-Jun	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	7	0.002
06-Jun	0	0	1	0	11	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	9	0.003
07-Jun	0	0	4	0	2	0	3	18	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	2	11	0.004
08-Jun	0	0	0	0	5	0	9	1	3	13	0	0	3	2	0	2	14	0.004
09-Jun	0	0	3	0	11	4	0	3	0	60	0	0	7	1	3	6	20	0.006
10-Jun	0	0	0	3	6	3	7	2	5	1	0	0	13	11	3	4	23	0.007
11-Jun	5	0	0	0	14	2	8	3	6	5	4	0	4	0	1	3	27	0.008
12-Jun	0	0	0	4	21	4	15	0	0	11	12	0	7	2	6	5	32	0.010
13-Jun	9	0	4	1	19	5	0	1	5	17	144	17	19	0	0	16	48	0.015
14-Jun	0	0	5	0	25	42	1	164	53	58	49	5	62	3	5	31	80	0.025
15-Jun	2	1	12	3	65	30	33	127	24	22	0	23	76	7	16	29	109	0.034
16-Jun	1	0	0	2	14	13	55	170	14	71	0	7	99	1	42	33	142	0.044
17-Jun	1	11	21	1	34	15	47	89	14	4	23	0	102	8	3	25	167	0.052
18-Jun	2	3	20	2	5	99	22	174	45	0	7	13	182	18	17	41	207	0.065
19-Jun	9	32	114	10	38	17	25	77	87	90	3	4	86	5	2	40	247	0.077
20-Jun	12	11	0	54	35	164	62	564	258	142	3	27	79	8	81	100	347	0.109
21-Jun	3	30	49	27	113	7	133	43	88	67	124	137	45	2	42	61	408	0.128
22-Jun	9	4	1	47	29	83	84	64	19	23	452	56	11	12	56	63	471	0.148
23-Jun	0	16	33	8	33	84	315	10	69	165	44	131	24	41	28	67	538	0.169
24-Jun	7	23	8	78	55	128	24	148	20	27	54	33	22	26	83	49	587	0.184
25-Jun	4	62	31	115	27	24	119	444	170	14	2	48	48	18	45	78	665	0.208
26-Jun	11	9	129	27	77	174	115	91	33	113	25	19	32	7	7	58	723	0.227
27-Jun	12	47	16	39	69	198	43	438	97	250	62	14	30	17	49	92	815	0.255
28-Jun	26	89	88	36	197	114	49	37	136	187	46	186	40	2	92	88	903	0.283
29-Jun	54	21	24	110	70	91	193	80	64	362	102	148	116	3	70	101	1,004	0.315
30-Jun	41	40	9	72	56	173	464	42	134	113	50	40	77	86	60	97	1,101	0.345
01-Jul	3	33	13	37	42	187	15	127	121	50	55	104	272	47	48	77	1,178	0.369
02-Jul	20	63	13	45	12	16	84	162	92	3	103	65	195	54	48	65	1,243	0.390
03-Jul	13	50	51	200	4	192	263	322	172	131	181	129	236	38	36	135	1,378	0.432
04-Jul	7	84	51	22	42	151	101	265	83	119	33	145	38	9	32	79	1,456	0.456
05-Jul	2	48	6	0	21	56	490	476	144	240	14	105	2	15	61	112	1,568	0.491
06-Jul	4	3	0	55	27	233	47	208	127	72	254	146	45	120	94	96	1,664	0.521
07-Jul	23	65	13	69	103	169	104	415	273	71	42	48	51	38	197	112	1,776	0.557
08-Jul	21	46	12	34	72	244	90	317	93	48	144	68	184	53	88	101	1,877	0.588
09-Jul	9	70	82	91	42	176	9	251	240	21	149	27	49	75	38	89	1,966	0.616
10-Jul	24	173	48	46	36	71	79	143	137	67	37	78	189	11	7	76	2,042	0.640
11-Jul	17	55	6	16	29	135	128	51	95	195	150	27	11	34	24	65	2,107	0.660
12-Jul	70	61	1	40	65	153	106	319	50	844	727	8	37	0	28	167	2,274	0.713
13-Jul	38	47	15	66	48	23	85	358	75	131	266	154	16	61	66	97	2,371	0.743
14-Jul	20	53	2	48	34	98	81	91	101	63	422	74	100	92	29	87	2,458	0.770
15-Jul	7	21	51	37	49	89	111	232	170	56	323	82	18	41	11	87	2,545	0.797

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Date	Year															Avg	Cum. avg	Cum. prop.
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002			
16-Jul	11	15	178	21	19	101	27	100	113	107	503	73	11	55	94	95	2,640	0.827
17-Jul	16	26	13	38	33	13	11	257	116	48	30	27	104	21	2	50	2,690	0.843
18-Jul	27	102	5	18	146	19	72	118	142	96	228	1	18	39	76	74	2,764	0.866
19-Jul	39	91	3	25	0	92	73	64	39	45	71	27	18	34	0	41	2,805	0.879
20-Jul	20	74	33	17	10	24	229	120	38	134	31	51	9	25	7	55	2,860	0.896
21-Jul	14	57	37	35	2	51	16	16	20	88	11	15	23	20	1	27	2,887	0.905
22-Jul	0	1	22	7	6	49	20	59	29	38	127	12	88	38	1	33	2,920	0.915
23-Jul	228	15	19	1	12	43	27	17	8	38	31	30	27	16	10	35	2,955	0.926
24-Jul	4	0	8	0	4	30	31	47	34	38	68	2	4	5	26	20	2,975	0.932
25-Jul	53	24	8	1	13	23	35	381	18	12	6	4	19	4	3	40	3,015	0.945
26-Jul	4	16	1	4	4	27	35	32	13	98	13	2	21	8	7	19	3,034	0.951
27-Jul	81	39	7	1	2	17	25	30	5	60	19	8	14	4	3	21	3,055	0.957
28-Jul	2	39	1		5	12	83	52	14	75	33	123	14	7	1	31	3,086	0.967
29-Jul	1	28			0	21	3	26	16	11	24	132	13	1	0	18	3,105	0.973
30-Jul	43	3			12	5	65	192	21	23	2	18	13	1	0	27	3,131	0.981
31-Jul	0	4			17	10	3	69	19	4	3	7	21	1	2	11	3,142	0.985
01-Aug	9	2			10	17	13	44	31	15	10	6	8	0	4	11	3,153	0.988
02-Aug	12	4			1	32	4	7	73	16	5	1	7	0	0	11	3,164	0.991
03-Aug	3	4			1	18	7	60	25	42	3	7	4	1	3	12	3,176	0.995
04-Aug	4	19			3	11	15		13	21	0	3	4	0	3	6	3,182	0.997
05-Aug	0	5			4	9			14	11	1	1	4	1	2	3	3,186	0.998
06-Aug	4	2							17	10	0	3	5	1	2	3	3,188	0.999
07-Aug	0	0								10	0		3	0	0	1	3,189	0.999
08-Aug	0	2											1	1	0	0	3,190	1.000
09-Aug	1	1													0	0	3,190	1.000
10-Aug	0	0													0	0	3,190	1.000
11-Aug	0	0													0	0	3,190	1.000
12-Aug	0	0													0	0	3,190	1.000
13-Aug	2	2													0	0	3,190	1.000
14-Aug	1	1													0	0	3,190	1.000
15-Aug	0	1													0	0	3,190	1.000
16-Aug	0	1													0	0	3,190	1.000
17-Aug	2	0													0	0	3,190	1.000
18-Aug	1														0	0	3,190	1.000
19-Aug	4														0	0	3,191	1.000
20-Aug	4														0	0	3,191	1.000
21-Aug	2														0	0	3,191	1.000
Weir total	1,078	1,852	1,274	1,613	1,985	4,091	4,416	8,231	4,151	5,001	5,329	2,721	3,092	1,261	1,772	3,191		
Add-on number						109												
Estimated total	1,078	1,852	1,274	1,613	1,985	4,200	4,416	8,231	4,151	5,001	5,329	2,721	3,092	1,261	1,772	3,350		

^a In 1993, 109 large Chinook were counted below the weir on the day it was removed, and were added to the weir count. In 1988, small Chinook were not counted.

**APPENDIX C:
ESTIMATED SPORT FISHERY HARVESTS AND SPAWNER
ABUNDANCE**

Appendix C1.–Chinook Salmon Harvest in Situk River.

An active sport fishery harvests Chinook salmon in the Situk River. Road access to the Situk River for sport fishing occurs at the Lower Landing near the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and upstream about 12.5 miles at Nine Mile Bridge on Forest Highway 10. Anglers fish from banks or boats after accessing the river. Some travel by boat from the upper access point and exit at the Lower Landing.

Sport fishing is not allowed above Nine Mile Bridge and was not allowed between Nine Mile Bridge and the upper weir site. Hence, from 1976-1987 the weir counts included all fishing harvest prior to spawning.

When the weir was moved to the lower river site, the estimated recreational harvest above the weir must be subtracted from weir counts to estimate spawning escapement. The recreational harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River is estimated through a statewide postal survey; this program started in 1977. Annual estimates are available in published reports (e.g. Howe et al. 2001b). In 1996 the statewide postal survey was reconfigured to estimate harvests of salmon above and below the

lower river site. In addition, an on-site creel project was operated in 1985-1988 and again in recent years. We used the statewide postal survey estimates for 1977-1985 and 1990-2000 and the on-site creel estimates in 1985-1988 and 2001-2003 (Johnson 2005) to estimate returns (Appendix C1). We used the 1989-2000 postal survey estimates and the 1988 and 2001-2003 on-site creel survey estimates to estimate spawning abundance, by subtracting estimates of the recreational harvest above the weir from the weir counts (Appendix C2).

For the period 1977-2003, the estimated recreational harvest of Chinook salmon in the Situk River has ranged from 0 (zero) large and medium-sized fish in 1986, 1989 and 1990 (fishery closed) to 1,598 large and medium-sized fish in 1997. The recreational fishery harvests were 400 or fewer large and medium-sized Chinook through 1994, then were above 1,000 fish from 1995 to 2000. Since 1988, the estimated removals in the sport fishery above the weir have ranged from 0 (zero) in 1989 and 1990 to 812 in 1997.

Appendix C2.—Estimated recreational harvests of Chinook salmon in the Situk River, in total and above the Situk River Weir, 1976-2003, with (standard errors).

Year	Estimated total harvest ^{a, c, d}						Estimated harvest above the Situk Weir ^{b, e}							
	Small Fish		Med/Large Fish		Total		Small Fish		Med/Large Fish		Total		Large fish ^f	
	Harvest	SE	Harvest	SE	Harvest	SE	Harvest	SE	Harvest	SE	Harvest	SE	Harvest	SE
1976	0	(0)	200	(50)	200	(50)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1977	0	(0)	244	(61)	244	(61)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1978	0	(0)	210	(53)	210	(53)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1979	0	(0)	282	(71)	282	(71)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1980	0	(0)	353	(88)	353	(88)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1981	11	(11)	130	(33)	141	(34)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1982	0	(0)	63	(16)	63	(16)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1983	10	(10)	42	(11)	52	(15)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984	5	(5)	146	(37)	151	(37)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	217	(109)	294	(74)	511	(131)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	37	(37)	0	(0)	37	(37)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987	319	(160)	75	(19)	394	(161)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	3	(3)	185	(54)	188	(54)	0	(0)	56	(28)	56	(28)	17	(17)
1989	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1990	68	(66)	0	(0)	68	(66)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	8	(8)	88	(44)	96	(49)	2	(2)	26	(26)	29	(27)	8	(8)
1992	9	(9)	172	(35)	181	(50)	3	(3)	52	(52)	54	(52)	23	(23)
1993	115	(58)	137	(36)	252	(77)	92	(46)	41	(41)	133	(62)	28	(28)
1994	167	(85)	400	(57)	567	(102)	50	(25)	120	(60)	170	(65)	40	(40)
1995	279	(84)	1,407	(257)	1,686	(280)	84	(42)	422	(211)	506	(215)	370	(185)
1996	1,283	(343)	1,529	(257)	2,812	(505)	568	(234)	482	(134)	1,050	(310)	375	(187)
1997	630	(200)	1,598	(267)	2,228	(373)	467	(191)	960	(228)	1,427	(341)	812	(197)
1998	660	(192)	1,156	(246)	1,816	(353)	405	(143)	635	(193)	1,040	(266)	429	(132)
1999	385	(139)	1,160	(224)	1,545	(270)	150	(96)	598	(186)	748	(214)	486	(152)
2000	378	(121)	1,143	(180)	1,521	(227)	211	(101)	793	(155)	1,004	(192)	733	(144)
2001	330	(100)	75	(19)	405	(102)	300	(100)	45	(16)	345	(101)	40	(16)
2002	30	(10)	99	(21)	129	(34)	18	(7)	48	(18)	66	(20)	24	(12)
2003	141	(32)	909	(97)	1,050	(119)	108	(27)	528	(69)	636	(74)	498	(68)
Averages														
1976-2003	182		432		614		88		172		259		139	
1976-1988	46		171		217		0		4		4		1	
1989-2003	299		658		957		164		317		481		258	

^a Estimates of total harvest are from the Statewide Harvest Survey (SWHS), except for 1985-1988 and 2001, when on-site creel estimates were available.

^b All recreational harvests up through 1987 occurred below the Situk Weir, which was located just below Nine Mile Bridge from 1976-1988.

^c The harvest in 1976 was estimated from the average for 1977-1982.

^d The recreational fishery was closed in 1986, 1989 and 1990 for retention of medium/large fish, but was open in 1986 and 1990 for retention of small fish.

^e The SWHS provided direct estimates of the total harvest and harvest above and below the weir from 1996-2000, as did the on-site creel in 2001.

In 1988 and 1991-1995 we estimated that 30% of the recreational harvest of medium/large fish occurred above the weir, from on-site interviews, and estimated 80% in 1993.

^f In 1992-1994 the SWHS supplied direct estimates of large fish. In 1997-2001 samples taken from the on-site creel program were used to estimate the number of large fish taken.

In 1988 and 1991 the average percent large for 1992-1994 was used to estimate the large harvest above the weir.

In 1995 and 1996 the average percent large for 1997-2001 was used to estimate the large harvest above the weir.

Appendix C3.–Weir counts, sport removals and estimated spawners of medium and large-sized Chinook salmon in the Situk River, 1976-2003.

Year	Situk River weir counts			Harvests above weir ^a			Estimate spawning abundance					Total
	Small Chinook	Medium Chinook	Large Chinook	Small Chinook	Medium Chinook	Large Chinook	Small Chinook	Medium Chinook	Large Chinook	SE large	Lg+Medium Chinook	
1976	NE	520	1,421	0	0	0	NE	520	1,421	0	1,941	
1977	NE	148	1,732	0	0	0	NE	148	1,732	0	1,880	
1978	NE	295	808	0	0	0	NE	295	808	0	1,103	
1979	NE	470	1,284	0	0	0	NE	470	1,284	0	1,754	
1980	NE	220	905	0	0	0	NE	220	905	0	1,125	
1981	NE	105	702	0	0	0	NE	105	702	0	807	
1982	NE	177	434	0	0	0	NE	177	434	0	611	
1983	NE	257	592	0	0	0	NE	257	592	0	849	
1984	NE	475	1,726	0	0	0	NE	475	1,726	0	2,201	
1985	NE	461	1,521	0	0	0	NE	461	1,521	0	1,982	
1986	NE	505	2,067	0	0	0	NE	505	2,067	0	2,572	
1987	NE	505	1,379	0	0	0	NE	505	1,379	0	1,884	
1988	NE	193	885	0	39	17	NE	154	868	(17)	1,022	
1989	972	243	637	0	0	0	972	243	637	0	880	1,852
1990	147	499	628	0	0	0	147	499	628	0	1,127	1,274
1991	584	132	897	2	18	8	582	114	889	(8)	1,003	1,585
1992	131	236	1,618	3	29	23	128	207	1,595	(23)	1,802	1,930
1993	2,730	490	980	92	13	28	2,638	477	952	(28)	1,429	4,067
1994	1,634	1,471	1,311	50	80	40	1,584	1,391	1,271	(40)	2,662	4,246
1995	2,914	617	4,700	84	52	370	2,830	565	4,330	(185)	4,895	7,725
1996	1,374	602	2,175	568	107	375	806	495	1,800	(187)	2,295	3,101
1997	1,729	582	2,690	467	148	812	1,262	434	1,878	(197)	2,312	3,574
1998	3,125	851	1,353	405	206	429	2,720	645	924	(132)	1,569	4,289
1999	473	301	1,947	150	112	486	323	189	1,461	(152)	1,650	1,973
2000	413	161	2,518	211	60	733	202	101	1,785	(144)	1,886	2,088
2001	463	102	696	300	5	40	163	97	656	(16)	753	916
2002	300	448	1,024	18	24	24	282	424	1,000	(12)	1,424	1,706
2003	334	329	2,615	108	30	498	226	299	2,117	(68)	2,416	2,642
Averages												
1976-1988		333	1,189	0	3	1		330	1,188		1,518	
1989-2003	1,155	471	1,719	164	59	258	991	412	1,462		1,874	2,865

^a Recreational harvest estimates above the weir in 2002 are unavailable at the time of publication.

Partial estimates of small (age-.1) Chinook are included.

**APPENDIX D:
ESTIMATES OF AGE COMPOSITION OF CHINOOK SALMON IN HARVESTS
AND ESCAPEMENTS**

Appendix D1.-Estimates of age composition of Chinook salmon in harvests and escapements.

Age compositions of Chinook salmon in the commercial set gillnet and subsistence fisheries were estimated from scale samples taken in the commercial gillnet fishery. Because samples from the commercial gillnet fishery were systematically drawn, resulting estimates were considered representative of the total harvest in that fishery. Since the timing and gear in these two fisheries is nearly the same, the samples taken from the commercial fishery should be representative of both.

In the set gillnet/subsistence fishery, the numbers of fish harvested by age and the associated variance is estimated from the notation given earlier in the main body of this report.

Scale samples to estimate age composition were not collected in the commercial fishery prior to 1982 and in 1989 (Appendix D1). Average age distribution in the commercial gillnet fishery for 1982-1988 and 1990-2001 was used to estimate the age composition of the net harvest in 1980, 1981 and 1989.

Age composition of Chinook salmon in the recreational fishery was a result of the estimated harvest and sampling for age. Estimated age composition and its estimated variance were calculated from notation given earlier.

Scale samples to estimate age composition were not collected in the recreational fishery in 1980, 1981 and in 1984-1996 (Appendix D2). The sport fishery was closed in 1986, 1989 and 1990. For 1980 and 1981 the average age distribution in the recreational fishery for 1982-1983 and 1997-2001 was used to estimate the age composition. In 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1991-1996 the age distribution from the commercial gillnet samples in each year was used to estimate age composition of the recreational harvest of medium and large Chinook salmon.

Because samples in the gillnet were systematically drawn, and because age composition of medium

and large fish harvested in both the gillnet and recreational fisheries are similar for 1997-2001 (see below), using gillnet samples for the above mentioned years were considered the best representative age distribution for the recreational fishery in years without age sampling.

Comparison of age distribution in the gillnet (GN) and recreational fishery (REC) , 1997-2003.

Year	Gear	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.3	n
1997	GN	18.8%	37.8%	37.6%	3.3%	430
	REC	24.7%	54.0%	16.3%	1.7%	177
1998	GN	34.0%	43.5%	19.1%	1.7%	436
	REC	28.0%	51.1%	15.4%	1.1%	182
1999	GN	23.6%	59.2%	11.1%	2.7%	446
	REC	19.2%	65.5%	11.5%	1.7%	287
2000	GN	6.7%	72.2%	13.4%	3.3%	418
	REC	8.4%	64.7%	9.8%	12.6%	215
2001	GN	16.4%	23.5%	41.7%	12.2%	346
	REC	6.3%	21.9%	65.6%	6.3%	32
2002	GN	40.6%	19.8%	2.8%	5.9%	395
	REC	48.1%	37.0%	7.4%	0.0%	27
2003	GN	7.5%	77.3%	6.8%	4.3%	416
	REC	7.8%	78.4%	2.8%	6.9%	218

Age compositions of Chinook salmon in the escapement were estimated from scale samples taken from the trap at the Situk Weir (Appendix D3). Because the weir nor the trap is “fish-tight” for age-.1 fish, samples from the weir were stratified separately to counts of age-.1 fish vs. those aged -.2-.5. Note that small fish were not used in the spawner-recruit analysis, whether from the escapement or harvest.

Estimated harvest by age by year is shown for the gillnet fisheries in Appendix D4 and for the recreational fishery in Appendix D5. Estimated escapement by age by year is shown in Appendix D6. The estimated total run by age by year is shown in Appendix D7 and the associated SEs in Appendix D8. The estimated percents by age and year are shown in Appendix D9 (age-.2-.5 fish) and Appendix D10 (age-.1-.5 fish).

Appendix D2.—Sample size m_t and samples by age class m_{at} of Situk River Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial set gillnet fishery, 1982-2003. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	m_t
1982		3		5	2	5			3		18
1983		45		90	30	26	28		1		220
1984		1		19	2	3	19		5		49
1985		11		24	13	15	16	1	20	1	101
1986		7		12	9	9	13		12		62
1987		2		29	1	8	25		8		73
1988		1		2	4	14	3		7		31
1989											0
1990		29		9	19	27	7		17		108
1991	1	60	1	170	27	28	32	2	9	1	331
1992		19	1	17	5	40	7		13		102
1993		48	6	84	34	67	32	4	42	1	318
1994		80	1	58	32	42	8		11		232
1995		22	1	288	11	33	51		1		407
1996		52	1	151	21	132	43	2	24		426
1997	2	80	2	161	4	160	14	2	5		430
1998	8	144	5	184	6	81	7		1		436
1999	1	104	4	261	11	49	12	1	3		446
2000		28		302	16	56	14		2		418
2001	4	55	6	79	7	140	41	2	12		346
2002		158	6	77	113	11	23		7		395
2003	2	31		320	15	28	18		2		416

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis.

Appendix D3.—Sample size m_t and samples by age class m_{at} of Situk River Chinook salmon harvested in the recreational fishery, 1982-2003. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	m_t
1982		9		22	5	5	5		8	1	55
1983	3	4		4	3	1	1				16
1997	63	44	8	96	2	29	3	2		1	248
1998	10	51	2	93	8	28	2				194
1999	18	55		188	1	33	5		5		305
2000	32	18	1	139	4	21	27		6		248
2001	55	2	2	7		21	2				89
2002	8	13		10	2	2					35
2003	21	17	2	171	5	6	15		4		241

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis. No samples were collected in 1984-1996. The recreational fishery was closed in 1986, 1989 and 1990.

Appendix D4.—Sample size m_t and samples by age class m_{at} of Chinook salmon passing the counting weir on the Situk River, 1984-2003. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	m_t
1984	11	7	2	35	11	29	26	1	5		127
1988		1		5	6	30	2		19		63
1990	7	37	3	16	8	25	5		13		114
1991	16	19		31	9	2	2		2		81
1992	13	7	2	21	2	40	3		2		90
1993	40	13	22	14	2	18	4	2	4		119
1995	87	36	10	328	14	45	26	1	4		551
1996	77	51	8	152	6	81	18	1	14		408
1997	68	65	9	153	6	89	12	1	8		411
1998	77	61	4	120	3	19	2		3		289
1999	12	32	6	145		33	3				231
2000	4	7	2	170	3	22	16		1		225
2001	8	20	1	19	2	51	1	1			103
2002	19	64	4	29	2	4	1				123
2003	11	15	5	182	8	9	16		1		247

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis.

Appendix D5.—Estimated harvest by age class \hat{H}_{at} of Situk River Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial set gillnet and subsistence fisheries, 1982-2003. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Total
1982	0	46	0	76	31	76	0	0	46	0	275
1983	0	82	0	163	54	47	51	0	2	0	399
1984	0	12	0	233	25	37	233	0	61	0	601
1985	0	70	0	152	82	95	101	6	127	6	640
1986	0	34	0	58	44	44	63	0	58	0	301
1987	0	25	0	363	13	100	313	0	100	0	915
1988	0	13	0	25	50	176	38	0	88	0	389
1989	0	78	0	175	37	109	57	0	42	0	497
1990	0	139	0	43	91	129	33	0	81	0	516
1991	3	182	3	516	82	85	97	6	27	3	1,004
1992	0	344	18	308	90	724	127	0	235	0	1,845
1993	0	150	19	262	106	209	100	12	131	3	992
1994	0	1,042	13	756	417	547	104	0	143	0	3,023
1995	0	469	21	6,146	235	704	1,088	0	21	0	8,685
1996	0	522	10	1,516	211	1,325	432	20	241	0	4,276
1997	13	501	13	1,008	25	1,001	88	13	31	0	2,691
1998	49	890	31	1,137	37	501	43	0	6	0	2,695
1999	10	1,026	39	2,574	108	483	118	10	30	0	4,398
2000	0	128	0	1,381	73	256	64	0	9	0	1,912
2001	17	237	26	340	30	602	176	9	52	0	1,489
2002	0	598	23	291	427	42	87	0	26	0	1,494
2003	14	219	0	2,263	106	198	127	0	14	0	2,942

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis.

Appendix D6.—Estimated harvest by age class \hat{H}^{at} of Situk River Chinook salmon harvested in the recreational fishery, 1982-2003. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Total
1982	0	10	0	25	6	6	6	0	9	1	63
1983	10	13	0	13	10	3	3	0	0	0	52
1984	3	3	0	57	6	9	57	0	15	0	151
1985	195	32	22	70	38	44	47	3	58	3	511
1986	33		4								37
1987	287	2	32	30	1	8	26	0	8	0	394
1988	0	6	0	12	24	85	18	0	42	0	188
1989											0
1990	48		20								68
1991	8	16	0	45	7	7	9	1	2	0	96
1992	8	32	1	29	9	68	12	0	22	0	181
1993	74	21	41	37	15	29	14	2	18	0	252
1994	150	139	17	100	55	73	14	0	19	0	567
1995	250	76	29	998	38	114	177	0	3	0	1,686
1996	1,162	187	121	543	76	475	155	7	86	0	2,812
1997	566	395	72	862	18	261	27	18	0	9	2,228
1998	550	324	110	591	51	178	13	0	0	0	1,816
1999	385	222	0	760	4	133	20	0	20	0	1,545
2000	367	96	11	739	21	112	144	0	32	0	1,521
2001	250	9	9	32	0	96	9	0	0	0	405
2002	29	48	0	37	7	7	0	0	0	0	129
2003	91	74	9	745	22	26	65	0	17	0	1,050

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis. The recreational fishery was closed completely in 1989 and was closed to retention of fish > 16 inches total length in 1986 and 1990. The 2002 and 2003 estimates are preliminary estimates from the onsite creel program (B. Johnson, ADF&G, SFD, Yakutat, personal communication).

Appendix D7.—Estimated escapement by age class \hat{S}_{at} of Situk River Chinook salmon, 1982-2003. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Total
1982	0	100	0	244	56	56	56	0	89	11	611
1983	0	174	0	347	116	100	108	0	4	0	849
1984	191	121	35	607	191	503	451	17	87	0	2,201
1985	0	216	0	471	255	294	314	20	392	20	1,982
1986	0	290	0	498	373	373	539	0	498	0	2,572
1987	0	52	0	748	26	206	645	0	206	0	1,884
1988	0	16	0	81	97	487	32	0	308	0	1,022
1989	875	147	97	369	38	228	46	4	47	0	1,852
1990	103	401	44	173	87	271	54	0	141	0	1,274
1991	582	293	0	478	139	31	31	0	31	0	1,585
1992	111	168	17	505	48	961	72	0	48	0	1,930
1993	1,702	326	936	351	50	451	100	50	100	0	4,067
1994	1,426	922	158	668	369	484	92	0	127	0	4,246
1995	2,539	388	292	3,536	151	485	280	11	43	0	7,725
1996	730	362	76	1,080	43	576	128	7	99	0	3,101
1997	1,114	450	148	1,059	42	616	83	7	55	0	3,574
1998	2,586	460	134	905	23	143	15	0	23	0	4,289
1999	215	248	108	1,123	0	256	23	0	0	0	1,973
2000	135	60	67	1,464	26	189	138	0	9	0	2,088
2001	145	160	18	152	16	409	8	8	0	0	916
2002	233	911	49	413	28	57	14	0	0	0	1,706
2003	155	157	71	1,904	84	94	167	0	10	0	2,642

^a Age-.1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis. Age-.1 fish are not sampled in proportion to abundance at the Situk Weir and samples in Appendix D3 were stratified and applied separately to age-.1 and age-2.-.5 fish.

Appendix D8.—Estimated total run by calendar year and age class \hat{T}_{at} of Situk River Chinook salmon, 1982-2003.^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Age-3-5	Age-2-5	Total
1982	0	156	0	346	92	138	61	0	144	12	701	949	949
1983	10	268	0	524	180	151	162	0	6	0	842	1,290	1,300
1984	194	137	35	897	221	548	741	17	163	0	2,367	2,725	2,953
1985	195	318	22	693	375	433	462	29	577	29	2,223	2,916	3,133
1986	33	324	4	556	417	417	602	0	556	0	2,132	2,873	2,910
1987	287	79	32	1,142	39	315	984	0	315	0	2,756	2,874	3,193
1988	0	35	0	118	172	747	88	0	439	0	1,392	1,599	1,599
1989	875	225	97	544	74	338	103	4	89	0	1,078	1,377	2,349
1990	151	540	65	216	177	400	88	0	222	0	926	1,643	1,858
1991	593	491	3	1,039	228	123	136	7	61	3	1,370	2,089	2,685
1992	119	544	36	841	147	1,753	211	0	305	0	3,110	3,801	3,956
1993	1,776	497	996	650	171	690	214	64	250	4	1,871	2,539	5,311
1994	1,576	2,103	188	1,525	841	1,104	210	0	289	0	3,128	6,072	7,836
1995	2,789	934	342	10,680	424	1,304	1,545	11	68	0	13,608	14,966	18,096
1996	1,892	1,071	207	3,139	329	2,375	714	34	427	0	6,690	8,090	10,189
1997	1,693	1,346	232	2,929	85	1,878	198	37	87	9	5,138	6,568	8,493
1998	3,185	1,674	275	2,633	111	822	71	0	29	0	3,555	5,340	8,800
1999	610	1,496	147	4,457	113	872	162	10	50	0	5,550	7,159	7,916
2000	501	284	79	3,584	120	557	345	0	50	0	4,537	4,941	5,521
2001	412	406	53	524	46	1,107	194	17	52	0	1,892	2,345	2,810
2002	262	1,557	72	741	463	106	101	0	26	0	975	2,995	3,329
2003	261	450	79	4,912	212	318	360	0	42	0	5,632	6,294	6,634

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were excluded from the spawner-recruit analysis.

Appendix D9.—Estimated standard errors by age class in total runs of Situk River Chinook salmon, 1982-2003.

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5	Age-3.5	Age-2.5	Total
1982	0	40	0	51	32	38	24	0	39	11	6	16	16
1983	5	35	0	43	30	28	29	0	6	0	8	11	15
1984	55	46	24	98	58	85	90	17	47	0	17	37	37
1985	99	66	17	91	71	76	78	21	85	21	36	74	131
1986	33	105	4	131	117	117	135	0	131	0	0	0	37
1987	145	40	25	121	29	77	117	0	77	0	12	19	161
1988	0	21	0	40	46	76	33	0	68	0	38	61	61
1989	67	54	67	71	32	63	36	9	35	0	0	0	0
1990	51	58	30	42	35	52	27	0	41	0	0	0	66
1991	9	62	3	73	46	27	28	4	24	3	36	51	56
1992	14	94	22	117	52	141	62	0	70	0	55	62	72
1993	169	83	164	87	40	93	52	36	53	3	45	55	99
1994	135	155	111	140	111	124	59	0	68	0	67	83	121
1995	122	122	91	331	84	144	163	11	31	0	295	333	353
1996	379	103	62	177	59	156	86	19	66	0	215	290	593
1997	192	106	58	172	25	116	37	17	24	9	257	351	505
1998	232	124	103	192	29	78	22	0	15	0	239	313	442
1999	157	113	52	228	33	89	38	10	20	0	242	291	345
2000	141	42	51	184	26	60	52	0	17	0	203	238	297
2001	111	44	22	48	16	63	28	10	15	0	37	25	144
2002	25	80	25	72	40	31	23	0	10	0	22	28	48
2003	39	57	29	111	41	49	53	0	17	0	81	118	168

Appendix D10.— Estimated percent by age class \hat{p}_{at} in total runs of Situk River Chinook salmon, 1982-2003, for fish age-2. and older.

Year	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5
1982	16.5%	36.5%	9.7%	14.5%	6.5%	0.0%	15.2%	1.3%
1983	20.8%	40.6%	13.9%	11.7%	12.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
1984	5.0%	32.9%	8.1%	20.1%	27.2%	0.6%	6.0%	0.0%
1985	10.9%	23.8%	12.9%	14.9%	15.8%	1.0%	19.8%	1.0%
1986	11.3%	19.4%	14.5%	14.5%	21.0%	0.0%	19.4%	0.0%
1987	2.7%	39.7%	1.4%	11.0%	34.2%	0.0%	11.0%	0.0%
1988	2.2%	7.4%	10.7%	46.7%	5.5%	0.0%	27.4%	0.0%
1989	16.3%	39.5%	5.4%	24.5%	7.5%	0.3%	6.5%	0.0%
1990	32.8%	13.2%	10.8%	24.3%	5.3%	0.0%	13.5%	0.0%
1991	23.5%	49.8%	10.9%	5.9%	6.5%	0.3%	2.9%	0.2%
1992	14.3%	22.1%	3.9%	46.1%	5.5%	0.0%	8.0%	0.0%
1993	19.6%	25.6%	6.7%	27.2%	8.4%	2.5%	9.8%	0.1%
1994	34.6%	25.1%	13.9%	18.2%	3.5%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%
1995	6.2%	71.4%	2.8%	8.7%	10.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%
1996	13.2%	38.8%	4.1%	29.4%	8.8%	0.4%	5.3%	0.0%
1997	20.5%	44.6%	1.3%	28.6%	3.0%	0.6%	1.3%	0.1%
1998	31.4%	49.3%	2.1%	15.4%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
1999	20.9%	62.3%	1.6%	12.2%	2.3%	0.1%	0.7%	0.0%
2000	5.7%	72.5%	2.4%	11.3%	7.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%
2001	17.3%	22.4%	2.0%	47.2%	8.3%	0.7%	2.2%	0.0%
2002	52.0%	24.7%	15.5%	3.5%	3.4%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
2003	7.2%	78.0%	3.4%	5.1%	5.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%

Appendix D11.— Estimated percent by age class \hat{p}_{at} in total runs of Situk River Chinook salmon, 1989-2003, for fish age-1. and older. ^a

Year	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.5
1989	37.2%	9.6%	4.1%	23.2%	3.2%	14.4%	4.4%	0.2%	3.8%	0.0%
1990	8.1%	29.0%	3.5%	11.6%	9.6%	21.5%	4.7%	0.0%	12.0%	0.0%
1991	22.1%	18.3%	0.1%	38.7%	8.5%	4.6%	5.1%	0.2%	2.3%	0.1%
1992	3.0%	13.8%	0.9%	21.3%	3.7%	44.3%	5.3%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%
1993	33.4%	9.4%	18.7%	12.2%	3.2%	13.0%	4.0%	1.2%	4.7%	0.1%
1994	20.1%	26.8%	2.4%	19.5%	10.7%	14.1%	2.7%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%
1995	15.4%	5.2%	1.9%	59.0%	2.3%	7.2%	8.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%
1996	18.6%	10.5%	2.0%	30.8%	3.2%	23.3%	7.0%	0.3%	4.2%	0.0%
1997	19.9%	15.8%	2.7%	34.5%	1.0%	22.1%	2.3%	0.4%	1.0%	0.1%
1998	36.2%	19.0%	3.1%	29.9%	1.3%	9.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
1999	7.7%	18.9%	1.9%	56.3%	1.4%	11.0%	2.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%
2000	9.1%	5.1%	1.4%	64.9%	2.2%	10.1%	6.3%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
2001	14.7%	14.4%	1.9%	18.6%	1.6%	39.4%	6.9%	0.6%	1.8%	0.0%
2002	7.9%	46.8%	2.2%	22.3%	13.9%	3.2%	3.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%
2003	3.9%	6.8%	1.2%	74.0%	3.2%	4.8%	5.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%

^a Age-1 fish (age classes 0.1 and 1.1) were not enumerated at the Situk River weir prior to 1989. Age-1 fish were not fully enumerated in other years (1999-present) due to changes in weir design.

Appendix D12.-Annual exploitation rates \hat{U}_t for Chinook salmon.

Annual exploitation rates U_t for Chinook salmon were estimated as follows:

$$\hat{U}_t = \frac{\hat{H}_t}{\hat{H}_t + \hat{S}_t}$$

where

\hat{H}_t is the estimated harvest of Chinook salmon of age-2-5 fish in year t ,

and

\hat{S}_t is the estimated spawning abundance of Chinook salmon of age-2-5 fish in year t .

Calculation of \hat{S}_t is described in Appendix C.

Calculation of \hat{H}_t is the sum of the tallied harvests of age-2-5 Chinook salmon in all gillnet and recreational fisheries (see tables above for statistics).

Variance for estimated exploitation rates can be approximated with the delta method (Seber 1982:7-9):

$$\begin{aligned} v(\hat{U}_t) \cong & \\ & v(\hat{H}_t) \frac{\hat{S}_t^2}{(\hat{H}_t + \hat{S}_t)^4} \\ & + v(\hat{S}_t) \frac{\hat{H}_t^2}{(\hat{H}_t + \hat{S}_t)^4} \end{aligned}$$

Since harvest is estimated only for the recreational fishery and “known” for other fisheries (at least for our purposes), estimated variance $v(\hat{H}_t)$ is the estimated variance for the recreational fishery.

APPENDIX E:
ADJUSTMENT IN $\hat{\ln\alpha}$ FOR SERIAL CORRELATION

Appendix E1.—Adjustment in $\hat{\ln\alpha}$ for Serial Correlation.

(per David Bernard, ADF&G, Sport Fish Division, Anchorage, 1/30/03)

From Noakes et al. 1987, the stock-recruit relationship under an autoregressive process of lag one brood year is:

$$\ln(R_t/S_t) = (1 - \phi)\ln\alpha + \phi\ln(R_{t-1}/S_{t-1}) - \beta S_t + \phi\beta S_{t-1} + u_t \quad \text{E.1}$$

with R representing production, S escapement that produces that production, α the density-independent parameter, β the density-dependent parameter, ϕ the autoregressive parameter, u a normally distributed stochastic variate with mean 0 and variance σ^2 , and t the year. The equation above can be rewritten as:

$$\ln R_t = \ln\alpha + \ln S_t - \beta S_t + \phi\{\ln(R_{t-1}/S_{t-1}) - \ln\alpha + \phi\beta S_{t-1}\} + u_t \quad \text{E.2}$$

with the term in brackets representing the residual (process error) ε from year $t - 1$. Exponentiating both sides of the equation above gives:

$$R_t = \exp(\ln\alpha)S_t \exp(-\beta S_t) \exp(\phi\varepsilon_{t-1}) \exp(u_t) \quad \text{E.3}$$

with the residual (bracketed term in eq. E.2) defined now as ε_{t-1} . Taking expectations of both sides (to get the average R given a specific S) produces:

$$E[R_t] = \exp(\ln\alpha)S_t \exp(-\beta S_t) E[\exp(\phi\varepsilon_{t-1}) \exp(u_t)] \quad \text{E.4}$$

The residual ε_{t-1} is a function of u_{t-1} , and u_{t-1} is independent of u_t . For this reason:

$$E[\exp(\phi\varepsilon_{t-1}) \exp(u_t)] = E[\exp(\phi\varepsilon_{t-1})] E[\exp(u_t)] \quad \text{E.5}$$

From the moment-generating function for a normally distributed variate x with variance σ^2 :

$$E[\exp(cx)] = \exp\left(\frac{c^2\sigma^2}{2}\right) \quad \text{E.6+}$$

In the context of eq. E.5, eq. E.6 means:

$$E[\exp(u_t)] = \exp(\sigma^2/2) \quad \text{E.7}$$

$$E[\exp(\phi\varepsilon_{t-1})] = \exp\left(\frac{\phi^2 V(\varepsilon_{t-1})}{2}\right) \quad \text{E.8}$$

where $V(\varepsilon_{t-1})$ is the variance of ε_{t-1} . An expectation requires not a specific residual at $t - 1$, but an integration over all possible residuals to estimate the most likely value of this “unknown” residual. Under this circumstance:

$$V(\varepsilon_{t-1}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{(1-\phi^2)} \quad \text{E.9}$$

(from Abraham and Ledolter 1983, bottom of p. 278 in their estimation of variance for the residual immediately prior to the beginning of a time series). Substitution of eq. E.9 into E.8 with the result plugged into eq. E.4 along with eq. E.6 produces:

$$E[R_t] = \exp(\ln \alpha) S_t \exp(-\beta S_t) \exp\left(\frac{\phi^2 \sigma^2}{2(1-\phi^2)} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \quad \text{E.10}$$

Simplifying and repackaging produces:

$$E[R_t] = \left\{ \exp\left(\ln \alpha + \frac{\sigma^2}{2(1-\phi^2)}\right) \right\} S_t \exp(-\beta S_t) \quad \text{E.11}$$

From this relationship note that:

$$\alpha = \exp\left(\ln \alpha + \frac{\sigma^2}{2(1-\phi^2)}\right) \quad \text{E.12}$$

At this point, unbiased estimates of the parameters can be used to produce:

$$\ln \hat{\alpha} = \ln \hat{\alpha} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{2(1-\hat{\phi}^2)} \quad \text{E.13}$$

with $\hat{\sigma}^2$ being the mean square error from fitting eq. E.1 to data. Note that without serial correlation ($\phi = 0$), eq. E.13 is the same as that given in Hilborn 1985.

**APPENDIX F:
LEVERAGE, COOK'S DISTANCE AND OUTLIERS**

Appendix F1.—Outliers, leverage, and Cook’s distance.

It is clear that a single outlier in a set of data, if located sufficiently far away, can completely change the outcome of a least squares analysis. Outliers are data points that split off or are very different from the remainder of the data. To obtain some objective criteria for inclusion or removal of any data points in the spawner-recruit database for Situk River Chinook salmon, we calculated leverage and Cook’s distance (Cook and Weisberg 1982) for each year class, when all (1977-1998) were included in the regression for the Ricker lognormal model (Ricker 1975). These both were calculated using SAS (PROC GLM). The leverage measures how far a single independent variable value (in this case spawners in a particular year) is from the average of all the independent variable values. An influential point is one that has a large effect on the slope of the log-linear model that is fit to the data. Cook’s distance is one measure that can be used to determine which, if any, data points are influential points or outliers. Cook and Weisberg (1982) indicate that a Cook’s distance of greater than one is generally considered to be large.

Leverage was ≤ 0.10 for all year classes except 1995, for which leverage was 0.68 (Appendices F1 and F3). It is unclear what threshold value of leverage is considered significant, but 0.68 is in the category of highly significant and about 7 times the next highest value of 0.10 for the 1982 year class. Cook’s Distance values were ≤ 0.14 for all year classes except 1995, for which it was 7.03, or 50 times the value of 0.14 for the 1991 year class, the next highest value. It is clear that the 1995 year class was both far from average and had a significant effect on the outcome of the regression. In contrast, the year class with the highest production (1991) had about a median value for leverage (0.06) and a Cook’s distance value (0.14) well below 1. However, it is clear, from a simple graphical presentation of the observed and predicted $\ln(R/S)$ values, that other

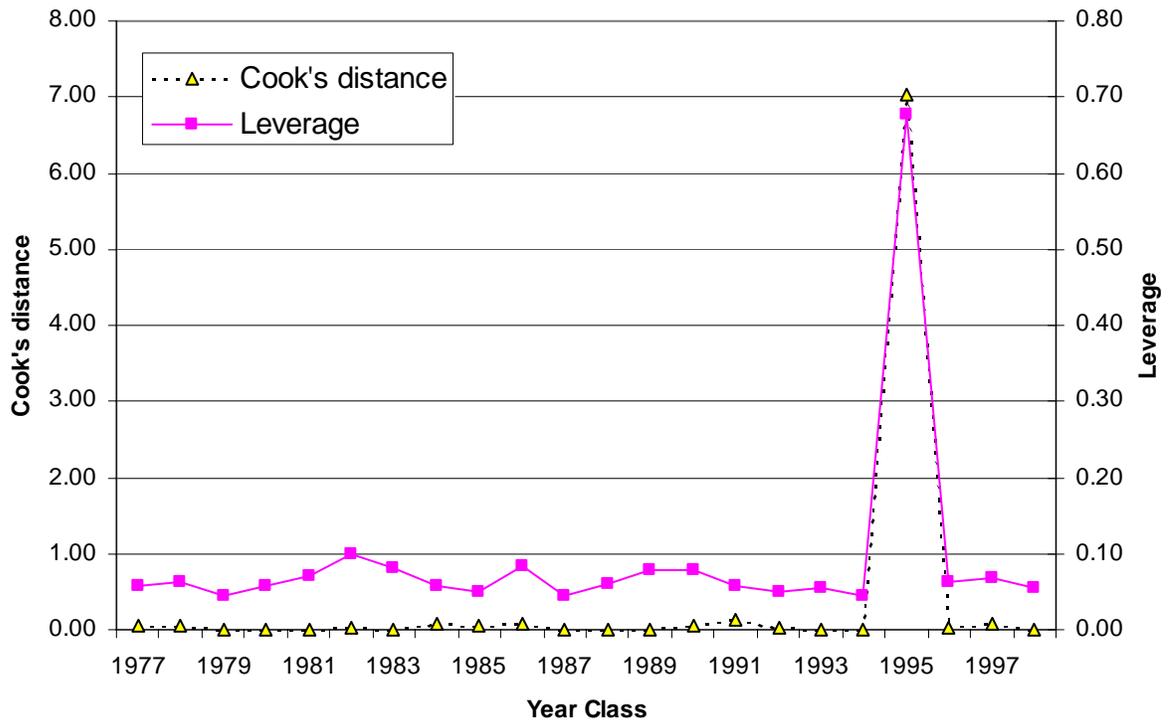
observed data points were nearly as distance from predicted, except 1995 (Appendix F2).

The 1995 year class accordingly exerted considerable influence on the spawner-recruit relationship. We used a leaving-one-out technique to determine the extent of influence by the 1995 and all other year classes, on spawner-recruit parameters using a multiplicative log-normal Ricker model (Ricker 1975). We made no attempt to adjust parameters for each run for the autocorrelation done for parameters presented in the main body of this manuscript and described in Appendix E. These results are presented simply to illustrate the effect of all brood years on the spawner-recruit relationship for the Chinook salmon stock from the Situk River.

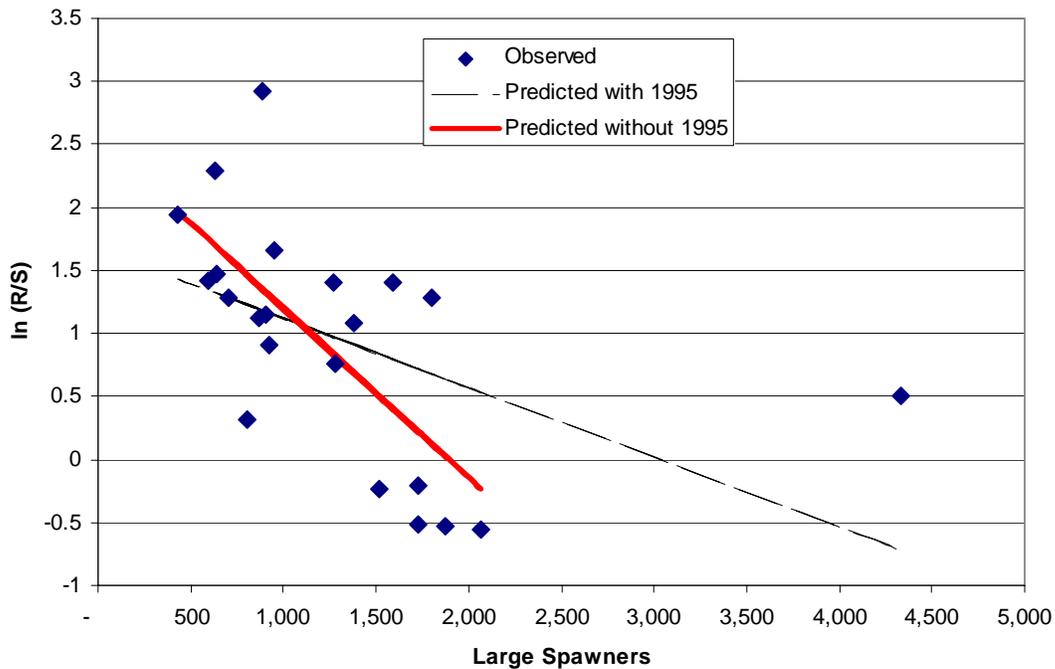
In the first series of leaving-one-out runs, we used all year classes (1977-1998) and found that exclusion of a single year class had no meaningful effect on the spawner-recruit parameters, with the exception of 1995 (Appendix F4). In all runs with 1995 included, S_{MSY} averaged 1,255, about double S_{MSY} when 1995 was excluded. The parameter α was about half and β and replacement were about double in all runs with 1995, versus the single run excluding 1995. MSY was predicted to be 11% higher (2,940 vs. 2,627) and U_{MSY} —the estimated exploitation rate at MSY —22% higher (83% vs. 68%), when 1995 was excluded, versus the average for all other runs.

In the second series of leaving-one-out runs, we first excluded 1995, then left each of the remaining 20 year classes out of one of the following 21 runs (Appendix F5). All parameter estimates exhibited stability, with CVs ranging from 2.8% to 8.6%. S_{MSY} averaged 614 with a CV of 3.8%, replacement averaged 1,918 with a CV of 2.8%, and MSY averaged 2,947 with a CV of 6.2%. The fit was significantly improved, with R^2 averaging 0.46 vs. an average of 0.20 in the runs in Appendix F2 with 1995 included.

Appendix F2.—Estimated Cook's distance and leverage from regression of the spawner-recruit relationship for Chinook salmon from the Situk River for year classes 1977-1998, using a multiplicative log-normal Ricker model.



Appendix F3.—Observed $\ln(R/S)$ and predicted values, both with and without the 1995 year class, for Situk River Chinook salmon, 1977-1998 year classes.



Appendix F4.—Estimated escapement, recruits, leverage and Cook’s distance for the 1977-1998 year classes of Situk River Chinook salmon.

Year class	Spawners	Recruits	LN(R/S)	Predicted	Residual	Leverage	Cook’s Distance
1977	1,732	1,405	-0.2093	0.7192	-0.9285	0.06	0.04
1978	808	1,110	0.3173	1.2291	-0.9117	0.06	0.04
1979	1,284	2,755	0.7636	0.9664	-0.2028	0.05	0.00
1980	905	2,838	1.1428	1.1755	-0.0328	0.06	0.00
1981	702	2,539	1.2857	1.2875	-0.0019	0.07	0.00
1982	434	3,028	1.9428	1.4354	0.5073	0.10	0.02
1983	592	2,434	1.4138	1.3482	0.0656	0.08	0.00
1984	1,726	1,035	-0.5117	0.7225	-1.2341	0.06	0.07
1985	1,521	1,208	-0.2304	0.8356	-1.0660	0.05	0.04
1986	2,067	1,187	-0.5544	0.5343	-1.0887	0.08	0.09
1987	1,379	4,084	1.0858	0.9140	0.1719	0.05	0.00
1988	868	2,672	1.1245	1.1959	-0.0715	0.06	0.00
1989	637	2,758	1.4656	1.3234	0.1422	0.08	0.00
1990	628	6,182	2.2869	1.3284	0.9585	0.08	0.06
1991	889	16,420	2.9162	1.1844	1.7318	0.06	0.14
1992	1,595	6,506	1.4059	0.7948	0.6111	0.05	0.02
1993	952	5,038	1.6662	1.1496	0.5166	0.05	0.01
1994	1,271	5,173	1.4037	0.9736	0.4301	0.05	0.01
1995	4,330	7,214	0.5105	-0.7145	1.2249	0.68	7.03
1996	1,800	6,527	1.2882	0.6816	0.6065	0.06	0.02
1997	1,878	1,103	-0.5322	0.6386	-1.1708	0.07	0.08
1998	924	2,289	0.9072	1.1650	-0.2579	0.06	0.00
Average	1,315	3,887			0.0000	0.09	0.35

Appendix F5.—Estimated spawner-recruit parameters for Situk River Chinook salmon for year classes 1977-1998, excluding each year class in succeeding runs.

BY left out	$-\beta$	α	S_{MSY}	R^2	R_r	S_r	R_{MSY}	MSY	U_{MSY}
none	-0.00055182	6.1277	1,230	0.20	3,285	3,285	3,823	2,593	68%
1977	-0.00052322	6.1367	1,297	0.19	3,468	3,468	4,038	2,741	68%
1978	-0.00058612	6.6669	1,192	0.23	3,237	3,237	3,951	2,760	70%
1979	-0.00055227	6.2984	1,240	0.20	3,332	3,332	3,938	2,698	69%
1980	-0.00055281	6.2590	1,236	0.20	3,318	3,318	3,907	2,670	68%
1981	-0.00055190	6.2425	1,237	0.19	3,318	3,318	3,902	2,665	68%
1982	-0.00051731	5.7701	1,283	0.17	3,388	3,388	3,812	2,529	66%
1983	-0.00054823	6.1909	1,242	0.19	3,325	3,325	3,892	2,650	68%
1984	-0.00051436	6.0431	1,312	0.19	3,497	3,497	4,038	2,726	68%
1985	-0.00053574	6.2310	1,273	0.20	3,415	3,415	4,011	2,737	68%
1986	-0.00048956	5.8669	1,364	0.17	3,614	3,614	4,104	2,740	67%
1987	-0.00055263	6.1919	1,232	0.20	3,299	3,299	3,862	2,629	68%
1988	-0.00055418	6.2814	1,235	0.20	3,316	3,316	3,913	2,678	68%
1989	-0.00054456	6.1352	1,246	0.19	3,331	3,331	3,879	2,633	68%
1990	-0.00050215	5.4324	1,291	0.17	3,370	3,370	3,667	2,377	65%
1991	-0.00049739	4.9148	1,249	0.21	3,201	3,201	3,298	2,049	62%
1992	-0.00056438	6.0986	1,200	0.21	3,204	3,204	3,718	2,518	68%
1993	-0.00053804	5.9345	1,246	0.19	3,310	3,310	3,783	2,536	67%
1994	-0.00055045	6.0726	1,228	0.20	3,277	3,277	3,794	2,565	68%
1995	-0.00134955	13.2558	613	0.46	1,915	1,915	3,553	2,940	83%
1996	-0.00057365	6.1729	1,186	0.22	3,173	3,173	3,707	2,522	68%
1997	-0.00050262	5.9589	1,336	0.18	3,551	3,551	4,068	2,732	67%
1998	-0.00055924	6.3694	1,230	0.20	3,311	3,311	3,938	2,708	69%

The number of year classes is 22 in the first row and 21 in each succeeding row.

Appendix F6.—Estimated spawner-recruit parameters for Situk River Chinook salmon for year classes 1977-1998, excluding 1995 from all runs and then excluding one of each of the remaining year classes in succeeding runs.

BY left out	$-\beta$	α	S_{MSY}	R^2	R_r	S_r	R_{MSY}	MSY	U_{MSY}
1995	-0.00134955	13.2558	613	0.46	1,915	1,915	3,553	2,940	83%
1977	-0.00129448	12.8148	635	0.42	1,970	1,970	3,577	2,942	82%
1978	-0.00144202	15.2701	588	0.53	1,890	1,890	3,845	3,258	85%
1979	-0.00134822	13.4515	615	0.46	1,928	1,928	3,611	2,995	83%
1980	-0.00136047	13.7253	612	0.46	1,925	1,925	3,653	3,041	83%
1981	-0.00138342	14.1719	605	0.46	1,916	1,916	3,713	3,108	84%
1982	-0.00135359	13.5175	613	0.43	1,924	1,924	3,615	3,001	83%
1983	-0.00139524	14.3843	601	0.46	1,911	1,911	3,738	3,137	84%
1984	-0.00125520	12.3049	650	0.42	2,000	2,000	3,537	2,887	82%
1985	-0.00129287	12.8475	636	0.45	1,975	1,975	3,591	2,955	82%
1986	-0.00127547	12.5139	642	0.38	1,981	1,981	3,542	2,900	82%
1987	-0.00136755	13.3896	606	0.47	1,897	1,897	3,543	2,937	83%
1988	-0.00136661	13.8607	610	0.46	1,924	1,924	3,674	3,063	83%
1989	-0.00137734	14.0271	607	0.45	1,917	1,917	3,690	3,083	84%
1990	-0.00127627	11.8273	635	0.42	1,936	1,936	3,339	2,705	81%
1991	-0.00125232	10.2966	628	0.50	1,862	1,862	2,945	2,317	79%
1992	-0.00144577	13.8385	577	0.52	1,817	1,817	3,467	2,890	83%
1993	-0.00133038	12.8150	618	0.45	1,917	1,917	3,481	2,862	82%
1994	-0.00136187	13.1252	607	0.47	1,890	1,890	3,485	2,879	83%
1996	-0.00152326	14.7940	553	0.55	1,769	1,769	3,524	2,971	84%
1997	-0.00125543	12.2890	650	0.40	1,998	1,998	3,532	2,882	82%
1998	-0.00137105	13.9940	609	0.47	1,925	1,925	3,698	3,089	84%
Average	-0.00134902	13.2961	614	0.46	1,918	1,918	3,561	2,947	82.7%
SD	0.00006833	1.08	23	0.04	54	54	176	183	1.3%
CV	5.1%	8.1%	3.8%	8.6%	2.8%	2.8%	4.9%	6.2%	1.6%

The number of year classes is 21 in the first row and 20 in each succeeding row.