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## PREFACE

The Tidal Sportfishing Diary Program was initiated in 1979 to obtain estimates of the sport catch by B.C. residents fishing in B.C. tidal waters. The Visitors Sportfishing Survey was first conducted in 1982 to obtain estimates of sport catch and expenditures by visitors fishing in B.C. tidal waters. Previous reports cover survey development and annual results. This report serves as a continuation of this series and deals with the 1987/88 results.
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## ABSTRACT

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Mail surveys collected $1987 / 88$ licence year catch and effort data on recreational fishing in B.C. tidal waters. During $1,950,000$ angler days, adult anglers caught and kept 1,934,000 salmon including 395,000 chinook and 1,157,000 coho. Developments in the Diary program and problems related to mail surveys are reviewed.

Keywords: sportfishing, tidal waters, logbook, mail survey, catch statistics

## RESUME

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Lors d'enquetes par correspondance, on a recueilli des donnés sur les efforts et les prises pour la saison de pêche récréatvie 1987-1988 dans les eaux de marée en C. - . Pendant $1,950,000$ jours-pecheurs, les pecheurs adultes a la ligne ont capturé et gardé $1,934,000$ saumons dont 393,000 saumons chinook et $1,157,000$ saumons coho. Les développements du programme et les problemes relies aux enquetes par correspondance sont l'étude.

Mots clés: pêche sportvie, eaux de marée, journal de bord, enquete par correspondance, statistiques sur les prises.

The Tidal Sportfishing Diary Program is a mail survey of resident B.C. tidal water anglers. The Diary program was introduced in 1979 as a method of estimating recreational catch and effort. It was necessary to survey large numbers of B.C. adults in order to contact anglers in the absence of a licencing program. The B.C. Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence, introduced during 1981, identified anglers and provided a sample base for the program beginning in 1982. The licences also provide a sample base for anglers visiting B.C. The Visitors Sportfishing Survey was first conducted in 1982 to obtain estimates of sport catch and expenditures by anglers visiting B.C. during the previous year. The 1981 and 1982 licence years corresponded to calendar years (January 1 to December 31). The 1983 licence year was a transition from a calendar year to a fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) and extended from January 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984. The 1983 Diary program and Visitors Survey covered the entire 15 month period although only the 1983 calendar year statistics were published. The $1987 / 88$ population and catch and effort statistics correspond to the $1987 / 88$ licence year (April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988).

## METHODOLOGY

A systematic sample of $35,0001986 / 87$ B.C. Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licences was drawn. The licence information was keyed directly from the licence stubs into a computer to produce an address list. The B.C. addresses were used for the Tidal Diary program while the remainder were used for the Visitors Sportfishing Survey.

## Tidal Sportfishing Diary Program

In 1987/88, the Diary Program was conducted as follows: semi-monthly, a new sample or panel of 1200 licence holders was mailed a diary form covering a full "month". Half of the panels were responsible for recording fishing actviity for a calendar month, the other half for an interval from the middle of one month to the middle of the next. Data for the first half of the "month" was filled in from memory; data for the second half was filled in as they fished. Reminders were sent to all panel members at the end of the "month". Diarists were provided with addressed postage paid envelopes for returning the survey forms. Drawings of the 5 salmon species and lingcod, rockfish and halibut were included to aid identification.

## Visitors Sportfishing Survey

Three thousand questionnaires were sent to visiting North American anglers (excluding B.C.) at the end of the licence year. Reminders were sent to questionnaire nonrespondents four weeks after the initial sendout. Questionnaire recipients were asked about their fishing actviity in B.C. during the 1987/88 licence year.

RESULTS
Returns
The number of diary returns for each panel of the $1987 / 88$ Diary Program is provided in Table 1. The proportion of respondents fishing during each diary period varies throughout the year, as shown in Table $1 . \quad$ Three thousand questionnaires were sent out for the $1987 / 88$ Visitors Survey. The return rate for the Visitors Survey was $73 \%$.

## Resident Sportfishing Population

The estimated number of B.C. resident adult anglers in 1987/88 is provided in Table 2. The population is estimated using the proportion of B.C. anglers in the licence sample and the total licence sales. The population consists of adult B.C. resident tidal water anglers (aged 16 and over). Characteristics of the population of licence holders can be estimated from the sample of licence holders selected to recevie questionnaires. Males account for $80 \%$ of the population of licence holders while females account for only 20\% (Figure 1). The population of B.C. adults, by comparison, is composed of almost equal numbers of males and females (Statistics Canada 1987).

The age composition of the B.C. adult population is presented in Figure 2. The proportion of individuals between 26 and 54 years of age is higher among licenced anglers than among B.C. adults in general. More young adults and people 55 years of age and over are present in the total population of adults (Statistics Canada 1987).

TABLE 1

DIARY RETURNS - $1987 / 88$

| Panel Period Und | elvierable | Total <br> Possible <br> Response | Number of Respondents | Adjusted Response $\qquad$ | \% That <br> Fished |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr 01-Apr 301 | 152 | 1,101 | 601 | 55 | 8 |
| Apr 16-May 15. | 158 | 1,087 | 618 | 57 | 14 |
| May 01-May 31 | 144 | 1,101 | 611 | 55 | 20 |
| May 16-Jun 15 | 136 | 1,064 | 575 | 54 | 19 |
| Jun 01-Jun 30 | 149 | 1,051 | 561 | 53 | 21 |
| Jun 16-Jul 15 | 143 | 1,057 | 588 | 56 | 26 |
| Jul 01-Jul 31 | 176 | 1,024 | 573 | 56 | 24 |
| Jul 16-Aug 15 | 143 | 1,057 | 576 | 54 | 28 |
| Aug 01-Aug 31 | 166 | 1,034 | 607 | 59 | 33 |
| Aug 16-Sep 15 | 176 | 1,024 | 577 | 56 | 33 |
| Sep 01-Sep 30 | 189 | 1,011 | 544 | 54 | 26 |
| Sep 15-Oct 16 | 198 | 1,002 | 547 | 55 | 17 |
| Oct 01-Oct 31 | 192 | 1,008 | 593 | 59 | 15 |
| Oct 15-Nov 16 | 193 | 1,007 | 590 | 59 | 9 |
| Nov 01-Nov 30 | 211 | 989 | 620 | 63 | 6 |
| Nov 15-Dec 16 | 200 | 1,000 | 595 | 60 | 3 |
| Dec 01-Dec 31 | 195 | 1,005 | 593 | 59 | 4 |
| Dec 15-Jan 16/88 | 201 | 999 | 596 | 60 | 4 |
| 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 01-Jan 31 | 198 | 1,002 | 587 | 59 | 4 |
| Jan 15-Feb 16 | 205 | 995 | 616 | 62 | 4 |
| Feb 01-Feb 28 | 194 | 1,006 | 585 | 58 | 2 |
| Feb 15-Mar 16 | 202 | 998 | 593 | 59 | 4 |
| Mar 01-Mar 31 | 209 | 991 | 566 | 57 | 7 |
| Mar 15-Apr 16 | 210 | 990 | 538 | 54 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 4,340 | 24,603 | 14,050 | 57 | 14 |

1 These three panels had larger sample sizes (1253, 1245 and 1245 anglers) because of computerized sample selection problems.

## TABLE 2

## ESTIMATED ROPULATION OF B.C. RESIDENT ANGLERS

| Year | Number of <br> Anglers |
| :--- | ---: |
| 1981 | 203,000 |
| 1982 | 223,000 |
| $1983 / 84$ | 224,000 |
| $1984 / 85$ | 225,000 |
| $1985 / 86$ | 239,000 |
| $1986 / 87$ | 242,000 |
| $1987 / 88$ | 240,000 |

The distribution of B.C. residents and licenced anglers by area of residence is presented in Figure 3 . Over 75 of licenced anglers are from Vancouver Island and the Greater Vancouver area. These areas account for only $62 \%$ of the total population of B.C. (Statistics Canada 1987). The proportion of licenced anglers is higher than the proportion of the population in coastal areas, with the exception of Greater Vancouver.

## Population of Visiting Anglers

An estimated 109,000 visiting anglers fished in B.C. tidal waters in 1987/88. The population consisted of 33,400 Canadians, 71,000 U.S. visitors and 4,200 visitors from other countries (Table 3). The sex composition of the population of visiting anglers is similar to the composition of B.C. resident anglers. Males account for $78 \%$ of the visiting population and females account for 22\%.

The age composition of the population of visiting anglers is presented in Figure 2. The proportion of individuals over the age of age 45 is higher among visiting anglers than among B. C. resident anglers.

Americans accounted for $65 \%$ of the visiting anglers while Canadians accounted for $31 \%$. The remaining $4 \%$ of the visiting anglers originated from outside North America. The proportions of visiting anglers by country of origin are presented in figures 4 and 5.

TABLE 3

## ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VISITING ANGLERS

|  |  |  |  |  | Country of Origin |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Year | Canada |  | U.S.A. | Other |

FIGURE 1
SEX COMPOSITION OF B.C. ADULTS, ANGLERS AND VISITING ANGLERS 1987/88


FIGURE 2

AGE COMPOSITION OF B.C. ADULTS, ANGLERS AND VISITING ANGLERS 1987/88

## Age Group



FIGURE 3
DISTRIBUTION OF B.C. RESIDENTS AND LICENCED ANGLERS BY RESIDENCE AREA - 1987/88



Total Visiting Anglers

## FIGURE 5

RESIDENCE OF NONCANADIAN ANGLERS - $1987 / 88$


Catch
British Columbia resident adult anglers caught and retained 1,292,000 salmon during the $1987 / 88$ licence year (Table 5). The catch consisted of 258,000 chinook, 778,000 coho, and 256,000 salmon of other species. Visiting anglers caught an additional 653,000 salmon, consisting of 139,000 chinook, 379,000 coho and 138,000 salmon of other species (Table 6). The combined catch by B.C. resident and visiting anglers was 392,000 chinook, 1,157,000 coho and 395,000 salmon of other species, resulting in a total catch of 1,944,000 salmon in 1987/88 (Table 9).

Most of the salmon were caught between Vancouver Island and the mainland. This area accounted for $75 \%$ of the chinook, $89 \%$ of the coho and $85 \%$ of the total salmon caught and kept by B.C. resident anglers in 1987/88. This area contributed a smaller proportion (79\%) of the total salmon caught by visiting anglers.

British Columbia residents also caught and retained 170,000 lingcod, 413,000 rockfish and 46,000 halibut during the $1987 / 88$ licence year (Table 7). Visiting anglers caught an additional 79,000 lingcod, 87,000 rockfish and 7,000 halibut (Table 8). The combined catch by B.C. resident and visiting anglers was 249,000 lingcod, 501,000 rockfish and 53,000 halibut (Table 9).

Over 80\% of the rockfish and lingcod caught by residents were taken from waters between Vancouver Island and the mainland. About $75 \%$ of the lingcod and $60 \%$ of the rockfish caught by visitors were taken from this area. Over $75 \%$ of the halibut caught by B.C. residents were taken from waters north of Vancouver Island (81\%). Visitors took almost equal proportions of halibut from waters west of Vancouver Island (33\%) and from the North Coast (36\%).

The catch estimates from 1985/86 through 1987/88 are presented in table 11.

TABLE 4

## $1987 / 88$ SALMON CATCH ${ }^{1}$ AND EFFORT BY REGION FOR B.C. RESIDENT ANGLERS

| Region | $\begin{gathered} \text { Angler } \\ \text { Days } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Chinook | Coho | Other <br> Salmon | Total Salmon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North Coast <br> (Areas 1-6) ${ }^{2}$ | 44.4 | 13.3 | 11.7 | 4.8 | 29.9 |
| Central Coast <br> (Areas 7-11) ${ }^{2}$ | 16.2 | 3.3 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 17.3 |
| E. Vancouver Is. (Areas 12-14) ${ }^{2}$ | 342.3 | 55.4 | 337.4 | 47.0 | 439.9 |
| Sunshine Coast <br> (Areas 15-16) ${ }^{2}$ | 163.9 | 18.7 | 96.6 | 1.2 | 116.6 |
| S. Vancouver Is. (Areas 17-20) ${ }^{2}$ | 451.7 | 99.9 | 206.7 | 117.7 | 424.3 |
| W. Vancouver Is. <br> (Areas 21-27) ${ }^{2}$ | 120.1 | 48.6 | 66.1 | 35.3 | 150.0 |
| Lower Mainland (Areas 28-29) ${ }^{2}$ | 208.2 | 18.4 | 50.4 | 45.0 | 113.8 |
| Total B.C. <br> (Areas 1-29) ${ }^{2}$ | 1346.7 | 257.6 | 778.0 | 256.1 | 1291.6 |

${ }^{1}$ catch is reported as thousands of fish kept.
2 Department of Fisheries statistical areas as indicated in the map in Appendix $B$.

TABLE 5

## 1987/88 SALMON CATCH ${ }^{1}$ AND EFFORT BY REGION FOR VISITING ANGLERS

| Region | Angler Days | Chinook | Coho | Other <br> Salmon | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total } \\ \text { Salmon } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North Coast <br> (Areas 1-6) ${ }^{2}$ | 33.3 | 7.5 | 12.8 | 3.8 | 24.1 |
| Central Coast <br> (Areas 7-11) ${ }^{2}$ | 37.5 | 7.8 | 17.1 | 7.4 | 32.3 |
| E. Vancouver Is. (Areas 12-14) ${ }^{2}$ | 332.2 | 59.5 | 258.5 | 110.0 | 428.0 |
| Sunshine Coast <br> (Areas 15-16) ${ }^{2}$ | 42.9 | 5.5 | 24.1 | 2.1 | 31.8 |
| S. Vancouver Is. <br> (Areas 17-20) ${ }^{2}$ | 67.8 | 14.2 | 26.5 | 5.2 | 45.9 |
| W. Vancouver Is. <br> (Areas 21-27) ${ }^{2}$ | 79.0 | 37.7 | 36.4 | 9.3 | 83.3 |
| Lower Mainland <br> (Areas 28-29) ${ }^{2}$ | 10.8 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 7.2 |
| Total B.C. <br> (Areas 1-29) ${ }^{2}$ | 603.4 | 134.8 | 378.9 | 138.8 | 652.5 |

1 Catch is reported as thousands of fish kept.
2 Department of Fisheries statistical areas as indicated on the map in Appendix $B$.

# 1987/88 NONSALMON CATCH ${ }^{1}$ BY REGION FOR B.C. RESIDENT ANGLERS 

Region
North Coast
$(\text { Areas } 1-6)^{2}$
Central Coast
(Areas 7-11) ${ }^{2}$
E. Vancouver $\frac{1}{2}$.
(Areas 12-14) ${ }^{2}$
Sunshine Coast
$(\text { Areas 15-16 })^{2}$
S. Vancouver Is.
(Areas $17-20)^{2}$
W. Vancouver $\frac{I}{2}$ S.
$\left(\right.$ Areas 21-27) ${ }^{2}$
Lower Mainland
(Axeas 28-29) ${ }^{2}$
Total B.C.
(Areas 1-29) ${ }^{2}$

Lingcod Rockfish
7.2
0.4
49.3
29.7
45.7
26.8
11.1
170.2
413.3

Halibut 36.2
0.6
3.4
0.4
1.8
1.9

1. 2
45.5
[^0]
## 1987/88 NONSALMON CATCH BY REGION FOR VISITING ANGLERS

| Region | Lingcod | Rockfish | Halibut |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North Coast <br> (Areas 1-6) ${ }^{2}$ | 2.5 | 7.0 | 2.6 |
| Central Coast (Areas 7-11) ${ }^{2}$ | 2.5 | 2.7 | 1.4 |
| E. Vancouver Is. (Areas 12-14) | 39.4 | 34.1 | 0.6 |
| Sunshine Coast <br> (Areas 15-16) ${ }^{2}$ | 5.6 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| S. Vancouver Is. (Areas 17-20) ${ }^{2}$ | 14.2 | 11.2 | 0.3 |
| W. Vancouver Is. <br> (Areas 21-27) ${ }^{2}$ | 13.9 | 26.0 | 2.4 |
| Lower Mainland <br> (Areas 28-29) ${ }^{2}$ | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Total B.C. <br> (Areas 1-29) ${ }^{2}$ | 78.5 | 87.4 | 7.3 |

${ }^{1}$ Catch is reported as thousands of fish kept.
${ }^{2}$ Department of Fisheries statistical areas as indicated on the map in Appendix B.

TABLE 8
$1987 / 88$ B.C. TIDAL WATER SPORT CATCH ${ }^{\prime}$ AND EFFORT ( $000^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$ )
B. C. Resident
Anglers $^{2}$

Angler Days 1,346.7
Chinook 257.6
Coho
Other Salmon 256.1
Total Salmon 1,291.6
Lingcod 170.2
Rockfish 413.3
Halibut 45.5

Visiting Anglers ${ }^{3}$
603.4
134.8
378.9
138.8
652.6
78.5
87.4
7.3

Total

1,950.1
392.4

1,156.9
394.9

1,944.1
248.8
500.7
52.9
${ }^{1}$ Catch is reported as number of fish kept.
${ }^{2}$ Tidal Sportfishing Diary Program.
3 Visitors Sportfishing Diary Program.

## Effort

British Columbia resident anglers fished an estimated 1.3 million days in 1987/88. Visiting anglers fished an estimated 603,000 days in B.C. tidal waters in the 1987/88 licence year, bringing the total tidal water estimate of effort to 1.95 million days during the $1987 / 88$ licence year. More than $90 \%$ of the finfish effort by B.C. resident anglers occurred from boats. The percentage of effort from boats was much lower around the fraser River (area 29) due to a closure to salmon sport fishing at the mouth of the Fraser River (Department of Fisheries and Oceans 1987). Fishing from the shore and fishing bars accounted for more than one third (36\%) of the effort in this area in 1987/88. Most of the combined angler effort (83\%) occurs inside Vancouver Island.

## Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE)

The average catch per angler day for B.C. resident anglers during $1987 / 88$ was 0.19 chinook, 0.58 coho and 0.96 for all salmon combined (Table 10). The average catch per angler day for visiting anglers was 0.20 chinook, 0.63 coho and 1.08 for all salmon combined. The average CPUE of released salmon by B.C. resident anglers in $1987 / 88$ was 0.27 chinook and 0.43 coho.

The catch per angler day estimates for $1985 / 86$ through 1987/88 are presented in Table 11.

## Catch and Effort by Juvenile Anglers

A Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence for juvenile anglers (age 15 and under) was introduced as part of the 1987/88 licence system. The population of juvenile anglers by residence can be estimated from juvenile licence sales and a sample of licences providing residence information. In 1987/88, there were 40,000 B.C. juvenile anglers and 9,000 visiting juvenile anglers, estimated using licence sales and sample information.

TABLE 9

## 1987/88 SALMON CATCH PER UNIT EFFORT

|  | Chinook | Coho | Total <br> Salmon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B.C. Resident Anglers | 0.19 | 0.58 | 0.96 |
| Visiting Anglers | 0.22 | 0.63 | 1.08 |
| All Anglers | 0.20 | 0.59 | 1.00 |

## TABLE <br> 10

# B.C. TIDAL WATER SALMON SPORT CATCH AND EFFORT (000'S) 1985-1987 

| $\underline{1985 / 86}$ | $\underline{1986 / 87}$ |  | $1987 / 88$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2,260.4$ | $2,107.0$ | $1,950.1$ |  |

Catch
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Chinook } & 549.5 & 516.2 & 392.4\end{array}$
Coho 1,117.2
1,302.3
1,156.9
Other Salmon 296.3
Total Salmon $1,963.0$
112.3
394.9

Effort

| Angler Days | $2,260.4$ | $2,107.0$ | $1,950.1$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Catch | 549.5 | 516.2 | 392.4 |
| Chinook | $1,117.2$ | $1,302.3$ | $1,156.9$ |
| Coho | 296.3 | 112.3 | 394.9 |
| Other Salmon | $1,930.8$ | $1,944.1$ |  |

Catch per Unit Effort

| Chinook | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.20 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coho | 0.49 | 0.62 | 0.59 |
| Total Salmon | 0.87 | 0.92 | 1.00 |

1 Catch is reported as number of fish kept.

Prior to 1987/88, the population of juvenile anglers was estimated using data from previous Diary Programs and Visitors Surveys and adult angler population estimates. Based on questionnaire data from the 1982 through 1984 Diary programs, the average ratio of $B, C$. juveniles to adult anglers is 1:4. Based on the 1983 and 1984 Visitor Surveys, the average ratio of visiting juveniles to adult anglers is $1: 3$. Using these ratios, the number of B.C. juvenile anglers is estimated to be 60,000 while the number of visiting anglers is estimated to be 36,000 . Licence sales yield a ratio of $1: 6 \mathrm{~B} . \mathrm{C}$. juveniles to adult anglers and a ratio of $1: 14$ visiting juveniles to adult anglers. The 1987/88 licence sales and past surveys may provide different estimates of the numbers of juvenile anglers because of the following reasons:

1. The average ratio of visiting juvenile to adult anglers may have been inaccurately measured by the Visitor Surveys. 2. Anglers may not have been aware of the requirement for licencing juvenile anglers.
2. Adult anglers may not bother to obtain licences for juvenile anglers.
3. B.C. resident juvenile anglers may obtain more than one licence because of the novelty of the licence available at no charge.
4. Adult anglers may obtain more licences for their children in order to share their catch limits.

Other surveys (Cox 1977; Cumming 1979; Pelletier, Lacasse and Ducharme 1981; Thomson 1974) indicate that the average number of days fished by resident juvenile anglers is one-third to two-thirds the average number of days fished by their adult counterparts. It is assumed that each B.C. juvenile resident angler fishes half as many days as an adult. The estimated
effort for $B . C$ resident juvenile anglers is provided in Table 12.

Results of previous Visitors Surveys (James 1986, James 1985) indicate that the majority of visiting anglers came to the province to fish or for a vacation. Juvenile visiting anglers would probably be members of families on fishing trips or vacations. These juveniles would be more likely to fish than would resident juveniles. The assumption is, therefore, that visiting juveniles fish proportionally more than resident juveniles but less than visiting adults. It is assumed that visiting juveniles fish $75 \%$ the number of days fished by visiting adults. The estimated effort for visiting juvenile anglers is provided in Table 12.

The catch by juvenile anglers is estimated to be the effort by juvenile anglers multiplied by the catch rates for adult anglers. It is assumed that juvenile anglers generally fish with and are assisted by adults so the catch rates are equal. The estimated catches by juveniles are presented in Table 12. These catches are not included in the previously discussed catches by adult anglers.

TABLE 11
1987/88 JUVENILE ANGLER CATCH AND EFFORT

| B.C. Resident Juvenile Anglers |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Licence <br> Ropulation | Survey <br> Population |
| Angler Days | 112,000 | 168,000 |
| Chinook | 21,000 | 32,000 |
| Coho | 65,000 | 97,000 |

## Visiting Juvenile Anglers

## Licence <br> population

Angler Days
37,000
150,000
Chinook
8,000
33,000
Coho
24,000 95,000

1 The catch and effort estimates are made using juvenile population estimates based on $1987 / 88$ juvenile licence sales.

2 The catch and effort estimates are made using juvenile population estimates based on prior survey results.

## DISCUSSION

## Potential Survey Biases

Certain types of error are associated with any type of survey. One type of error is referred to as nonresponse and results from the failure to measure or contact the entire survey sample (Cochrane 1977). Biased measurements could be obtained if the characteristics of the measured group differ from the group that was not measured. Individuals that voluntarily return questionnaires as part of a mail survey are possibly more interested in the questionnaire subject and could differ from those who don't return questionnaires. Tidal Diary respondents could be more actvie and successful anglers than nonrespondents. Estimates of fishing actviity from this source alone could be biased upwards.

Nonrespondents were surveyed by telephone as part of the 1987/88 Diary program. Survey results indicate that $73 \%$ of the nonrespondents fished compared to $74 \%$ of the respondents. A chi-square test indicated no difference between these participation rates at the .05 level of significance. Nonrespondents reported fishing more days and catching more salmon, on the average, although these differences are not significant as indicated by t-tests at the 05 level of significance. Catch per angler day (CPUE) can be considered to be a measure of fishing success. The chinook and coho CPUE for respondents were higher but not significantly so as indicated by t-tests at the .05 level of significance. Therefore, the hypothesis that nonrespondents were as successful as the respondents was not rejected.

Another source of error is recall bias and arises because individuals cannot always accurately recall details after time has passed. The result could be either under or over estimating, depending on the subject. This type of bias can be a problem in
postseason mail surveys such as the visitors survey when the recall period is long. Diary program participants, however, are asked to recall the last half month only and keep records as they fish for the remainder of the month. For each half month, a recalled set of data and a current set of data are collected. Generally, respondents indicated fishing more days and catching more fish when recalling than when keeping current records. The differences between the recalled and current data are significant as indicated by analyses of variance at the 05 level of significance for coho and total salmon.

Error can also result from inaccurate reporting by the respondents. Salmon drawings with identification points were supplied to all of the diarists to assist in correct species identification.

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## APPENDIX A

## SPECIES LIST

COMMON AND SCIENTIFIC NAMES OF FISH RECORDED

Common Name
Chinook
Coho
Other salmon
Lingcod
Rockfish
Halibut

## Scientific Name

Oncorhynchus tschawytscha
Oncorhynchus kisutch
oncorhynchus spp.
Ophiodon elongatus
Sebastes spp.
Hippoglossus stenalepis

APRENDIX B
Statistical area map


## APPENDIX C

TIDAL SPORTFISHING DIARY PROGRAM PANEL PRESENTATION


## APPENDIX D

FORM SAMPLES

1. Tidal Sportfishing Diary - Page 1

Tidal sportifshimg ollary (I)
Please record the fishing information even if you caught no ifis.

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1. Tidal Sportfishing Diary - Page 2

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## 2. Visitor Sportfishing Survey - Page 1

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AREA. Refer to the attached map of Pisherles statistleal areas, locate the area where you were fisining and record the corresponding area number. If you fished in wore than one area in the month, use a separate line for each area fished and record the appropriate infornation for those areas on separate lines.

DAYS FISHED: Record the days you personally etshed in each area in each month, including the days where nothing was caught.

CACCH: In the appropriate column record the total number of fish caught by you personally. Do not include released fish. Please gecord king and spring salmon in the "chinook" column and silver salmon in the "coho" colun.

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PRISES：Dans la colonne appropriée，inscrivez le nombre total de poissons que vous avez personellement capture．N＇incluez pas le（s）poisson（s）que vous avez rejete．

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[^0]:    1 catch $1 s$ reported as thousands of $f 1 s h$ kept.
    2 Department of fisheries statistical areas as indicated on the map in Appendix $B$.

