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This memorandum report is intended to provide information on management activities pertaining to stock assessment and harvest of Hood Canal summer chum for the year 2003. This interim report is relatively brief, providing information currently available. A more detailed and complete presentation, including artificial production and addressing 2004, will be made available as part of the 5 year review report to be distributed in 2005.

## Stock Assessment

Escapement: Spawning ground surveys were conducted throughout the summer chum return period to estimate the abundance of summer chum spawners for all known stocks in the Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum regions during 2003. Results of the surveys are summarized in Table 1 and regional escapement estimates for the period 1974 through 2004 are described in Table 2 and Figure 1.

The escapements of summer chum in 2003 were remarkable in a number of ways. First, a total of 42,655 summer chum escaped to the region's streams (including fish collected for hatchery broodstock); 35,696 spawners to Hood Canal streams, and 6,959 spawners to Strait of Juan de Fuca streams (Table 2). The 2003 escapements were the highest recorded during the period that total spawner numbers have been estimated (1974-2003); including the pre-decline years. The results across the ESU have been enhanced by the strong returns to the various supplementation programs; however, in 2003 the numbers of natural origin recruits (NOR) far out-numbered hatchery origin recruits (Table 3). Of the 42,655 total summer chum escaping, 31,623 (74.1\%) were NORs, and there were more natural origin spawners than the highest pre-decline escapement (29,209 spawners in 1976). The improved escapements to ESU streams, combined with the high percentage of NORs, suggest a substantial reduction of the extinction risk for this ESU.

Table 1. Estimates of summer chum salmon spawner escapement and returns to Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca streams, 2003.

| Stream | Spawner <br> escapement | Hatchery <br> Broodstock | Return to <br> stream | Comments |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Big Beef Cr. | 824 | 72 | 896 | Trap + dead downstream of trap |
| Anderson Cr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | None observed during WDFW surveys |
| Dewatto R. | 9 | 0 | 9 | Peak count on 10/2/03 |
| Tahuya R. | 0 | 0 | 0 | None observed during WDFW surveys |
| Union R. | 11,780 | 136 | 11,916 | Trap |
| Lilliwaup R. | 194 | 159 | 353 | AUC adjusted for broodstock |
| Hamma Hamma R. | 796 | 58 | 854 | AUC adjusted for broodstock |
| Duckabush R. | 1,869 | 0 | 1,869 | AUC |
| Dosewallips R. | 7,066 | 0 | 7,066 | AUC |
| Big Quilcene R. | 11,745 | 98 | 11,843 | AUC |
| Little Quilcene R. | 890 | 0 | 890 | AUC |
| Chimacum Cr. | 558 | 0 | 558 | AUC |
| Snow Cr. | 304 | 0 | 304 | Trap + redds downstream of trap |
| Salmon Cr. | 5,521 | 130 | 5,651 | Trap + redds downstream of trap |
| JCL Cr. | 369 | 77 | 446 | Trap + redds ds of trap; not including 12 pre-esc. loss |
| Dungeness R. | 0 | 0 | 0 | pers. comm., R. Cooper, WDFW |
| Hood Canal total | $\mathbf{3 5 , 1 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 6 9 6}$ |  |
| St. Juan de Fuca | $\mathbf{6 , 7 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 9 5 9}$ |  |
| total |  |  |  |  |
| HC/SJ Fuca total | $\mathbf{4 1 , 9 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 , 6 5 5}$ |  |


| Table 2. Escapement (including hatchery broodstock) )for Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum salmon stocks, 1974-2003. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Return year | Hood Canal escapement | St. of Juan de Fuca escapement | HC/SJF <br> combined |
| 1974 | 12,281 | 1,768 | 14,049 |
| 1975 | 18,248 | 1,448 | 19,696 |
| 1976 | 27,715 | 1,494 | 29,209 |
| 1977 | 10,711 | 1,644 | 12,355 |
| 1978 | 19,710 | 3,080 | 22,790 |
| 1979 | 6,554 | 761 | 7,315 |
| 1980 | 3,777 | 5,109 | 8,886 |
| 1981 | 2,374 | 884 | 3,258 |
| 1982 | 2,623 | 2,751 | 5,374 |
| 1983 | 899 | 1,139 | 2,038 |
| 1984 | 1,414 | 1,579 | 2,993 |
| 1985 | 1,109 | 232 | 1,341 |
| 1986 | 2,552 | 1,087 | 3,639 |
| 1987 | 757 | 1,991 | 2,748 |
| 1988 | 2,967 | 3,690 | 6,657 |
| 1989 | 598 | 388 | 986 |
| 1990 | 429 | 341 | 770 |
| 1991 | 747 | 309 | 1,056 |
| 1992 | 2,377 | 1,070 | 3,447 |
| 1993 | 756 | 573 | 1,329 |
| 1994 | 2,429 | 178 | 2,607 |
| 1995 | 9,462 | 839 | 10,300 |
| 1996 | 20,490 | 1,084 | 21,574 |
| 1997 | 8,972 | 962 | 9,934 |
| 1998 | 4,001 | 1,269 | 5,270 |
| 1999 | 4,114 | 573 | 4,687 |
| 2000 | 8,649 | 983 | 9,612 |
| 2001 | 12,044 | 3,955 | 15,999 |
| 2002 | 11,454 | 6,955 | 18,409 |
| 2003 | 35,696 | 6,959 | 42,655 |

Figure 1. Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum salmon escapements, 19742003.


Table 3. Estimated natural origin, supplementation origin, and total escapement (including hatchery broodstock) of summer chum to Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca streams, 2003. Natural/supplementation origin estimates are preliminary.

| Stream | Estimated natural <br> origin escapement | Estimated supplementation <br> origin escapement | Total <br> escapement |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big Beef Cr. | 0 | 896 | 896 |
| Anderson Cr. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dewatto R. | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Tahuya R. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Union R. | 7,923 | 3,993 | 11,916 |
| Lilliwaup R. | 37 | 326 | 353 |
| Hamma Hamma R. | 536 | 269 | 854 |
| Duckabush R. | 1,600 | 556 | 1,869 |
| Dosewallips R. | 6,510 | 1,883 | 7,066 |
| Big Quilcene R. | 9,960 | 110 | 11,843 |
| Little Quilcene R. | 780 | 326 | 890 |
| Chimacum Cr. | 232 | 101 | 558 |
| Snow Cr. | 203 | 1,867 | 304 |
| Salmon Cr. | 3,784 | 378 | 5,651 |
| JCL Cr. | 68 | 0 | 446 |
| Dungeness R. | 0 | $\mathbf{8 , 3 6 0}$ | 0 |
| Hood Canal total | $\mathbf{2 7 , 3 3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 6 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 6 9 6}$ |
| Strait of Juan de Fuca total | $\mathbf{4 , 2 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 0 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 9 5 9}$ |
| HC/SJ Fuca total | $\mathbf{3 1 , 6 2 3}$ |  | $\mathbf{4 2 , 6 5 5}$ |

Runsize: To determine the total numbers of salmon returning to specific production areas, fish that are harvested in mixed stock and terminal fisheries must be allocated to the streams from which they originated. This allocation is done through a post-season process called "run reconstruction," which splits the harvests in each catch area into the numbers of fish that likely were contributed by the individual stocks or management unit thought to be transiting the area. All estimated harvests for each stock or management unit are added to the escapement for that grouping to derive the estimated total return or runsize for each year. A discussion of the run reconstruction methodology can be found in the SCSCI Appendix Report 1.3. Runsize estimates for 2003 along with updated runsize estimates for 2001 and 2002 are provided in an appendix to this report. Table 4 summarizes the estimates of runsizes with escapements by region for 2003 and Table 5 shows regional total runsizes from 1974 through 2003.

| Table 4. Regional summer chum runsizes for 2003. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Hood Canal Region | 35,696 |
| Escapement |  |
| Terminal runsize | 36,021 |
| Hood Canal total runsize | 36,260 |
| Strait of Juan de Fuca Region |  |
| Escapement | 6,959 |
| Terminal runsize | 6,959 |
|  |  |


| Return year | Hood Canal runsize | Strait of Juan de Fuca runsize | HC/SJF combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1974 | 14,222 | 1,985 | 16,207 |
| 1975 | 29,113 | 1,747 | 30,860 |
| 1976 | 74,220 | 1,673 | 75,893 |
| 1977 | 16,688 | 1,810 | 18,498 |
| 1978 | 25,344 | 3,240 | 28,584 |
| 1979 | 9,513 | 900 | 10,413 |
| 1980 | 13,026 | 5,574 | 18,600 |
| 1981 | 5,875 | 1,139 | 7,014 |
| 1982 | 8,331 | 3,540 | 11,871 |
| 1983 | 3,545 | 1,217 | 4,762 |
| 1984 | 3,372 | 1,707 | 5,079 |
| 1985 | 4,424 | 411 | 4,835 |
| 1986 | 7,832 | 1,217 | 9,049 |
| 1987 | 3,971 | 2,181 | 6,152 |
| 1988 | 5,680 | 4,129 | 9,809 |
| 1989 | 4,473 | 795 | 5,268 |
| 1990 | 1,564 | 528 | 2,092 |
| 1991 | 2,199 | 424 | 2,623 |
| 1992 | 3,376 | 1,394 | 4,770 |
| 1993 | 871 | 643 | 1,514 |
| 1994 | 2,959 | 214 | 3,173 |
| 1995 | 9,984 | 882 | 10,866 |
| 1996 | 21,056 | 1,106 | 22,162 |
| 1997 | 9,373 | 985 | 10,358 |
| 1998 | 4,274 | 1,316 | 5,590 |
| 1999 | 4,527 | 577 | 5,104 |
| 2000 | 9,506 | 987 | 10,493 |
| 2001 | 13,375 | 3,982 | 17,357 |
| 2002 | 13,170 | 6,981 | 20,151 |
| 2003 | 36,260 | 7,005 | 43,265 |

Genetic Stock Identification: During 2003, the Co-managers continued GSI allozyme and/or DNA collections of summer chum spawners throughout the region. Table 6 describes the number of GSI samples collected in 2003 as well as the number of samples for otoliths and scales. The sampling locations and collection methods are also shown in the table. Processing and analysis of the 2003 GSI samples is not yet complete, but the results will be provided in the upcoming 5 year review report.
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| Stream | WRIA | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { GSI } \\ \text { code } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Sample size |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Allozyme | DNA | Otolith | Scales | Collection method |
| Catch Area 7/7A | -- | -- | $203{ }^{1}$ | $203{ }^{1}$ | $203{ }^{1}$ | $203{ }^{1}$ | Reef net |
| Dungeness River | 18.0018 | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Spawner survey |
| Jimmycomelately ${ }^{2}$ | 17.0825 | 03FB | 0 | 97 | 199 | 189 | Trap, foot survey |
| Salmon Cr. ${ }^{2}$ | 17.0245 | 03FC | 0 | 130 | 361 | 361 | Trap, foot survey |
| Snow Cr. | 17.0219 | 03FD | 0 | 0 | 72 | 77 | Foot survey |
| Chimacum Cr. ${ }^{2}$ | 17.0203 | -- | 0 | 0 | 122 | 126 | Foot survey |
| Thorndyke Cr. | 17.0170 | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Foot survey |
| Little Quilcene R. | 17.0076 | 03FE | 0 | 0 | 86 | 139 | Foot survey |
| Big Quilcene R. ${ }^{2}$ | 17.0012 | -- |  |  |  | 396 | Seine (Quilcene Bay) |
| Dosewallips R. | 16.0442 | 03FF | 0 | 171 | 238 | 493 | Foot survey |
| Duckabush R. | 16.0351 | 03FG | 0 | 80 | 170 | 309 | Foot survey |
| Fulton Cr. | 16.0332 | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Foot survey |
| Hamma Hamma R. ${ }^{2}$ | 16.0251 | 03FH | 0 | 107 | 164 | 223 | Seine, foot survey |
| Lilliwaup R. ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | 16.0230 | 03FI | 0 | 141 | 244 | 247 | Trap, foot survey |
| Little Lilliwaup | 16.0228 | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Foot survey |
| Union R. ${ }^{2}$ | 15.0503 | 03FJ | 0 | 177 | 405 | 476 | Trap, foot survey |
| Stavis Cr. | 15.0404 | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Foot survey |
| Dewatto R. | 15.0420 | 03FL | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | Foot survey |
| Big Beef Cr. ${ }^{2}$ | 15.0389 | 03FM | 0 | 72 | 163 | 222 | Trap, foot survey |
| Little Anderson | 15.0377 | -- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Foot survey |
| Totals |  |  | 203 | 1,178 | 2,429 | 3,464 |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Allozyme results indicate $13.9 \%$ (+/- 7.3\%) of chum sampled in Area 7/7A reef net fishery were from Hood Canal summer chum ESU. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Stream has supplementation or reintroduction program. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Biological Data (Age, Size and Sex): The scale collections made from summer chum salmon in eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal streams during 2003 are shown in Table 6. Age composition determined from the 2003 scale collections are presented in Table 7. Information is also available on the size (fork length) and sex ratio for each stock, but these data have not yet been summarized. A summary will be provided in the 5 year review report.

Table 7. Age composition for summer chum salmon sampled from eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal streams, 2003.

| Stream | WRIA | Number sampled | Age 2 |  | Age 3 |  | Age 4 |  | Age 5 |  | Total <br> No. aged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | No. | \% | No. | \% | No. | \% | No. | \% |  |
| Dungeness River | 18.0018 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Jimmycomelately* | 17.0825 | 189 | 10 | 5.3\% | 116 | 61.4\% | 63 | 33.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 189 |
| Salmon Cr.* | 17.0245 | 361 | 2 | 0.6\% | 259 | 72.3\% | 94 | 26.3\% | 3 | 0.8\% | 358 |
| Snow Cr. | 17.0219 | 77 | 0 | 0.0\% | 57 | 74.0\% | 20 | 26.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 77 |
| Chimacum Cr.* | 17.0203 | 126 | 2 | 1.6\% | 68 | 55.3\% | 52 | 42.3\% | 1 | 0.8\% | 123 |
| Thorndyke Cr. | 17.0170 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Little Quilcene | 17.0076 | 139 | 1 | 0.7\% | 87 | 63.0\% | 50 | 36.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 139 |
| Big Quilcene R.* | 17.0012 | 396 | 0 | 0.0\% | 282 | 71.2\% | 112 | 28.3\% | 2 | 0.5\% | 396 |
| Dosewallips R. | 16.0442 | 493 | 4 | 0.8\% | 356 | 74.5\% | 117 | 24.5\% | 1 | 0.2\% | 478 |
| Duckabush R. | 16.0351 | 309 | 0 | 0.0\% | 208 | 68.4\% | 96 | 31.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 304 |
| Fulton Cr. | 16.0332 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Hamma Hamma R.* | 16.0251 | 223 | 2 | 1.0\% | 91 | 43.5\% | 115 | 55.0\% | 1 | 0.5\% | 209 |
| Lilliwaup R.* | 16.0230 | 247 | 7 | 2.9\% | 179 | 74.6\% | 54 | 22.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 240 |
| Litl. Lilliwaup | 16.0228 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Union R.* | 15.0503 | 476 | 1 | 0.2\% | 416 | 94.3\% | 23 | 5.2\% | 1 | 0.2\% | 441 |
| Stavis Cr. | 15.0404 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Dewatto R. | 15.0420 | 3 | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 100.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 |
| Big Beef Cr.* | 15.0389 | 222 | 4 | 1.8\% | 189 | 87.1\% | 24 | 11.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 217 |
| Little Anderson | 15.0377 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |

Mark Recovery: Summer chum fry from all supplementation and reintroduction programs are differentially marked to allow supplemented fish to be distinguished from naturalorigin fish when sampled as adults in fisheries, at broodstock traps, and on the spawning grounds. For the supplementation program on Big Quilcene River, all fry have been adipose-finclipped beginning with brood year 1997. The summer chum released from all other supplementation programs, have their otoliths thermally mass-marked at the embryo stage. Examination of otoliths recovered from spawned adults or checking adults for presence/absence of adipose fins provides a method to separate the number of supplementation (hatchery) fish from the number of naturally spawning fish and assists in determining the contribution of the supplementation program to the summer chum population. In addition, adipose-fin-clipping and otolith-marking makes it possible to determine the level of straying of supplementation programorigin fish to other drainages.

Marked summer chum adults produced in the supplementation or reintroduction programs began returning to streams mostly during 2000, 2001, and 2002; the exceptions are Salmon Creek which had marked adults returning beginning in 1996, Union River which had marked adults returning beginning in 2003, and Tahuya River which will not have program returns until 2006 (Table 8).

| Table 8. Brood years that summer chum salmon supplementation or reintroduction programs and mass marking of fry releases |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (otolith marking or adipose clipping) were initiated and terminated in Hood Canal and eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca |
| streams; and the first year marked adults from the programs are/were expected to return. |

The numbers of summer chum salmon sampled for otoliths during 2003 in eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal streams are shown in Table 6. In addition, all fish sampled for scales (except possibly those sampled in Catch Area 7/7A) were also sampled for adipose-clips. An initial compilation and preliminary analysis of the marking data was completed to provide estimates of natural and supplementation origin spawners by stream (Table 3). An update of that analysis and additional analyses of straying will be completed in time for inclusion in the 5 year review report.

## Harvest Management

The year 2003 was the fourth year in which the Base Conservation Regime (BCR), described in the SCSCI, was implemented and the results again can be described as very good. Tables 9 and 10 provide a final overview for the year 2002 and a preliminary overview for 2003, of the preseason estimates which triggered the various management responses, as well as the postseason estimates of results. As indicated, the information for 2003 is preliminary and subject to revision, once commercial catch data are verified and recreational catch data are included. Tables 11 and 12 show the estimated annual harvest of summer chum salmon, by management unit and fishery. Table 13 provides an overview of exploitation rates, relative to the BCR targets, for 2001 through 2003. Since the 2002 information presented here has not appreciably changed from the preliminary 2002 information previously reported, and does not affect the previously reported conclusions (WDFW and PNPTT 2003), the following discussion addresses only the year 2003.

Table 9. Post-season assessment of forecasts, recruitment, and escapement by summer chum salmon harvest management unit in the year 2002.

| Management <br> Category | Sequim | Discovery | Chimacum | Quilcene | Mainstem <br> Hood Canal | SE Hood <br> Canal |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preseason Recruit <br> Forecast | 112 | 1,356 | 333 | 5,230 | 1,941 | 675 |
| Postseason Recruit <br> Estimate 1 | 42 | 6,072 | 867 | 6,050 | 6,220 | 890 |
| Forecast Error | $166.7 \%$ | $-77.7 \%$ | $-61.6 \%$ | $-13.6 \%$ | $-68.8 \%$ | $-24.2 \%$ |
| Expected <br> Escapements 2 | 38 | 5,538 | 791 | 4,013 | 5,542 | 778 |
| Est. Escapement | 42 | 6,049 | 864 | 4,487 | 6,095 | 872 |
| BCR Escapement <br> Target Exceedance | $9.6 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ |
| Estimated <br> Exploitation Rate 1 | $0.0 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ |

1 Post season recruit estimates are preliminary and will be revised upwards when recreational harvest estimates are added. Estimates are rounded to nearest $1 / 10$ th of $1 \%$.
2 Expected escapements are generally those that would result from application of BCR expected exploitation rates. In the case of Quilcene, it was assumed that up to $50 \%$ of the entry after midSeptember could have been considered "harvestable".

Table 10. Post-season assessment of forecasts, recruitment, and escapement by summer chum salmon harvest management unit in the year 2003.

| Management <br> Category | Sequim | Discovery | Chimacum | Quilcene | Mainstem <br> Hood Canal | SE Hood <br> Canal |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preseason Recruit <br> Forecast | 92 | 2,573 | 467 | 5,974 | 3,320 | 834 |
| Postseason Recruit <br> Estimate 1 | 449 | 5,994 | 562 | 13,035 | 11,124 | 11,999 |
| Forecast Error | $-79.5 \%$ | $-57.1 \%$ | $-16.9 \%$ | $-54.2 \%$ | $-70.2 \%$ | $-93.0 \%$ |
| Expected <br> Escapements 2 | 409 | 5,467 | 513 | 5,759 | 9,911 | 10,487 |
| Est. Escapement | 446 | 5,955 | 558 | 12,733 | 11,047 | 11,916 |
| BCR Escapement <br> Target Exceedance | $8.9 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $121.1 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |
| Estimated <br> Exploitation Rate $\mathbb{1}$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |

1 Post season recruit estimates are preliminary and will be revised upwards when recreational harvest estimates are added. Estimates are rounded to nearest $1 / 10$ th of $1 \%$.
2 Expected escapements are generally those that would result from application of BCR expected exploitation rates. In the case of Quilcene, it was assumed that up to $50 \%$ of the entry after midSeptember could have been considered "harvestable".

Table 11. Summer chum salmon harvest, in 2002, by management unit and fishery.

| Fishery | Sequim | Discovery | Chimacum | Quilcene | Mainstem <br> Hood <br> Canal | SE Hood <br> Canal |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada | 0 | 12 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 2 |
| U.S. Mixed | 0 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 2 |
| Terminal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 101 | 14 |
| Extreme Terminal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,442 | 0 | 0 |

Table 12. Summer chum salmon harvest, in 2003, by management unit and fishery. ${ }^{1}$

| Fishery | Sequim | Discovery | Chimacum | Quilcene | Mainstem <br> Hood <br> Canal | SE Hood <br> Canal |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| U.S. Mixed | 3 | 35 | 3 | 76 | 65 | 70 |
| Terminal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Extreme Terminal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 Post season harvest estimates are preliminary and will be revised upwards when recreational harvest <br> estimates are added. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 13. Post season assessment of exploitation rates for 2001 through 2003, relative to $B C R$ target levels.

| Management Unit | Exploitation Rates |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BCR Target | 2001 Est. | 2002 Est. | 2003 Est. ${ }^{1}$ |
|  | $8.8 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Discovery | $8.8 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Chimacum | na | na | $0.3 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Quilcene | $15.2 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |
| Mainstem HC | $10.9 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Southeast HC | $12.6 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |

1 Based on preliminary harvest data; recreational catch not included. Rates rounded to nearest $1 / 10$ th of $1 \%$

Preseason Estimates and Planning: The 2003 preseason forecasts indicated that only the Sequim management unit (MU) abundance would fall short of its critical threshold. The preseason forecasts are presented in the Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca Framework Management Plan and Salmon Runs' Status reports (PNPTC and WDFW 2003; PNPTC, WDFW and Makah Tribe 2003). Within the Mainstem Hood Canal MU, only the Duckabush stock’s 2002 escapement fell below its minimum escapement flag (2002 escapement of 530 compared to minimum escapement flag of 700).

Preseason planning by the co-managers, in the PFMC/NOF process, focused on harvest management provisions for U.S. fisheries which were generally adopted in conformity with those found in Tables 3.29-3.34 of the SCSCI. Following co-manager consultation and review of fishery proposals, no additional measures were identified to address units predicted to be below the critical threshold. Provisions not implemented in 2003 included the release of chum salmon in the 2001 Area 4 nontreaty troll fisheries and release of chum salmon from treaty Indian seines in Areas 7 and 7A. However, there appears to be no indication, given presently available data that any significant numbers of summer chum salmon were caught in these fisheries. A detailed description of the adopted measures for terminal areas can be found in the aforementioned co-managers' 2003 Management Framework Plan and Salmon Runs’ Status reports, one for each of the two Puget Sound regions concerned: Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal. For pre-terminal fishery plans and agreements, a summary can be found in the summary fishing agreement for treaty and nontreaty fisheries in the Ocean, North of Cape Falcon, and in Puget Sound (WDFW and Western Washington Treaty Tribes 2003).

Inseason and Post-season Estimates and Management Actions: Estimated exploitation rates for Canadian fisheries were well below the level of BCR. In U.S. mixed stock areas the exploitation was also well below the BCR level. Finally, in terminal areas, exploitation rates were also well below the BCR levels except for the Quilcene MU; however, as with other management units, the expected escapements for the Quilcene MU were exceeded in 2003 (Tables 11, 12, and 13).

In 2003, post-season estimates of recruitment were higher than the pre-season forecasts for all MUs, (Table 10). Forecasts were exceeded by anywhere from 17\% (Chimacum MU) to 93\% (SE Hood Canal MU). The higher than predicted abundance resulted in the critical threshold being exceeded for all MUs. However, within the Mainstem Hood Canal MU, Hamma Hamma escapement was at $82 \%$ of its "flag" threshold. The 2003 post- season abundance estimates are preliminary and will become higher when recreational harvest estimates become available and are added to the total.

During the 2003 season, no changes were made from the initially adopted plans. Using provisions of the BCR, an inseason projection of escapement to the Quilcene MU was made. The projections indicated that escapement would be significantly above the thresholds provided in the SCSCI for fishery modification. Coho fishery regulations were somewhat relaxed, permitting the continued use of gillnets by the Treaty Indian fishery. However, gillnet effort was very low. Summer chum mortality in Area 12A was mostly incidental to beach seine
fisheries, where the high abundance and incidence of summer chum may have contributed to higher mortality. Provisions were also made for coho harvest in the Quilcene River, immediately below the hatchery.

With the exception of the Quilcene MU, where separate management provisions apply, escapement rates varied between the MUs, ranging from $97.7 \%$ to $99.3 \%$ (incomplete results). In the Quilcene MU, the escapement rates in 2002 (updated) and 2003 were $74.2 \%$ and $97.7 \%$ respectively. Therefore, fisheries in 2003 did not exacerbate conditions for any of the units whose abundance was below the critical threshold.

Information Sources: Harvest contributions were estimated using the same methods as those used during the preparation of the SCSCI. No additional information became available for use in this task.

Harvest information was based on a number of sources. For Canadian fisheries, catches were reported by PSC (Jim Cave - PSC, Leroy HopWo - CDFO; personal communication to Nick Lampsakis). For pre-terminal and terminal US fisheries, the co-managers relied on fish ticket data. For US recreational fisheries, the co-managers relied on the WDFW catch record card expanded information for the completion of annual runsize reconstructions. For 2003, this information will be used to update estimates, when it becomes available.

Monitoring: In addition to catch record data, pre-terminal and terminal area commercial catches were sampled at buying stations, as part of a CWT recovery program, and any chum salmon were recorded. In recreational fisheries, sampling was used primarily in Areas 5, 6, 12, $12 \mathrm{~A}, 12 \mathrm{~B}$ and 12 C to estimate encounters.

No summer chum biological data were collected in fisheries, primarily because of the scarcity of catch and the difficulties involved in setting up biological sampling programs for very small numbers of fish.

Compliance and Enforcement: All parties adopted regulations in accordance with the preseason plan and SCSCI. Compliance by the parties was as specified in the SCSCI and in the implementation of enforcement no significant violations were indicated.

In the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal terminal and extreme terminal areas where summer chum salmon are likely to be present in significant quantities, additional fishery patrol efforts were directed by the treaty Tribes and WDFW. More specifically, areas covered during the months of August and September, included Dungeness Bay, Sequim Bay, Discovery Bay, Quilcene Bay and River, Area 12C and numerous rivers where summer chum salmon would be present.

Tribal patrol officers placed particular emphasis on contacting tribal fishers, to inform them of the need to release all live chum salmon. An effort was also made to inspect catches, where
available, during nearshore fishing operations. To monitor the fisheries and protect summer chum returning to spawn, WDFW enforcement personnel conducted emphasis patrols on the coho-directed sport fishery in the Big Quilcene River and routinely patrolled Hood Canal marine waters during the 2003 season. The overall assessment was that the fisheries were orderly, the area closure on the lower Big Quilcene River (downstream of Rodgers Street) to protect summer chum worked well, and compliance improved as citations were issued.

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## Appendix

Run Reconstruction Tables, 2001-2003

2001

| Harvest | 12 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 1,036 | 62 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 18 | 36 |
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| 2002 |  | Harvest | 10 |  | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1,437 | 0 | 214 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |  | 5 | 30 | 41 |
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|  |  |  |  | ******* | *** R | un Abun | dance ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Locat | on ** | ******* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mgmt Unit | Prod. Unit | Escapement | Broodstock | 82G/J | 12D | 12C | 82F | 12A | 12B | 12 | 9A | Discov. | Seqm. |  | Term. | Area 10 | Area 9 | US Conv. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CDN } \\ & \text { Ar. } 20 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Skokomish | Skokomish | 0 |  | 10 |  | 10 |  |  | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  | * | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 12D | Tahuya | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  | 886 | 886 | 887 | 888 | 890 |
|  | Union | 807 | 65 |  | 872 | 872 |  |  | 872 | 886 | 886 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12A | L. Quilcene | 470 |  |  |  |  |  | 620 | 620 | 631 | 631 |  |  |  | 6,027 | 6,027 | 6,029 | 6,038 | 6,050 |
|  | B. Quilcene | 3,662 | 355 |  |  |  | 4,022 | 5,309 | 5,309 | 5,397 | 5,397 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-12B-12C | Big Beef | 677 | 65 |  |  |  |  |  | 742 | 754 | 754 |  |  |  | 6,196 | 6,196 | 6,198 | 6,207 | 6,220 |
|  | Anderson | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dosewallips | 1,627 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,627 | 1,654 | 1,654 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Duckabush | 530 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 530 | 539 | 539 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | HammaHamma | 2,260 | 68 |  |  |  |  |  | 2,328 | 2,367 | 2,367 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lilliwaup | 775 | 83 |  |  | 858 |  |  | 858 | 872 | 872 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dewatto | 10 |  |  |  | 10 |  |  | 10 | 10 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chimacum | Chimacum | 864 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 864 |  | 864 | 866 | 867 |
| Discovery | Snow | 532 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 532 |  |  | 6,049 |  | 6,051 | 6,060 | 6,072 |
|  |  | 5,389 | 128 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5,517 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sequim | Jimmycomelately | 6 | 36 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 42 |  | 42 |  | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| Totals |  | 17,609 | 800 | 10 | 872 | 1,750 | 4,022 | 5,929 | 12,906 | 13,120 | 13,120 | 6,049 | 42 |  | 20,075 | 13,120 | 20,080 | 20,110 | 20,151 |
|  | Hd Canal Portion | 10,818 | 636 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13,120 | 13,120 | 13,123 | 13,143 | 13,170 |
|  | E. Strait Portion | 6,791 | 164 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6,955 |  | 6,957 | 6,967 | 6,981 |


| Harvest | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 253 | 33 |
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********** Run Abundance by Location ${ }^{* * * * * * * * * *}$


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| Skokomish | Skokomish | 0 |  | 101 |  | 101 |  |  | 101 | 101 | 101 |  |  | * 101 | 101 | 101 | 102 | 102 |
| 12D | Tahuya | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 11,920 | 11,920 | 11,920 | 11,990 | 11,999 |
|  | Union | 11,780 | 136 |  | 11,916 | 11,916 |  |  | 11,916 | 11,916 | 11,920 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12A | L. Quilcene | 890 |  |  |  |  |  | 905 | 905 | 905 | 905 |  |  | 12,949 | 12,949 | 12,949 | 13,025 | 13,035 |
|  | B. Quilcene | 11,745 | 98 |  |  |  | 11,843 | 12,039 | 12,039 | 12,039 | 12,044 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-12B-12C | Big Beef | 824 | 72 |  |  |  |  |  | 896 | 896 | 896 |  |  | 11,051 | 11,051 | 11,051 | 11,116 | 11,124 |
|  | Anderson | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dosewallips | 7,066 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,066 | 7,066 | 7,069 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Duckabush | 1,869 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,869 | 1,869 | 1,870 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | HammaHamma | 796 | 58 |  |  |  |  |  | 854 | 854 | 854 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lilliwaup | 194 | 159 |  |  | 353 |  |  | 353 | 353 | 353 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dewatto | 9 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  | 9 | 9 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chimacum | Chimacum | 558 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 558 |  | 558 | 561 | 562 |
| Discovery | Snow | 304 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 304 |  | 5,955 |  | 5,955 | 5,990 | 5,994 |
|  | Salmon | 5,521 | 130 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5,651 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sequim | Jimmycomelately | 369 | 77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 446 | 446 |  | 446 | 449 | 449 |
| Totals |  | 41,925 | 730 | 101 | 11,916 | 12,379 | 11,843 | 12,944 | 36,008 | 36,008 | 36,021 | 5,955 | 446 | 42,980 | 36,021 | 42,980 | 43,233 | 43,265 |
|  | Hd Canal Portion | 35,173 | 523 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 36,021 | 36,021 | 36,021 | 36,233 | 36,260 |
|  | E. Strait Portion | 6,752 | 207 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6,959 |  | 6,959 | 7,000 | 7,005 |

[NDL1]I know this makes the table look bigger and indicates lots of effort, but I just don't see the point in listing systems where no sample of any sort was collected and where no summer chum run exists.

