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Catch and effort statistics for the Strait of Georgia tidal sport fishery are presented for each month in 1984. The statistics were derived by combining the data from over 30,000 interviews and 55 aerial surveys. Estimates were provided for the number of sport fishing boat trips and the catches of chinook, coho, and pink salmon along with rockfish, lingcod, dogfish and other finfish. Also given are numbers of marked (adipose fin-clipped) and unmarked chinook and coho expmined during the creel survey, and the age composition and length distribu,ion of chinook catches. The appendix includes all catch and effort statistics for each combination of month and Statistical Area.

Keywords: salmon, groundfish, creel survey, sport fishing, catch, effort, age composition, length distribution.

RÉSUMÉ
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Les statistiques relatives aux prises et a l'effort de pêche de la pêche sportive de la zone tidale du détroit de Géorgie sont présentées pour chaque mois de 1984. Ces valeurs ont été obtenues en réunissant les données de plus de 30,000 entrevues et 55 relevés aériens. On $y$ trouve les estimations du nombre de sorties des bateaux de pêche sportive et des prises de saumons quinnat, coho et rose en plus de celles de scorpènes, d'ophiodon, d'aiguillat et d'autres poissons. Le nombre de saumons quinnat et coho marqués (coupe de la nageoire adipeuse) et non marqués examinés au cours des relevés des prises et la composition par âges et la distribution par longueur des prises de saumon quinnat sont aussi présentés. On trouve aussi en appendice toutes les statistiques relatives aux prises et à l'effort de pêche pour chaque mois et combination de zones statistiques.

Mots clés: saumon, poisson de fond, releve des prises, pêche sportive, prises, effort de pêche, composition par âges, distribution par longueur.

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report documents the 1984 catch and effort statistics for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery and discusses methodology for collecting these data. During the 1970s, the sport fishery grew to be the largest harvester of chinook and coho salmon in the Strait of Georgia. Figure 1 and Table 1 show historical catch statistics for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery for the period 1960-1984. Prior to 1980, fisheries managers recognized the need for accurate catch statistics. In 1980, the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey Program was initiated to meet the need for accurate and timely sport catch statistics primarily for chinook and coho. Since then, the objectives of the Creel Survey Program have been expanded to provide accurate estimates of all major sport-caught finfish, and age and length composition of chinook catches. This report is one of a series of Strait of Georgia Creel Survey Reports which document annual creel survey activities and estimation procedures, and provide official published Strait of Georgia tidal sport fishery catch statistics.

In 1984 the creel survey gathered a comprehensive set of annual sport fishing data for Strait of Georgia. The only project interruption occurred during April when no interview or overflight data were collected due to fiscal constraints.

In this report, all figures, tables and appendices are located at the end of text.

### 2.0 METHODS

The Strait of Georgia Creel Survey is comprised of two independent surveys: angler interviews and aerial overflights. Angler interviews provide data on sport fishing catch per unit effort (CPE) and daily activity patterns. Aerial overflights provide estimates of the total sport fishing effort in the study area at the time of the aerial survey. These data are combined to provide monthly estimates of total sport fishing effort and total catch of salmon and groundfish in the sport fishery. In its simplest form, the estimated total catch is calculated by multiplying estimated total effort by catch per unit effort.

The design of the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey conducted in 1984 was similar to the 1983 survey and similar to that used by DPA Consulting Ltd. (1982) with some modifications to the data analyzed, sampling intensity, flight routes and data processing. Sampling was conducted during each month of the year (except April) and estimates were produced for 10 time periods. January and February data were grouped together, as were November and December data because of reduced fishing activity and sampling in these winter months. Mid-week days and weekend days were considered independently because sport fishing activity is known to be quite different between the two types of days. The Strait of Georgia study area was also stratified by geographic region. Catch and effort statistics were produced for each of the 10

Statistical Areas within the Strait of Georgia (Areas 13 - 19A, $19 \mathrm{~B}+, 28$ and 29, Fig. 2); Statistical Area $19 \mathrm{~B}+$ includes the portion of Area 20 east of Sheringham Point (see Appendix $D$ for a complete description of the study area). Data collection, entry and preliminary processing were conducted for most of the year by DPA Consulting Ltd., and are reported in their 1985 document. Estimation of catch and effort statistics was conducted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

### 2.1 FIELD SURVEYS

### 2.11 Angler Interviews

Sport fishermen were interviewed at the end of their fishing trip to determine time spent fishing, locations fished and catch of each species on the trip. Demographic information was also collected during each interview. Figure 3 shows the interview form used in 1984.

Interviewers trained in fish identification inspected each boating party's catch. Unlike other methods of collecting sport fishery information, such as mail-in or telephone surveys, there was little memory-related recall bias, non-response bias, and fish identification concern with this approach to determining sport fishery catch. Landed chinook and coho were checked for a missing adipose fin which indicates the presence of a coded wire tag embedded in the fish nose cartilage. In addition, scale samples for age determination and measurements for nose-fork length were taken during every sampling shift in the winter and every other shift in the summer. Five scales were removed from the INPFC (International North Pacific Fisheries Commission) preferred area of each biosampled chinook (Mosher 1968).

The interviews were conducted at 31 landing sites (boat ramps, marinas, or resorts, Fig. 2) representative of sport fishing activity in each Statistical Area. The number of sites selected in each area was dictated by targets of desired precision and number of surveyors available。 For each area - day type - work block stratum, sampling shifts at a site were chosen on a near random basis from the total number of shifts available. For definition of the above terms (day type, work block, shift) see Appendix A.

### 2.12 Aerial Overflights

Aerial surveys, conducted from float planes travelling along pre-defined routes, allowed observers to count vessels actively sport fishing throughout the Strait of Georgia. Planes flew at an altitude of 500-700 feet to facilitate a broad range of vision and still allow easy identification of vessel characteristics. Each plane carried three observers, two on the right side and one on the left, and each observer counted sport fishing boats to his/her side of the flight path. Figure 2 shows the flight paths used in 1984. The winter (October - April) flight path was slightly reduced to correspond with lower winter effort.

The flight path and time of departure were designed to cover major concentrations of sport fishing activity at peak periods. Whenever possible, the route was flown to keep most of the sport fishing boats to the right side to allow averaging of the two right side counts. To maximize precision, flying times during which fishing effort was rapidly changing were avoided. The number of overflights each month was governed by targets of desired precision and the expected number of interviews from the given number of sampling shifts (English et al. 1986). The days for overfights during a month were randomly selected for each day type.

### 2.2 DATA ANALYSIS

Data analysis included calculation of catch and effort statistics, calculation of variance of total fishing effort and total catch, estimation of marked chinook and coho salmon, and estimation of age composition of chinook catch. Appendix A details the methods and equations used in the above data analysis.

### 3.0 RESULTS

### 3.1 DISTRIBUTION OF SAMPLING EFFORT

Table 2 shows the number of creel survey fishing interviews conducted by month and Statistical Area in 1984, and the number of monthly overflights. A total of 32,454 interviews ( 27,225 fishing interviews) and 55 overflights were conducted in 1984. The monthly distribution of interviews reflected the monthly distribution of fishing effort (number of boat trips, Table 3), except in April when no interviews were conducted (Fig. 4). Interview effort was reduced during winter months, especially for Statistical Areas 13,14 and 15 in the northern portion of Strait of Georgia (Table 2). The total fishing interviews represented $4.2 \%$ of the estimated total fishing effort for the entire study area ( 651,090 boat trips, Table 3) and ranged in each Statistical Area from a low of $1.9 \%$ of the estimated fishing effort in Area 18 to a high of $7.6 \%$ in Area 19B+ (Tables 2 and 4 ).

### 3.2 SPORT FISHING EFFORT AND CATCH

The 1984 Strait of Georgia sport fishing effort and catch statistics are summarized for each species by month in Table 3 and by Statistical Area in Table 4. Appendix $B$ shows the fishing effort and catch statistics for each combination of month and Statistical Area.

Sport fishermen made 651,090 boat trips during 1984, which represents the highest level of effort recorded for this fishery to date except for 1980 (Table 1). The fishing effort followed the same general seasonal pattern as seen in previous years (Fig. 5). Effort levels climbed steadily from April, peaked in July and August, and declined rapidly in September and October. However, compared to previous years, the distribution of fishing effort in 1984 was shifted slightly toward the earlier months (Fig. 5) 。

The total finfish sport catch in the Strait of Georgia in 1984 was estimated at $1,213,460$ pieces (including steelhead and cutthroat trout, Table 3) and consisted of $68 \%$ salmon and $32 \%$ groundfish. An additional 639,676 salmon of mixed species were released by anglers (Appendix $B=7$ ). The two main catch groups are discussed below.

### 3.21 Salmon

Salmon sport catches in the Strait of Georgia in 1984 totalled 828,092 pieces (Tables 3 and 4) and consisted of $54 \%$ coho, $45 \%$ chinook, $1 \%$ pink salmon and $0.6 \%$ other salmon.

Chinook sport catches showed a substantial increase in 1984, with anglers taking 369,445 fish (Tables 3 and 4) compared to 198,433 in 1983 and 163,793 in 1982 (Fig. 1, Table 1). The majority of the increased catch was taken during the months of June, July and August when catches more than doubled the revious years' average for those months (Fig. 6). The annual distribution of catch was shifted slightly earlier in the season than in previous years which corresponds to the slightly earlier timing in the effort.

Seasonal catch efficiency for chinook showed an unusual pattern in 1984. Catch per boat trip was highest in June ( 0.9 fish) rather than during the winter months which typically have higher catch success compared to the summer months (Fig. 7, Table 5). The earlier timing of the chinook catch and effort and the unusually high catch efficiency seen in the summer months were probably a result of greater than normal abundance of this species during the spring and summer of 1984 . The greater abundance most likely resulted from a combination of a strong brood return and a shortened commercial troll season. A strong brood return was expected in 1984, based on the large catch component of age 2 chinook the previous year ( $57 \%$ of the 1983 chinook catch consisted of age 2 fish, Shardlow et al. 1989). In addition, the commercial troll fishery, which takes the majority of its chinook catch in the spring months (Argue et al. 1987), was delayed in 1984 from April to July.

The highest annual chinook catches in 1984 were taken in Area 13 (25\% of total) and Area 14 ( $15 \%$ ), which was similar to the 1983 catch pattern (Table 4, Fig. 8). In some months, other Statistical Areas dominated the catch (Appendix B-3). During the summer months (May - September) in 1984, $76 \%$ of the landed chinook were taken in the northern region of Strait of Georgia Statistical Areas 13 to 17. In the winter months (January - April, October December), $66 \%$ of the chinook catch came from the southern region - Statistical Areas 18, 19, 28 and 29. During November and December, many of the chinook came from Victoria/Sooke waters in Statistical Area 19B+.

The 1984 coho catch of 443,590 pieces (Tables 3 and 4) represents a slight increase from the 1981 to 1983 levels (Fig. 1, Table 1). This higher catch parallels the increased fishing effort observed in 1984 (Fig. 5). Coho catches in 1984 showed an average seasonal timing with the catch peaking in July; in comparison, coho catch peaked earlier than usual in 1983 (Fig. 9). Coho catch success in 1984 reached a high of 0.95 fish per boat trip in May, then declined through August (Fig. 10, Table 5). As in previous years, the highest coho catches were taken in Area 13 ( $34 \%$ of total) and Area 14 ( $24 \%$ ) (Table 4, Fig. 8).

In 1984, Strait of Georgia anglers caught approximately 10,000 pink salmon (Table 3). Significant pink catches were not expected in 1984 because pink salmon returns to Strait of Georgia rivers (primarily the Fraser River) are much lower in even numbered compared to odd numbered years. Areas 13 and 14 were responsible for $94 \%$ of the pink catch (Table 4 ).

The landings of other salmon consisted of chum and sockeye, and were estimated at about 5,000 pieces (Table 3). The majority of this catch was taken in November and December ( $53 \%$ of total, Table 3). Statistical Areas 17 and 18 showed the highest catch contribution ( $45 \%$ of total, Table 4), much of it attributed to chum runs returning to local rivers.

In addition to the above salmon species, small numbers ( $<200$ ) of steelhead, cutthroat trout and unidentified salmon were caught in the Strait of Georgia in 1984, bringing the total salmonid catch to 828,290 pieces (Appendix B-6).

The average number of total salmon caught during each boat trip in 1984 was 1.3 (Table 5). This represents a better catch success for salmon than during the 1981 to 1983 period when between 1.0 and 1.2 salmon per boat trip were reported (Shardlow et al. 1989).

In 1984, as in previous years, more salmon were landed and more effort was expended in Area 13 than in any other Statistical Area (Table 4, Fig. 11). Boaters fishing in Area 13 had an average catch of 1.8 salmon per trip. Area 14, as in 1983, recorded the greatest number of salmon hooked and released (169,492), with Area 13 next at 137,660 pieces (Appendix B-7). These two areas have major coho fisheries characterized by the release of many sub-legal coho.

### 3.22 Groundfish

While salmon accounted for the majority of the total finfish sport catch in the Strait of Georgia in 1984, the groundfish catch of 385,170 pieces made up $32 \%$ of the overall catch (Tables 3 and 4 ). The species composition of the groundfish catch, based on the Table 4 data, was as follows:

| Groundfish species | Catch | \% Of total groundfish catch | Major catch <br> Area |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rockfish (Sebastes spp.) | 158,676 | 41\% | 17, 13, 19B+ |
| Lingcod (Ophiodon elongatus) | 137,492 | 36\% | 13, 16 |
| Dogfish (Squalus acanthias) | 4,649 | 1\% | 18 |
| Other finfish (Appendix E) | 84,353 | 22\% | 16 |
| Total | 385,170 | 100\% |  |

The majority of the groundfish catch was taken in the summer months, reflecting the seasonal change in fishing effort (Table 3, Fig. 4). Catch by Statistical

Area for rockfish was highest in Area 17 ( $22 \%$ of total), followed by Areas 13 and $19 \mathrm{~B}+$ each contributing approximately $14 \%$ to the total (Table 4). Lingcod were caught mainly in Area 13 ( $29 \%$ of total) and Area 16 ( $21 \%$ ), while the largest dogfish catch came from Area 18 ( $32 \%$ of total, Table 4). Area 16 produced the largest catch of other finfish (34\% of total).

Rockfish species were identified for the entire suryey area for the first time in 1984 (Table 6). Applying the identification results to the 1984 rockfish catch estimates (Table 7 ) showed the following species dominance:

| Rockfish | Catch | \% Of total <br> rockfish <br> catch | Major catch |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| species | 56,794 | $36 \%$ | 13 |
| Quillback | 31,606 | $20 \%$ | 17,18 |
| Copper | 15,298 | $10 \%$ | 16 |
| Yelloweye | 6,439 | $4 \%$ | 19 |
| Black | 48,539 | $30 \%$ | 17 |
| Other | 158,676 | $100 \%$ |  |
| Total |  |  |  |

The above "other" rockfish category consisted of tiger, yellowtail, china, canary and unidentified species.

The catch success (CPE) for both the rockfish and lingcod species was relatively constant throughout the year, each averaging 0.2 fish per boat trip (Table 5). The catch success for all non-salmon species averaged 0.6 fish per boat trip and was also relatively constant throughout the year. Catch success for total finfish during 1984 was 1.9 fish per boat trip (Table 5).

### 3.3 BIOLOGICAL DATA

### 3.31 Proportion and Catch of Marked Chinook and Coho

In 1984, 16,457 chinook and 19,443 coho were examined for adipose fin clip marks. Tables 8 and 9 show the observed numbers of marked chinook and coho respectively, by month and region. Data were presented by region since some Statistical Areas had insufficient numbers of fish examined for marks in some months, and those data were included with other Areas. Three regions were defined: the North Gulf represented by Areas 13-16; the South Gulf represented by Areas $17,18,28,29$ and the Sanich Inlet portion of Area 19 (Area 19A); and Victoria region represented by the remainder of Area 19 (Area 19B+) (Fig. 2).

Among chinook examined for marks, $2.0 \%$ had adipose fin clips. The largest observed proportion of chinook marks was in the North Gulf catch (0.023) and the lowest proportion in the Victoria catch (0.015, Table 8). Among coho examined for marks, $3.5 \%$ had adipose fin clips. The largest observed proportion of coho marks was in the South Gulf catch (0.050), and the lowest proportion in the Victoria catch ( 0.015 , Table 9). Monthly catch estimates of marked chinook
and coho are shown by region in Tables 10 and 11 respectively. The seasonal recovery pattern of marked chinook and coho salmon was generally similar to that observed in 1983 (Shardlow et al. 1989).

### 3.32 Catch-At-Age for Chinook

During 1984, 1,936 chinook biosamples were collected for age and length analysis. Table 12 shows the monthly number and percent age composition of chinook sampled for age. These data are sumarized graphically in figure 12. The monthly age proportions were applied to the estimated monthly chinook catches to provide breakdown by age group (Table 13). In 1984, the majority of chinook sport catch in the Strait of Georgia consisted of age 3 fish ( $67.3 \%$ ), followed by age 2 (21.6\%), age $4(9.4 \%$ ) and age 5 or older ( $1.7 \%$ ). This catch breakdown by age group contrasts with the 1983 catch data where the majority (57. $1 \%$ ) of chinook caught were age 2 and only $25.5 \%$ were age 3 (Shardlow et al. 1989). As mentioned in section 3.2 , the increase in age 3 catch component in 1984 was likely the result of a strong brood return combined with a delayed opening of the troll fishery.

Figure 12 and Table 12 show a shift in the age composition of sampled chinook and hence of chinook catch, between the first six months and the remainder of the year. From January to June, the catch was dominated by age 3 fish. In July, the age 2 group strengthened, and together the age 2 and 3 classes became the dominant age groups for the remainder of the year. The high proportion of age 2 chinook in July to December catches was the result of age 2 recruitment to the sport fishery. Age 2 chinook generally reach the minimum legal size limit of 45 cm in July (Argue et al. 1983).

### 3.33 Mean Length-At-Age for Chinook

Table 14 shows the monthly mean nose-fork length at age for the 1,932 chinook for which both length and age data were available. Figure 13 shows the length frequency distribution for all the measured chinook (2,123 aged and unaged fish). The largest portion of measured chinook ( 717 fish or $34 \%$ of the total sample) was in the $60-69 \mathrm{~cm}$ length category. This is consistent with the large catch proportion of age 3 fish (Table 13) which were found to have an annual mean length of 63.6 cm (Table 14). Of the total chinook measured in 1984, $4 \%$ were sub-legal in size (less than 45 cm ) and these were landed mostly in June and July. Age 2 chinook showed a consistent growth trend from May through December when the mean length increased from 40.0 cm to 52.3 cm (Table 14). The largest chinook sampled ( 98 cm ) was landed at Cowichan Bay in Area 18 on August 20, 1984, and was 5 years old.

### 4.0 SUMMARY

A sport fishery creel survey was conducted in the Strait of Georgia in 1984 in order to estimate the catches of all the important recreational finfish species and the total sport fishing boat trips. The numbers of chinook and coho salmon with adipose fin clips were also estimated. These data are presented by month and Statistical Area. Monthly age and length compositions of chinook catch are also shown.

In 1984, a total of 32,454 boating parties were interviewed at 31 landing locations in the Strait of Georgia creel survey area. The 27,225 fishing interviews conducted represents approximately $4 \%$ of the total number of boat trips conducted by sport fishermen in the Strait of Georgia in 1984. A total of 55 overflights were also conducted to take "snapshot" counts of fishing effort.

In 1984, sport fishermen made an estimated 651,090 boat trips in the Strait of Georgia and landed an estimated total finfish eatch of 1,213,000 pieces of which $68 \%$ were salmon and $32 \%$ were groundfish. The 828,000 landed salmon consisted of 444,000 coho, 369,000 chinook, 10,000 pink salmon and 5,000 combined chum and sockeye. An additional 640,000 salmon of mixed species were released by anglers.

The 385,000 landed groundfish consisted of 159,000 rockfish, 137,000 lingcod, 5,000 dogfish and 84,000 other finfish. Rockfish catches were identified as quillback ( $36 \%$ of rockfish catch), copper ( $20 \%$ ), yelloweye ( $10 \%$ ), and black ( $4 \%$ ); the remaining $30 \%$ of the rockfish catch consisted of tiger, yellowtail, china, canary and unidentified species.

Catch success per boat trip averaged 1.3 salmon (all species) and 0.6 groundfish.

Among salmon examined for marks, $2.0 \%$ of chinook and $3.5 \%$ of coho had adipose fin clips. The majority of chinook sport catch in 1984 consisted of age 3 fish ( $67.3 \%$ ), followed by age 2 ( $21.6 \%$ ), age 4 ( $9.4 \%$ ) and age 5 or older ( $1.7 \%$ ). Of the total chinook measured in 1984 , $4 \%$ were sub-legal in size (less than 45 cm ).

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Figure 1. Tidal effort statistics and sport catches of coho and chinook salmon for the Strait of Georgia, 1960 - 1984.

SUMMER OVERFLIGHT ROUTE


WINTER OYERFLIGHT ROUTE


Figure 2. Interview site locations, and summer and winter overflight routes, Strait of Georgia, 1984.
Landing Area: Statistical Area: $\qquad$
Interviewer: Date: TR $\mathrm{MO} / \mathrm{DAY}$ TIME (INT) $\qquad$ : AM
PM

PRESENT BOAT TRIP COMPLETED

1. Total Number of Individuals in Party: $\square$
2. Time of Landing: $\qquad$ : $\qquad$ AM
PM Time Block: $\square$
3. Was Your Party Sport Fishing on This Trip: YES NO
4. Guided:
YES
NO
5. Residences of Party:
B. C. $\square$ Rest of Canada $\square$ Other $\square$
6. Length of Boat Trip: $\square$ HRS .
7. Times Lines were in the Water: (EXCLUDE time not fishing)
(1) before 7:00 AM
(2) 7:00-7:59(5) $10: 00-10: 59$(9) $2: 00-2: 59$
PM
(13) 6:00-6:59(14) 7:00-7:5915) $8: 00-8: 59$
(3) 8:00-8:59(6) 11:00-11:59

(10) 3:00-3:59
(4) 9:00-9:59(8) $1: 00-1: 59$(11) 4:00-4:59
$\square$
. Average Number of Lines in the Water for TOTAL boat Party: $\square$
8. CATCH SUMMARY

Total Catch for Trip:


Total Time Fishing:

$\square$
HRS.
MARKED:
UNMARKED:

*COHO AND CHINOOK ONLY*
10. How much Fishing Time was Directed at Each of the Following?
CO $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
LC

RF $\square$
$\square$
SF
$\square$
OTHER $\square$
11. Did you encounter any problems with seals, sea lions, or whales on today's fishing trip? YES NO

Figure 3. Sample of 1984 interview form.


Figure 4. Comparison of monthly total fishing effort, monthly total interviews and monthly total fishing interviews, Strait of Georgia, 1984.


Figure 5. Monthly fishing effort estimates (number of boat trips) for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery, 1981 - 1984.


Figure 6. Monthly chinook catch for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery, 1981-1984.


Figure 7. Monthly chinook catch per boat trip for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery, 1981-1984.

Coho
挤 Chinook


Figure 8. Annual sport catches of chinook and coho salmon by Statistical Area in the Strait of Georgia, 1983-1984.


Figure 9. Monthly coho catch for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery, 1981-1984.


Figure 10. Monthly coho catch per boat trip for the Strait of Georgia sport fishery, 1981-1984.


Figure 11. Total salmon landed and total fishing effort expended by Statistical Area in the Strait of Georgia sport fishery, 1983 and 1984.


Figure 12. Monthly percent age composition of chinook salmon sampled in the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey, 1984.


Figure 13. Length frequency distribution of chinook salmon sampled in the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey, 1984.

Table 1. Tidal effort statistics and sport catches of coho chinook salmon for the Strait of Georgia, 1960-1984.*

| Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Effort } \\ \text { (boat trips) } \end{gathered}$ | Catch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Coho | Chinook |
| 1960 | 189,150 | 238,000 | 83,000 |
| 1961 | 199,935 | 152,000 | 63,000 |
| 1962 | 205,547 | 167,000 | 86,000 |
| 1963 | 247,590 | 199,000 | 65,000 |
| 1964 | 198,120 | 182,000 | 51,000 |
| 1965 | 250,020 | 175,000 | 53,000 |
| 1966 | 259,100 | 249,000 | 80,000 |
| 1967 | 254,500 | 200,000 | 115,000 |
| 1968 | 265,030 | 250,000 | 150,000 |
| 1969 | 281,475 | 2,00,000 | 185,000 |
| 1970 | 306,255 | 500,000 | 220,000 |
| 1971 | 341,123 | 800,000 | 255,000 |
| 1972 | 300,349 | 335,000 | 287,000 |
| 1973 | 293,141 | 373,000 | 272,000 |
| 1974 | 443,441 | 772,000 | 269,000 |
| 1975 | 334,490 | 454,000 | 398,000 |
| 1976 | 340,729 | 415,000 | 490,000 |
| 1977 | 363,350 | 682,000 | 372,000 |
| 1978 | 369,035 | 1,103,000 | 500,000 |
| 1979 | 404,710 | 708,735 | 350,000 |
| 1980 | 769,000 | 655,000 | 371,000 |
| 1981 | 637,000 | 391,200 | 253,300 |
| 1982 | 642,200 | 436,090 | 163,793 |
| 1983 | 574,257 | 404,031 | 198,433 |
| 1984 | 651,090 | 443,590 | 369,445 |

* Source: Coho catch statistics: 1960-1978 from Argue et al. (1983), 1979 from R. Kadowaki (pers. comm.), 1980-1982 from Shardlow et al. (MS 1989), 1983 from Shardlow et al. (1989).

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Effort statistics: 1960-1979 from annual published and unpublished Fisheries Officer statistics, 1980-1982 from Shardlow et al. (MS 1989), 1983 from Shardlow et al. (1989).

Table 2. Number of fishing interviews by month and Statistical Area, Strait of Georgia, 1984.

| Month | Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Overflights |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | 19B+ | 28 | 29 | Total |  |
| $\mathrm{Jan}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | 45 | 60 | 0 | 196 | 159 | 43 | 70 | 593 | 85 | 139 | 1,390 | 5 |
| Mar | 24 | 52 | 0 | 184 | 126 | 41 | 50 | 278 | 36 | 42 | 833 | 4 |
| Apr * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 241 | 496 | 44 | 321 | 410 | 51 | 355 | 241 | 319 | 86 | 2,564 | 5 |
| Jun | 749 | 1,438 | 84 | 640 | 659 | 124 | 286 | 572 | 820 | 217 | 5,589 | 6 |
| Jul | 1,175 | 1,063 | 75 | 773 | 882 | 143 | 345 | 1,033 | 803 | 287 | 6,579 | 10 |
| Aug | 1,005 | 844 | 34 | 382 | 624 | 152 | 349 | 763 | 387 | 233 | 4,773 | 9 |
| Sep | 354 | 567 | 13 | 221 | 281 | 88 | 329 | 556 | 190 | 302 | 2,901 | 8 |
| Oct | 31 | 115 | 0 | 112 | 95 | 88 | 235 | 381 | 45 | 55 | 1,157 | 4 |
| Nov+Dec | 13 | 29 | 0 | 218 | 43 | 57 | 92 | 669 | 103 | 215 | 1,439 | 4 |
| Total | 3,637 | 4,664 | 250 | 3,047 | 3,279 | 787 | 2,111 | 5,086 | 2,788 | 1,576 | 27,225 | 55 |

* No interviews or overflights were conducted in April.

Table 3. Fishing effort and catch by species and month, Strait of Georgia, 1984.


* Includes chum and sockeye.
** A total closure for lingcod was in effect from January 1 to April 15, and November 15 to December 31. Reported figures most likely represent illegal catches by anglers.
+ Indirect estimate. The interview and overflight data from March and May were combined to produce the April estimates.
++ In addition, an estimated 198 steelhead, cutthroat trout and unidentified salmon were caught by sport fishermen.

Table 4. Fishing effort and catch by species and Statistical Area, Strait of Georgia, 1984.


* Includes chum and sockeye.
+ In addition, an estimated 198 steelhead, cutthroat trout and unidentified salmon were caught by sport fishermen.

Table 5. Monthly catch success (catch per boat trip) by species, Strait of Georgia, 1984. *

| Month | Coho | Chinook | Total ** <br> Salmon | Rock- <br> Fish | Lingcod | Total NonSalmon | All <br> Finfish |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan+Feb | 0.09 | 0.67 | 0.77 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 0.49 | 1.27 |
| Mar | 0.38 | 0.56 | 0.94 | 0.46 | 0.03 | 1.30 | 2.24 |
| Apr + | 0.91 | 0.53 | 1.47 | 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.75 | 2.22 |
| May | 0.95 | 0.58 | 1.56 | 0.35 | 0.22 | 0.65 | 2.20 |
| Jun | 0.77 | 0.87 | 1.68 | 0.20 | 0.1 | 0.54 | 2.21 |
| Jul | 0.89 | 0.63 | 1.53 | 0.21 | 0.20 | 0.53 | 2.06 |
| Aug | 0.48 | 0.37 | 0.86 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.62 | 1.48 |
| Sep | 0.58 | 0.37 | 0.96 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.57 | 1.52 |
| Oct | 0.29 | 0.49 | 0.80 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.55 | 1.36 |
| Nov+Dec | 0.12 | 0.79 | 1.05 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.60 | 1.65 |
| Total | 0.68 | 0.57 | 1.27 | 0.24 | 0.21 | 0.59 | 1.86 |

* Calculated using Table 3 data.
** Includes coho, chinook, pink, chum and sockeye.
+ Indirect estimate. The interview data from March and May were combined to produce an estimate of catch success for April.

Table 6. Identification of rockfish by species in each Statistical Area, Strait of Georgia, 1984.

| Species | Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | 19B+ | 28 | 29 |  |
| Quillback (Sebastes maliger) | 377 | 210 | 47 | 213 | 203 | 63 | 95 | 501 | 93 | 7 | 1,809 |
| Copper (S. caurinus) | 2 | 64 | 0 | 2 | 288 | 180 | 24 | 248 | 135 | 17 | 960 |
| Yelloweye (S. ruberrimus) | 12 | 115 | 16 | 140 | 72 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 61 | 15 | 466 |
| Black (S. melanops) | 4 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 307 | 18 | 0 | 363 |
| Tiger (S. nigrocinctus) | 0 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 40 |
| Yellowtail (S. flavidus) | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| China (S. nebulosus) * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canary (S. pinniger) * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unidentified | 46 | 87 | 13 | 47 | 289 | 95 | 67 | 255 | 558 | 117 | 1,574 |
| Total Sample | 445 | 518 | 80 | 412 | 864 | 341 | 217 | 1,342 | 866 | 157 | 5,242 |

* China and canary species were not observed during the 1984 identification program, but were reported for the study area in other years.

Table 7. Estimated catch of rockfish by species and Statistical Area, Strait of Georgia, 1984. *

| Species |  | Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | $19 \mathrm{~B}+$ | 28 | 29 |  |
| Quillback | Catch | 19,258 | 5,857 | 2,520 | 8,332 | 8,301 | 3,746 | 2,246 | 3,990 | 1,678 | 866 | 56,794 |
|  | S.D. | 1,932 | 631 | 664 | 1,005 | 1,359 | 607 | 397 | 413 | 196 | 227 | 2,866 |
| Copper | Catch | 102 | 1,785 | 0 | 78 | 11,777 | 10,763 | 567 | 3,990 | 1,678 | 866 | 31,606 |
|  | S.D. | 73 | 268 | 0 | 56 | 1,873 | 1,351 | 143 | 413 | 196 | 227 | 2,386 |
| Yelloweye | Catch | 613 | 3,207 | 858 | 5,477 | 2,944 | 0 | 355 | 322 | 758 | 764 | 15,298 |
|  | S.D. | 185 | 400 | 288 | 715 | 558 | 0 | 106 | 77 | 114 | 211 | 1,084 |
| Black | Catch | 204 | 725 | 0 | 0 | 204 | 119 | 24 | 4,939 | 224 | 0 | 6,439 |
|  | S.D. | 104 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 85 | 24 | 492 | 56 | 0 | 545 |
| Other + | Catch | 2,555 | 2,873 | 912 | 2,230 | 12,105 | 5,649 | 1,939 | 8,348 | 6,423 | 5,505 | 48,539 |
|  | S.D. | 1,099 | 1,082 | 762 | 1,289 | 4,791 | 1,788 | 689 | 1,690 | 867 | 907 | 5,973 |
| Total | Catch | 22,732 | 14,447 | 4,290 | 16,117 | 35,331 | 20,277 | 5,131 | 21,589 | 10,761 | 8,001 | 158,676 |
|  | S.D. | 2,234 | 1,351 | 1,051 | 1,785 | 5,351 | 2,323 | 815 | 1,856 | 919 | 985 | 7,146 |

* Calculated using data from Table 6 and Appendix B-8.
+ Other includes tiger, yellowtail, china, canary and unidentified rockfish.

Table 8. Monthly number of marked chinook observed by region, Strait of Georgia, 1984.

| Month |  | North Gulf | South <br> Gulf | Victoria | Total <br> Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan+Feb | Obs * | 4 | 8 | 8 | 20 |
|  | Insp ** | 289 | 304 | 708 | 1,301 |
| Mar | Obs | 8 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
|  | Insp | 234 | 149 | 124 | 507 |
| Apr + | Obs | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
|  | Insp | 30 | 51 | 19 | 100 |
| May | Obs | 13 | 18 | 1 | 32 |
|  | Insp | 686 | 1,003 | 96 | 1,785 |
| Jun | Obs | 39 | 30 | 0 | 69 |
|  | Insp | 2,448 | 1,667 | 165 | 4,280 |
| Jul | Obs | 54 | 21 | 8 | 83 |
|  | Insp | 2,142 | 1,124 | 281 | 3,547 |
| Aug | Obs | 26 | 14 | 5 | 45 |
|  | Insp | 822 | 665 | 232 | 1,719 |
| Sep | Obs | 11 | 12 | 2 | 25 |
|  | Insp | 465 | 477 | 119 | 1,061 |
| Oct | Obs | 7 | 6 | 1 | 14 |
|  | Insp | 218 | 258 | 132 | 608 |
| Nov+Dec | Obs | 12 | 6 | 10 | 28 |
|  | Insp | 347 | 401 | 801 | 1,549 |
| Total | Obs | 175 | 121 | 39 | 335 |
|  | Insp | 7,681 | 6,099 | 2,677 | 16,457 |
| Proportion of marks |  | 0.023 | 0.020 | 0.015 | 0.020 |

* Obs - marks observed.
** Insp - fish inspected.
+ No samples taken in April. Data estimated using 1985-88 average proportions.

Table 9. Monthly number of marked coho observed by region, Strait of Georgia, 1984.

|  |  | North <br> Gulf | South <br> Gulf | Victoria | Total <br> Month |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan+Feb | Obs * | Insp ** |  |  |  |

* Obs - marks observed.
** Insp - fish inspected.
+ No samples taken in April. Data estimated using 1985, 1987 and 1988 average proportions.

Table 10. Monthly estimated catch of marked chinook by region, Strait of Georgia, 1984.

| Month |  | North Gulf | South Gulf | Victoria | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Jan}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | Catch | 21 | 104 | 38 | 163 |
|  | S.D. | 14 | 40 | 15 | 45 |
| Mar | Catch | 32 | 40 | 23 | 95 |
|  | S.D. | 18 | 31 | 17 | 40 |
| Apr ${ }^{+}$ | Catch | 224 | 794 | 101 | 1,119 |
|  | S.D. | 224 | 395 | 70 | 459 |
| May | Catch | 229 | 401 | 10 | 640 |
|  | S.D. | 69 | 109 | 10 | 129 |
| Jun | Catch | 1,065 | 502 | 0 | 1,567 |
|  | S.D. | 181 | 98 | 0 | 206 |
| Jul | Catch | 1,636 | 505 | 113 | 2,254 |
|  | S.D. | 236 | 116 | 41 | 266 |
| Aug | Catch | 1,086 | 430 | 74 | 1,590 |
|  | S.D. | 223 | 117 | 34 | 254 |
| Sep | Catch | 322 | 371 | 22 | 715 |
|  | S.D. | 99 | 110 | 16 | 149 |
| Oct | Catch | 49 | 86 | 11 | 146 |
|  | S.D. | - 211 | 38 | 12 | 45 |
| $\mathrm{Noy}+\mathrm{Dec}$ | Catch | 77 | 109 | 66 | 252 |
|  | S.D. | 25 | 46 | 24 | 58 |
| Total | Catch | 4,741 | 3,342 | 458 | 8,541 |
|  | S.D. | 452 | 472 | 97 | 661 |

* Calculated using data from Table 8 and Appendix B-3.
+ No samples taken in April. Data estimated using 1985-88 average proportions.

Table 11. Monthly estimated catch of marked coho by region, Strait of Georgia, 1984. *

| Month |  | North Gulf | South Gulf | Victoriz | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Jan}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | Catch | 106 | 8 | 4 | 118 |
|  | S.D. | 153 | 9 | 4 | 153 |
| Mar | Catch | 49 | 45 | 45 | 139 |
|  | S.D. | 29 | 28 | 21 | 45 |
| Apr + | Catch | 687 | 310 | 39 | 1,036 |
|  | S.D. | 173 | 91 | 24 | 197 |
| May | Catch | 1,172 | 918 | 82 | 2,172 |
|  | S.D. | 175 | 312 | 57 | 362 |
| Jun | Catch | 2,740 | 294 | 243 | 3,277 |
|  | S.D. | 302 | 79 | 72 | 320 |
| Jul | Catch | 3,110 | 955 | 17 | 4,082 |
|  | S.D. | 324 | 195 | 17 | 379 |
| Aug | Catch | 1,856 | 600 | 113 | 2,569 |
|  | S.D. | 283 | 156 | 48 | 327 |
| Sep | Catch | 640 | 1,228 | 16 | 1,884 |
|  | S.D. | 159 | 228 | 16 | 278 |
| Oct | Catch | 36 | 11 | 21 | 68 |
|  | S.D. | 23 | 11 | 13 | 29 |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | S.D. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | Catch | 10,396 | 4,369 | 580 | 15,345 |
|  | S.D. | 622 | 477 | 112 | 792 |

* Calculated using data from Table 9 and Appendix B-2.
+ No samples taken in April. Data estimated using 1985, 1987 and 1988 average proportions.

Table 12. Monthly number and percent age composition of chinook sampled for age in the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey, 1984 ( n gives sample size).

| Month | Age 2 |  | Age 3 |  | Age 4 |  | Age 5+ |  | Total <br> Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | n | \% | $n$ | \% | n | \% |  |
| $\mathrm{Jan}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | 14 | 12.2\% | 86 | 74.8\% | 13 | 11.3\% | 2 | 1.7\% | 115 |
| (Mar) | (0) | (0.0\%) | (72) | (84.7\%) | (12) | (14.1\%) | (1) | (1.2\%) | (85) |
| (Apr) | (2) | (2.4\%) | (70) | (84.3\%) | (10) | (12.0\%) | (1) | (1.3\%) | (83) |
| May | 4 | 2.0\% | 157 | 80.1\% | 34 | 17.3\% | 1 | 0.5\% | 196 |
| Jun | 36 | $6.1 \%$ | 481 | 81.9\% | 60 | 10.2\% | 10 | 1.7\% | 587 |
| Jul | 64 | 23.7\% | 172 | 63.7\% | 26 | 9.6\% | 8 | 3.0\% | 270 |
| Aug | 109 | 40.8\% | 140 | 52.4\% | 16 | 6.0\% | 2 | 0.7\% | 267 |
| Sep | 64 | 49.6\% | 54 | 41.9\% | 9 | 7.0\% | 2 | 1.6\% | 129 |
| Oct | 57 | 50.4\% | 52 | 46.0\% | 2 | 1.8\% | 2 | 1.8\% | 113 |
| Nov+Dec | 120 | 46.3\% | 138 | 53.3\% | 1 | n $4 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 259 |
| Total | 470 | - | 1,422 | - | 183 | - | 29 | - | 2,104 |
| Biosample * | 468 | - | 1280 | - | 161 | - | 27 | - | 1,936 |


| Overall age <br> composition <br> of catch $* *$ | - | $21.6 \%$ | - | $67.3 \%$ | $-4.4 \%$ | - |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

() No data given for March and April as no samples were taken. Values given in brackets are calculated from the 1985 to 1988 average proportion by month and age (see Appendix C).

* The number of chinook actually sampled for age, ie. excluding March and April estimates.
** Overall age composition of estimated catch based on data from Table 13.

Table 13. Monthly estimated catch at age of chinook in the Strait of Georgia, 1984. *

| Month |  | Age 2 | Age 3 | Age 4 | Age 5t | Total ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $J a n+F e b$ | Catch | 1,073 | 6,591 | 996 | 153 | 8,813 |
|  | S.D. | 295 | 811 | 284 | 109 | 915 |
| (Mar) | Catch | (0) | $(4,542)$ | (756) | (65) | 5,363 |
|  | S.D. | - | - | -- | - | 897 |
| (Apr) | Catch | (427) | $(15,013)$ | $(2,137)$ | (232) | 17,809 |
|  | S.D. | - | - | - | - | 1,431 |
| May | Catch | 722 | 28,340 | 6,137 | 181 | 35,380 |
|  | S.D. | 365 | 2,868 | 1,123 | 182 | 3,107 |
| Jun | Catch | 5,936 | 79,315 | 9,894 | 1,649 | 96,794 |
|  | S.D. | 999 | 4,016 | 1,297 | 523 | 4,368 |
| Jul | Catch | 22,733 | 61,094 | 9,235 | 2,842 | 95,904 |
|  | S.D. | 2,652 | 3,759 | 1,764 | 997 | 5,027 |
| Aug | Catch | 23,746 | 30,499 | 3,486 | 436 | 58,166 |
|  | S.D. | 2,076 | 2,283 | 861 | 308 | 3,218 |
| Sep | Catch | 14,721 | 12,421 | 2,070 | 460 | 29,673 |
|  | S.D. | 1,514 | 1,442 | 675 | 324 | 2,221 |
| Oct | Catch | 3,388 | 3,091 | 119 | 119 | 6,717 |
|  | S.D. | 505 | 478 | 85 | 85 | 706 |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 6,869 | 7,900 | 57 | 0 | 14,826 |
|  | S.D. | 762 | 837 | 58 | 0 | 1,133 |
| Total *** | Catch | 79,616 | 248,806 | 34,888 | 6,136 | 369,445 |
|  | S.D. | 3,961 | 6,882 | 2,710 | 1,233 | 7,932 + + |
| Overall age composition *** |  | 21.6\% | 67.3\% | 9.4\% | 1.7\% | 100.0\% |

* Calculated by applying to total monthly chinook catch the monthly age proportions from Table 12.
** Monthly total catch from Table 3.
() No data given for March and April as no samples were taken. Values in brackets are indirect estimates (see Table 12).
*** Total catch and overall age composition include March and April estimates.
++ S.E.

Table 14. Monthly mean nose-fork length (L) at age of chinook sampled in the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey, 1984 ( n gives sample size).

| Month | Age 2 |  | Age 3 |  | Age 4 |  | Age 5 |  | Age 6 |  | Total <br> Sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $L$ (cm) | $n$ | L (cm) | n | L (cm) | $n$ | $\mathrm{L}(\mathrm{cm})$ | n | L (cm) | n |  |
| $\mathrm{Jan}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | 52.9 | 14 | 54.5 | 86 | 68.3 | 13 | 80.5 | 2 | 52.9 | 0 | 115 |
| Mar * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Apr ${ }^{+}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| May | 40.0 | 4 | 62.6 | 152 | 72.9 | 34 | 75.0 | 1 | - | 0 | 191 |
| Jun | 44.3 | 36 | 64.4 | 481 | 77.1 | 60 | 82.1 | 10 | - | 0 | 587 |
| Jul | 46.4 | 64 | 65.4 | 172 | 74.0 | 26 | 83.9 | 8 | 92.0 | 1 | 271 |
| Aug | 49.0 | 109 | 65.4 | 140 | 86.2 | 16 | 93.0 | 2 | - | 0 | 267 |
| Sep | 50.6 | 64 | 64.5 | 54 | 88.6 | 9 | 95.0 | 2 | - | 0 | 129 |
| Oct | 50.1 | 57 | 64.4 | 52 | 78.0 | 2 | 88.5 | 2 | - | 0 | 113 |
| Nov+Dec | 52.3 | 120 | 62.7 | 138 | 74.0 | 1 | - | 0 | - | 0 | 259 |
| Total | 49.5 | 468 | 63.6 | 1275 | 76.5 | 161 | 84.5 | 27 | 92.0 | 1 | 1,932 |

* Data not available for March since records were lost.
+ No lengths given for April as no samples were taken.


## APPENDIX A <br> METHODS AND EQUATIONS USED IN ANALYSIS OF CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA SPORT FISHERY CREEL SURVEYS, 1983-1984.

## ${ }^{1}$ Adapted from:

Shardlow, T. F., K. K. English, T. Hoyt, G. E. Gillespie and T. A. Calvin. 1989. Strait of Georgia Creel Survey sport fishery statistics, 1983. Can. MS Rep. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 1872 : 53 p.

METHODS AND EQUATIONS USED IN ANALYSIS OF CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA SPORT FISHERY CREEL SURVEYS, 1983-1984.

The description of terms, variables and subscripts used in the data analysis is given in Table $\mathrm{A}-1$.

## Calculation of Catch and Effort Statistics

To estimate the monthly catch and effort, three components had to be calculated from that month's data:
(1) the weighted mean daily fishing pattern from interview data,
(2) the weighted mean catch per unit effort from interview data and
(3) the mean sport count from overflight data.

The equations used to estimate the means and variances for all catch and effort statistics are shown below. For April which had only overflight data, the interview data from preceding and following months were combined to estimate the mean daily fishing activity pattern and catch per unit effort. The catch and effort estimates for April are referred to as indirect estimates.

Weighting factors used to estimate the daily fishing activity pattern and mean catch per unit effort were calculated using the equations derived from DPA Consulting Ltd. (1982).

The data obtained from each shift were multiplied by the following weighting factor (W1) to expand for all possible stints at each site. The formula reads:

$$
\begin{equation*}
W 1_{d i j}=\frac{N_{d}}{n_{d i j}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbb{N}_{d}$ is the total number of days of type $d$ in that month and $n_{d i j}$ is the number of times the jth work block at the ith site was sampled on type d days.

The interviews aggregrated by work block were multiplied by the weighting factor $W 2$ to expand for all boats that landed in each work block. The formula reads:

$$
\begin{equation*}
W 2_{\text {dijk }}=\frac{L_{\text {dijk }}}{I_{\text {dijk }}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where Ldijk is the number of boats landed and $I_{\text {dijk }}$ is the number of boats interviewed on the kth stint in the jth work block at the ith site on a day rype d.

Therefore, the following equations can be used to calculate an unbiased estimate of the total monthly catch ( $\hat{C}_{d g r}$ ), fishing trips ( $\hat{T}_{d g}$ ) and fishing activity in time block $\hat{A}_{d g t}$ for each day type (d) where $g$ is a set of landing sites (i). These formulas read:

Table A-1. Description of terms, variables and subscripts used in this report.

DESCRIPTION OF TERMS


DESCRIPTION OF VARIABLES

| A | - | Number of boats actively fishing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B | - | Number of boats observed on a flight |
| C | - | Catch |
| $C^{\prime}$ | - | Catch of marked salmon |
| CPE | - | Catch per boat trip |
| E | - | Effort (estimated total number of boat trips) |
| I | - | Number of boats interviewed and found to have been fishing |
| L | $\cdots$ | Number of boats landing |
| n | - | Number sampled |
| N | - | Population size from which n samples were observed |
| P | - | Proportion |
| T | - | Number of boat trips |
| V | - | Number found to be marked |
| W1 | - | Weighting factor to expand for all possible stints at each site |
| W2 | - | Weighting factor to expand for all boats that landed in each work block |
|  |  | DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTS |
| a | - | age |
| g | - | a set of landing sites |
| d | - | day type |
| i | - | site |
| j | - | work block |
| k | - | stint |
| 1 | - | landing time block |
| m | - | month |
| q | - | the next boat landing at site i and upon interviewing, found to have been fishing ( $q$ ranges from 1 to $n$ ) |
| $r$ | - | species |
| s | - | sub-Statistical Area |
| t | - | time block |
| u | - | flight |
| x | - | region |
| y | - | annual |

$$
\begin{align*}
& \hat{\mathrm{C}}_{\text {dgr }}=\sum_{\mathrm{i}} \sum_{\mathrm{j}}\left[\mathrm{~W}^{1}{ }_{\text {dij }} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathrm{q}}\left(\mathrm{~W}{ }_{\text {dijk }} \mathrm{C}_{\text {dijklqr }}\right)\right]  \tag{3}\\
& \hat{T}_{d g}=\sum_{i} \sum_{j}\left[W_{d i j} \sum_{k} \sum_{q}\left(W^{2}{ }_{\text {dijk }}\right)\right]  \tag{4}\\
& \hat{A}_{d g t}=\sum_{i} \sum_{j}\left[W_{d i j} \sum_{k} \sum_{q}\left(W^{2}{ }_{d i j k} A_{d i j k q i}\right)\right] \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

where $C_{d i j k g r}$ is the catch of species $r$ by the $q$ th fishing party, and $A_{d i j k q t}$ can equal $\delta$ or 1 , thereby indicating whether the qth fishing party was actively fishing in time block $t$. Thus, the mean monthly catch per unit effort ( CPE $_{\mathrm{dgr}}$ ) measured in terms of numbers of fish kept per completed boat trip, and proportion of daily fishing effort active during the hour of the aerial survey ( $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{dg}}$ ) can be calculated with the following equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\text { CPE }_{\text {dgr }}=\frac{\hat{\mathrm{C}}_{\mathrm{dgr}}}{\hat{\mathrm{~T}}_{\mathrm{dg}}}  \tag{6}\\
\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{dgt}}=\frac{\hat{\mathrm{A}}_{\mathrm{dgt}}}{\hat{\mathrm{~T}}_{\mathrm{dg}}}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $C P E_{d g r}$ and $P_{d g t}$ are calculated for each day type (d) and group of landing sites ( $g$ ). The groups of landing sites reflect geographic areas with similar catch rates and/or activity patterns.

The estimated mean number of boats fishing during the hour of the sport boat count by overflight was calculated for each sub-Statistical Area using the following equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\overline{\mathrm{B}}_{\mathrm{dst}}=\frac{\sum_{\mathrm{u}}^{\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{dstu}}}}{\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{ds}}} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $B_{d s t u}$ is the number of boats observed fishing on flight $u$ at time $t$, in sub-Statistical Area s for day type d.

The mean sport boat count at the time of the overflight ( $\bar{B}_{\mathrm{dst}}$ ) and proportion of daily fishing effort active during the hour of the overflight ( $P_{d g t}$ ) were used in the following equation to calculate the total fishing effort for sub-Statistical Area s on day type d:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{d s}=\bar{B}_{d s t} \frac{1}{P_{d g t}} N_{d} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $N_{d}$ is the number of type d days in the month. Interview data for the sub-Statistical Areas fished (s) by anglers landing at each of the sites (i) within a landing group ( $g$ ) were used to select the proportions ( $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{dgt}}$ ) that are appropriate for each mean boat count ( $\bar{B}_{d s t}$ ).

The estimate for total effor by sub-Statistical Area and day type ( $E_{d s}$ ) and the weighted catch per boat rip for a group of landing sites by day type, area and species ( $\mathrm{CPE}_{\mathrm{dgr}}$ ) were used to calculate total catch for each species ( $r$ ) and each sub-Statistical Area (s).

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{\mathrm{st}}=\sum_{\mathrm{d}}\left(E_{\mathrm{ds}} C P E_{\mathrm{dgy}}\right) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

The interview data were also used to select the catch per effort estimates ( $\mathrm{CPE}_{\mathrm{dgr}}$ ) that should be applied to the effort estimate ( $E_{d s}$ ) for a specific sub-Statistical Area (s).

## Variance of Total Fishing Effort

The variance for estimates of total fishing effort has two components:
(1) the variance in aerial sport boat counts:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{B_{d s t}}^{2}=\frac{\sum_{u} B_{d s t u}^{2}-\frac{\left(\sum_{u} B_{d s t u}\right)^{2}}{n_{d s}}}{n_{d s}\left(n_{d s}-1\right)}\left[\frac{N_{d}-n_{d s}}{N_{d}-1}\right] \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $B_{d s t u}$ is the aerial sport boat count at time $t$ during an aerial survey $u$ on a type $d$ day in sub-area $s ; n_{d s}$ is the number of aerial surveys in which boats were counted on type d days, in sub-Statistical Area $s$; and $N_{d}$ is the total number of type d days in the month.
(2) the variance in the proportion of boats fishing during the hours of the aerial boat counts:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{P_{d g t}}^{2}=\frac{P_{d g t}\left(1-P_{d g t}\right)}{I_{d g}} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P_{d g t}$ is the mean proportion of boats fishing for a group of landing sites $g$ during the hour of the aerial boat count $t$ on type days, and $I_{d g}$ is the total number of sport fishing boats interviewed. The above formula assumes $P_{d g t}$ is unbiased and normally distributed where the number of interviews is large.

The variances for boat counts ( $\mathrm{S}^{2}{ }_{\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{dst}}}$ ) and proportion of boats fishing ( $\mathrm{S}^{2} \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{dgt}}$ ) were combined in the following equation to calculate variance for effort:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{E_{d s}}^{2}=N_{d}^{2}\left(\frac{B_{d s t}^{2}}{P_{d g t}^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{S_{B_{d s t}}^{2}}{B_{d s t}^{2}}+\frac{S_{P_{d g t}}^{2}}{P_{d g t}^{2}}\right) \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S^{2} E_{d s}$ is the variance for total effort on type d days in sub-area $s$, and the formula is the standard formula for the variance of a ratio of two independent random variables.

## Variance of Total Catch

The variance for estimates of total catch had two components: (1) the variance for total effort (presented above), and (2) the variance for catch per boat trip.

The variance for catch per boat trip $\left(S^{2} \mathrm{CPE}_{\mathrm{dgr}}\right)$ was calculated using the following equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{CPE}_{\mathrm{dgr}}}^{2}=\frac{\left.\mathrm{SS}_{\mathrm{CPE}_{\mathrm{dgr}}}-\frac{\left(\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{CPE}}^{\mathrm{dgr}}\right.}{}\right)^{2}}{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{dg}}} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S_{C P E}{ }_{d g r}$ is the weighted sum of squares for ${ }^{C P E}{ }_{d g r}$, and $S_{C P E}{ }_{d g r}$ is the weighted sum for $C_{P E} \mathrm{dgr}_{\mathrm{r}}$, such that the sum of the weighting factors used to estimate CPE $_{d g r}$ was equal to the number of interviewed boat trips ( $I_{d g}$ ).

The variance for total effort and the variance in the catch per boat trip for the appropriately grouped landing sites were combined in the following equation to calculate variance for total catch:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{C_{s r}}^{2}=\sum_{d}\left(E_{d s}^{2} S_{C P E}^{d g r}+C P E_{d g r}^{2} S_{E_{d s}}^{2}+S_{C P E}^{2} S_{d g r}^{2} E_{d s}\right) \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is the standard formula for the variance of the product of two independent random variables, and where $\mathrm{S}^{2} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Sr}}$ is the variance for total number of species $r$ in sub-Statistical Area $s$.

Estimation of Marked Chinook and Coho Salmon

Incidence of marked (adipose-clipped) chinook and coho was recorded in each interview. The proportion of marks observed for each region, month and species ( $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{xmr}}$ ) was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{\mathrm{xmr}}=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{xmr}}}{\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{xmr}}} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $V$ is the number of marked fish observed and $n$ is the number of fish inspected by region( $x$ ), month(m) and species ( $r$ ).

The variance of each proportion was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{xmr}}}^{2}=\frac{\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{xmr}}\left(1-\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{xmr}}\right)}{\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{xmr}}} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Monthly catch estimates of marked salmon were calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{x m r}=P_{x m r} C_{x m r} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C_{x m r}$ is the estimated catch of species $r$ in region $x$ and month $m$. The variance of the marked catch estimates was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{C_{x m r}^{\prime}}^{2}=P_{x m r}^{2} S_{C_{x m r}}^{2}+C_{x m r}^{2} S_{P_{x m r}}^{2}+S_{C_{x m r}}^{2} S_{P_{x m r}}^{2} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S^{2} C_{\text {xmr }}$ is the variance of the catch estimate of species $r$ in region $x$ and month m.

The estimated annual proportions of marked salmon caught in each region (weighted by the corresponding regional annual catch estimates) were calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{x r y}=\frac{C_{x r y}^{\prime}}{C_{x r y}} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{x r y}^{\prime}=\sum_{m} C_{x m r}^{\prime} \quad \text { and } \quad C_{x r y}=\sum_{m} C_{x m r} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

The variance of the annual proportions was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{P_{x r y}}^{2}=\left(\frac{C_{x r y}^{\prime}}{C_{x r y}}\right)^{2}\left[\frac{S_{C_{x r y}^{\prime}}^{2}}{\left(C_{x r y}^{\prime}\right)^{2}}+\frac{S_{C_{x r y}}^{2}}{\left(C_{x r y}\right)^{2}}\right] \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S^{2} C_{x r y}$ is the variance of the annual estimated catch of species $r$ in region x .

Estimation of Age Composition of Chinook Catch

Scale samples and length measurements were taken in a subsampling progran during the interview process. Ages used in this report represent total age of the fish (including both freshwater and oceanic life) according to the Gilbert-Rich (1927) recording convention.

The proportion of chinook at each age and month ( $\mathrm{P}_{\text {am }}$ ) was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{am}}=\frac{\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{m}}}{\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{m}}} \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $a_{m}$ represents the number of fish observed at age a during month $m$, and $n_{m}$ is the total number of fish biosampled in that month.

The variance of each proportion was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{a m}^{2}=\frac{P_{a m}\left(1-P_{a m}\right)}{n_{m}} \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

The catch at age of chinook in each month was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{a m}=P_{a m} C_{m} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C_{m}$ is the estimated catch of chinook salmon in a given month $m$. The variance of the catch at age estimate was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{C_{a m}}^{2}=P_{a m}^{2} S_{C_{m}}^{2}+C_{m}^{2} S_{P_{a m}}^{2}+S_{C_{m}}^{2} S_{P_{a m}}^{2} \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S^{2} C_{m}$ is the variance of the monthly catch estimate $C_{m}$. The annual catch at age was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{a y}=\sum_{m} C_{a m} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

with a variance

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{C_{a y}}^{2}=\sum_{m} S_{C_{a m}}^{2} \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

The annual proportion at age (weighted by monthly catch) was calculated as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{a y}=\frac{C_{a y}}{C_{y}} \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

with a variance

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{P_{a y}}^{2}=\left(\frac{C_{a y}}{C_{y}}\right)^{2}\left[\frac{S_{C_{a y}}^{2}}{\left(C_{a y}\right)^{2}}+\frac{S_{C_{y}}^{2}}{\left(C_{y}\right)^{2}}\right] \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

## APPENDIX B

CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS BY MONTH AND STATISTICAL AREA FOR STRAIT OF GEORGIA, 1984.

APPENDIX B-1. STRAIT OF GEORGIA FISHING EFFORT (NO. BOAT TRIPS), 1984.


* Indirect estimate.
appendix b-2. STRAIT OF GEORGIA COHO CATCH SUMMARY, 1984.

* Indirect estimate.

APPENDIX B-3. STRAIT OF GEORGIA CHINOOK CATCH SUMMARY, 1984.

| Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Month |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | $19 \mathrm{~B}+$ | 28 | 29 | Total |  |
| Jan+Feb | Catch | 345 | 214 | 148 | 786 | 559 | 289 | 310 | 3,354 | 1,838 | 970 | 8,813 |  |
|  | S.E. | 156 | 160 | 119 | 557 | 139 | 132 | 130 | 496 | 455 | 255 | 973 |  |
| March | Catch | 264 | 142 | 235 | 308 | 1,304 | 234 | 118 | 1,440 | 282 | 1,036 | 5,363 |  |
|  | S.E. | 227 | 54 | 205 | 209 | 608 | 86 | 46 | 286 | 120 | 435 | 897 |  |
| April * | Catch | 1,907 | 2,431 | 139 | 2,250 | 2,659 | 1,290 | 2,839 | 964 | 1,591 | 1,739 | 17,809 | * |
|  | S.E. | 293 | 511 | 51 | 521 | 471 | 255 | 934 | 150 | 262 | 422 | 1,432 |  |
| May | Catch | 4,343 | 4,432 | 148 | 3,142 | 7,514 | 4,743 | 5,993 | 945 | 2,110 | 2,010 | 35,380 |  |
|  | S.E. | 665 | 957 | 63 | 805 | 2,073 | 1,260 | 1,674 | 217 | 368 | 578 | 3,349 |  |
| June | Catch | 30,101 | 19,299 | 2,268 | 15,154 | 12,256 | 3,230 | 2,376 | 2,097 | 3,922 | 6,091 | 96,794 | $\stackrel{\square}{0}$ |
|  | S.E. | 3,441 | 1,390 | 355 | 1,557 | 1,507 | 445 | 401 | 266 | 633 | 1,036 | 4,527 |  |
| July | Catch | 29,630 | 13,657 | 1,572 | 20,036 | 12,494 | 6,476 | 3,362 | 3,969 | 1,835 | 2,873 | 95,904 |  |
|  | S.E. | 2,095 | 1,302 | 379 | 2,250 | 1,624 | 948 | 409 | 421 | 270 | 356 | 3,921 |  |
| August | Catch | 19,925 | 9,746 | 508 | 4,158 | 8,183 | 5,134 | 3,884 | 3,425 | 1,422 | 1,781 | 58,166 |  |
|  | S.E. | 2,090 | 996 | 108 | 516 | 665 | 642 | 502 | 387 | 244 | 697 | 2,728 |  |
| September | Catch | 6,255 | 4,319 | 829 | 2,202 | 6,813 | 2,069 | 4,067 | 1,334 | 834 | 951 | 29,673 |  |
|  | S.E. | 812 | 421 | 187 | 457 | 800 | 374 | 612 | 191 | 141 | 270 | 1,538 |  |
| October | Catch | 286 | 919 | 105 | 213 | 613 | 178 | 938 | 1,499 | 834 | 1,132 | 6,717 |  |
|  | S.E. | 152 | 224 | 53 | 152 | 257 | 41 | 137 | 336 | 231 | 502 | 777 |  |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 186 | 19 | 288 | 1,736 | 336 | 1,011 | 432 | 5,326 | 1,887 | 3,605 | 14,826 |  |
|  | S.E. | 170 | 13 | 150 | 262 | 132 | 445 | 134 | 850 | 312 | 668 | 1,273 |  |
| Total | Catch | 93,242 | 55,178 | 6,240 | 49,985 | 52,731 | 24,654 | 24,319 | 24,353 | 16,555 | 22,188 | 369,445 |  |
|  | S.E. | 4,681 | 2,460 | 636 | 3,054 | 3,314 | 1,878 | 2,164 | 1,291 | 1,063 | 1,795 | 7,932 |  |

[^0]APPENDIX B-4. STRAIT OF GEORGIA PINK CATCH SUMMARY, 1984.


* Indirect estimate.

APPENDIX B-5. STRAIT OF GEORGIA CATCH SUMMARY FOR OTHER SALMON, 1984. *


* Includes chum and sockeye.
** Indirect estimate.

APPENDIX B-6. STRAIT OF GEORGIA CATCH SUMMARY FOR TOTAL SALMONIDS, 1984. *

| Month |  | Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | 19B+ | 28 | 29 |  |
| $J \mathrm{an}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | Catch | 345 | 1,063 | 148 | 946 | 802 | 289 | 310 | 3,508 | 1,838 | 970 | 10,219 |
|  | S.E. | 156 | 680 | 119 | 559 | 199 | 132 | 130 | 508 | 455 | 255 | 1,191 |
| March | Catch | 368 | 1,500 | 235 | 308 | 2,724 | 234 | 118 | 2,279 | 282 | 1,036 | 9,084 |
|  | S.E. | 249 | 447 | 205 | 209 | 1,080 | 86 | 46 | 397 | 120 | 435 | 1,373 |
| April ** | Catch | 9,532 | 13,178 | 408 | 6,220 | 10,298 | 1,617 | 2,899 | 1,998 | 1,720 | 2,058 | 49,928 |
|  | S.E. | 1,299 | 2,339 | 120 | 1,314 | 2,127 | 360 | 955 | 283 | 283 | 481 | 3,854 |
| May | Catch | 12,629 | 18,241 | 555 | 9,333 | 33,331 | 5,877 | 6,200 | 4,280 | 2,288 | 2,335 | 95,069 |
|  | S.E. | 1,594 | 3,559 | 113 | 1,535 | 9,127 | 1,762 | 1,740 | 1,733 | 398 | 686 | 10,519 |
| June | Catch | 61,247 | 51,344 | 3,400 | 21,929 | 20,507 | 3,396 | 2,472 | 11,968 | 4,142 | 6,777 | 187,182 |
|  | S.E. | 6,917 | 3,887 | 467 | 2,012 | 2,809 | 462 | 411 | 1,412 | 658 | 1,101 | 8,896 |
| July | Catch | 88,485 | 39,004 | 5,540 | 40,538 | 18,978 | 7,051 | 3,823 | 23,916 | 2,870 | 4,751 | 234,956 |
|  | S.E. | 6,242 | 4,042 | 1,462 | 3,739 | 2,947 | 984 | 453 | 2,013 | 417 | 548 | 9,263 |
| August | Catch | 50,978 | 24,261 | 2,078 | 15,719 | 13,382 | 6,309 | 4,983 | 6,779 | 4,279 | 5,970 | 134,738 |
|  | S.E. | 5,034 | 2,202 | 302 | 1,382 | 1,026 | 690 | 585 | 645 | 524 | 2,325 | 6,337 |
| September | Catch | 27,074 | 13,972 | 1,286 | 5,536 | 9,362 | 2,637 | 4,662 | 3,499 | 3,754 | 4,748 | 76,530 |
|  | S.E. | 3,195 | 1,182 | 266 | 1,085 | 1,010 | 408 | -66 | 429 | 403 | 1,256 | 4,051 |
| October | Catch | 1,303 | 1,813 | 128 | 276 | 1,007 | 421 | 1,092 | 2,685 | 938 | 1,279 | 10,942 |
|  | S.E. | 505 | 392 | 55 | 177 | 382 | 107 | 149 | 445 | 255 | 544 | 1,087 |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 293 | 1,176 | 289 | 1,736 | 1,174 | 2,644 | 918 | 5,793 | 1,926 | 3,693 | 19,642 |
|  | S.E. | 187 | 550 | 150 | 262 | 304 | 747 | 315 | 901 | 454 | 673 | 1,628 |
| Total | Catch | 252,254 | 165,552 | 14,067 | 102,541 | 111,565 | 30,475 | 27,477 | 66,705 | 24,037 | 33,617 | 828,290 |
|  | S.E. | 11,268 | 7,546 | 1,621 | 5,065 | 10,388 | 2,378 | 2,289 | 3,340 | 1,332 | 3,194 | 18,818 |

[^1]APPENDIX B-7. STRAIT OF GEORGIA CATCH SUMMARY FOR RELEASED SALMON, 1984.

| Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Month |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | 19B+ | 28 | 29 | Total |  |
| $J \mathrm{an}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | Catch | 491 | 2,910 | 13 | 919 | 594 | 78 | 107 | 3,645 | 1,286 | 806 | 10,849 |  |
|  | S.E. | 228 | 1,478 | 10 | 349 | 167 | 28 | 54 | 512 | 335 | 250 | 1,681 |  |
| March | Catch | 197 | 617 | 18 | 918 | 1,034 | 113 | 16 | 3,717 | 408 | 595 | 7,633 |  |
|  | S.E. | 166 | 201 | 17 | 508 | 453 | 55 | 11 | 565 | 152 | 286 | 979 |  |
| April * | Catch | 866 | 2,021 | 55 | 832 | 2,090 | 542 | 1,790 | 2,194 | 531 | 701 | 11,622 | * |
|  | S.E. | 158 | 405 | 24 | 319 | 402 | 167 | 644 | 284 | 100 | 191 | 1,011 |  |
| May | Catch | 2,067 | 2,655 | 70 | 736 | 8,130 | 1,862 | 4,508 | 1,237 | 675 | 821 | 22,761 |  |
|  | S.E. | 343 | 598 | 25 | 249 | 3,344 | 817 | 1,387 | 806 | 141 | 353 | 3,887 |  |
| June | Catch | 6,271 | 17,339 | 869 | 3,918 | 10,324 | 1,292 | 1,300 | 1,368 | 1,677 | 2,766 | 47,124 | $\sim$ |
|  | S.E. | 880 | 1,303 | 174 | 581 | 1,595 | 251 | 296 | 266 | 345 | 588 | 2,464 |  |
| July | Catch | 20,253 | 30,525 | 3,347 | 14,066 | 16,744 | 2,980 | 1,683 | 3,947 | 2,176 | 2,128 | 97,849 |  |
|  | S.E. | 1,718 | 2,676 | 959 | 1,550 | 1,919 | 519 | 322 | 532 | 345 | 320 | 4,242 |  |
| August | Catch | 68,270 | 60,531 | 4,504 | 11,510 | 29,681 | 8,014 | 10,574 | 17,544 | 5,632 | 2,754 | 219,014 |  |
|  | S.E. | 8,509 | 6,112 | 733 | 1,242 | 2,751 | 847 | 1,233 | 2,411 | 684 | 451 | 11,319 |  |
| September | Catch | 38,076 | 49,494 | 2,776 | 12,834 | 28,548 | 6,304 | 9,366 | 20,564 | 4,433 | 4,939 | 177,334 |  |
|  | S.E. | 4,866 | 6,739 | 573 | 3,482 | 2,910 | 1,095 | 1,449 | 2,565 | 689 | 1,369 | 10,111 |  |
| October | Catch | 1,063 | 2,649 | 323 | 759 | 4,632 | 1,902 | 3,123 | 11,382 | 1,677 | 2,204 | 29,714 |  |
|  | S.E. | 409 | 567 | 164 | 352 | 1,567 | 397 | 381 | 1,795 | 425 | 939 | 2,772 |  |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 106 | 751 | 108 | 292 | 968 | 1,510 | 2,013 | 7,015 | 989 | 2,024 | 15,776 |  |
|  | S.E. | 71 | 356 | 57 | 57 | 246 | 494 | 573 | 1,119 | 318 | 403 | 1,512 |  |
| Total | Catch | 137,660 | 169,492 | 12,083 | 46,784 | 102,745 | 24,597 | 34,480 | 72,613 | 19,484 | 19,738 | 639,676 |  |
|  | S.E. | 10,010 | 9,738 | 1,359 | 4,133 | 6,030 | 1,830 | 2,574 | 4,305 | 1,276 | 1,969 | 16,862 |  |

[^2]APPENDIX B-8. STRAIT OF GEORGIA ROCKFISH CATCH SUMMARY, 1984.


* Indirect estimate.

APPENDIX B-9. STRAIT OF GEORGIA LINGCOD CATCH SUMMARY, 1984.


[^3]APPENDIX B-10. STRAIT OF GEORGIA DOGFISH CATCH SUMMARY, 1984.

| Month |  | Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | 19B+ | 28 | 29 |  |
| $\mathrm{Jan}+\mathrm{Feb}$ | Catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| March | Catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| April * | Catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 39 | 70 * |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 31 | 35 |
| May | Catch | 0 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 53 | 223 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 30 | 118 |
| June | Catch | 49 | 259 | 0 | 57 | 150 | 174 | 32 | 72 | 38 | 75 | 906 |
|  | S.E. | 31 | 119 | 0 | 68 | 96 | 110 | 23 | 30 | 20 | 52 | 214 |
| July | Catch | 151 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 1,027 | 15 | 228 | 179 | 201 | 1,998 |
|  | S.E. | 85 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 417 | 13 | 97 | 51 | 74 | 450 |
| August | Catch | 224 | 158 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 75 | 14 | 120 | 131 | 122 | 960 |
|  | S.E. | 148 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 31 | 16 | 45 | 70 | 70 | 203 |
| September | Catch | 61 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 101 | 186 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 395 |
|  | S.E. | 46 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 36 | 162 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 173 |
| October | Catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 44 | 63 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 44 | 49 |
| Total | Catch | 485 | 600 | 7 | 65 | 520 | 1,501 | 61 | 434 | 431 | 545 | 4,649 |
|  | S.E. | 179 | 178 | 6 | 68 | 124 | 462 | 31 | 112 | 94 | 130 | 581 |

[^4]APPENDIX B-11. STRAIT OF GEORGIA CATCH SUMMARY FOR OTHER FINFISH, 1984.

| Month |  | Statistical Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19A | $19 \mathrm{~B}+$ | 28 | 29 |  |
| Jan+Feb | Catch | 27 | 207 | 0 | 30 | 360 | 1,052 | 645 | 500 | 178 | 7 | 3,006 |
|  | S.E. | 21 | 222 | 0 | 33 | 141 | 402 | 385 | 344 | 113 | 6 | 715 |
| March | Catch | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 972 | 3,979 | 1,169 | 1,551 | 8 | 44 | 7,726 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 460 | 1,973 | 669 | 1,780 | 8 | 39 | 2,779 |
| April * | Catch | 22 | 38 | 1 | 1,667 | 1,243 | 2,298 | 63 | 708 | 65 | 36 | 6,141 * |
|  | S.E. | 12 | 23 | 1 | 433 | 400 | 784 | 74 | 304 | 18 | 18 | 1,030 |
| May | Catch | 21 | 56 | 1 | 1,480 | 452 | 1,607 | 0 | 561 | 122 | 62 | 4,362 |
|  | S.E. | 15 | 33 | 1 | 439 | 177 | 1,490 | 0 | 171 | 41 | 24 | 1,574 |
| June | Catch | 1,442 | 507 | 7 | 4,424 | 4,688 | 2,529 | 0 | 1,079 | 274 | 391 | 15,341 |
|  | S.E. | 264 | 96 | 5 | 696 | 1,808 | 1,329 | 0 | 356 | 74 | 116 | 2,397 |
| July | Catch | 1,518 | 881 | 0 | 8,483 | 1,376 | 1,313 | 294 | 809 | 149 | 223 | 15,046 |
|  | S.E. | 218 | 261 | 0 | 1,971 | 373 | 402 | 332 | 172 | 31 | 67 | 2,109 |
| August | Catch | 2,650 | 1,568 | 0 | 8,894 | 2,215 | 1,155 | 13 | 885 | 658 | 1,379 | 19,417 |
|  | S.E. | 519 | 314 | 0 | 1,621 | 556 | 339 | 16 | 154 | 187 | 1,018 | 2,125 |
| September | Catch | 393 | 600 | 0 | 2,941 | 2,579 | 437 | 184 | 1,142 | 367 | 244 | 8,887 |
|  | S.E. | 106 | 172 | 0 | 929 | 1,201 | 217 | 75 | 229 | 95 | 71 | 1,570 |
| October | Catch | 0 | 24 | 0 | 332 | 9 | 12 | 48 | 417 | 88 | 32 | 962 |
|  | S.E. | 0 | 12 | 0 | 169 | 11 | 8 | 60 | 102 | 58 | 21 | 216 |
| Nov+Dec | Catch | 861 | 6 | 0 | 449 | 958 | 922 | 8 | 157 | 93 | 11 | 3,465 |
|  | S.E. | 281 | 6 | 0 | 107 | 528 | 651 | 8 | 62 | 83 | 11 | 897 |
| Total | Catch | 6,934 | 3,890 | 9 | 28,700 | 14,852 | 15,304 | <, 24 | 7,809 | 2,002 | 2,429 | 84,353 |
|  | S.E. | 691 | 507 | 5 | 2,878 | 2,421 | 3,066 | 849 | 1,912 | 275 | 1,031 | 5,458 |

[^5]APPENDIX C. ANNUAL PROPORTTON OF CHINOOK CATCH AT AGE BY PERIOD, 1983 TO 1988.

|  | Period | Yeax |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 85-88 \\ & \text { Mean } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 |  |
|  | March | (0.001) | (0.001) | 0.000 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Age 2 | April | (0.003) | (0.003) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.010 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
|  | Jan-Feb | (0.996) | (0.996) | 1.000 | 0.995 | 0.990 | 0.997 | 0.996 |
|  | May-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | March | (0.052) | (0.052) | 0.056 | 0.022 | 0.086 | 0.044 | 0.052 |
| Age 3 | Apri1 | (0.049) | (0.049) | 0.052 | 0.017 | 0.079 | 0.046 | 0.049 |
|  | J an-Feb | (0.900) | (0.900) | 0.892 | 0.961 | 0.835 | 0.910 | 0.900 |
|  | May-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | March | (0.064) | (0.064) | 0.041 | 0.022 | 0.109 | 0.082 | 0.064 |
| Age 4 | April | (0.057) | (0.057) | 0.065 | 0.021 | 0.095 | 0.046 | 0.057 |
|  | Jan-Feb | (0.880) | (0.880) | 0.894 | 0.957 | 0.796 | 0.872 | 0.880 |
|  | May-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | March | (0.043) | (0.043) | 0.000 | 0.063 | 0.109 | 0.000 | 0.043 |
| Age 5 | April | (0.029) | (0.029) | 0.037 | 0.046 | 0.031 | 0.000 | 0.029 |
|  | Jan-Feb | (0.929) | (0.929) | 0.963 | 0.891 | 0.860 | 1.000 | 0.929 |
|  | May-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

NOTE: Values in brackets represent the $85-88$ mean proportion.

APPENDIX D. STRAIT OF GEORGIA CREEL SURVEY SIUDY AREA.

The Strait of Georgia Creel Survey study area includes those waters of Juan de Fuca Strait and the Strait of Georgia bounded in the south by a line from Sheringham Pt. on Vancouver Island due south to an intersection with the International Boundary and along the International Boundary to the B.C. Mainland coast at Blaine (Boundary Bay) and in the north by the following 3 boundary lines:

1) in discovery passage from Granite Pt. on Quadra Island to the stream mouth west of Moriarity Pt. on Vancouver Island.
2) in Okisollo Channel from Granite Pt. on Quadra Island due north to Sonora Island.
3) in Cordero Channel from Burnt Bluff on the mainland $214^{\circ}$ passing west of Dent Island to Sonora Island.

The area for which the Strait of Georgia Creel Survey statistics apply includes the above listed administrative area with the exception of the following areas:

1) Bute Inlet above a line from Lawrence Pt. running across the inlet. This area coincides with management units 13-21 and 13-22.
2) Waters of Pryce Channel, Waddington Channel, Pendrell Sound, Homfray Channel and Toba Inlet bounded by a line drawn from Horace Head on East Redonda Island at the south end of Waddington Channel to the northern point of Roscoe Bay on West Redonda Island and a line drawn within Homfray Channel from Price Pt. on the eastern shore of the channel by a line drawn from George Head at the easterly entrance of Ramsay Arm to Sutil Pt. on Cortes Island.
3) Hotham Sound above a line drawn from Elephant Point on the western shore of the Sound to the southern point of Granville Bay on the eastern shore of the Sound.
4) Jervis Inlet above a line drawn within Prince of Whales Reach from the mouth of Treat Creek on the east shore across the Reach to the summit (1625') at the head of Goliath Bay.
5) Sechelt Inlet including Narrows Inlet and Salmon Inlet above a line drawn within Skookumchuck Narrows from the "dog-leg" point southeast of the Egmont Pt. $224^{\circ}$ across the Narrows to Sechelt Peninsula.

APPENDIX E. SPECIES COMMONLY INCLUDED WITH OTHER FINFISH.

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Pacific Herring
Pacific Cod
Pacific Tomcod
Walleye Pollock
Pacific Hake
Berches - any perch, seaperch or surfperch
Greenlings
Flounders - Pacific Halibut, any flounder or sole
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[^0]:    * Indirect estimate.

[^1]:    * Includes coho, chinook, pink, chum, sockeye, steelhead and cutthroat trout.
    ** Indirect estimate.

[^2]:    * Indirect estimate.

[^3]:    * Indirect estimate.
    ** A total closure for lingcod was in effect from January 1 to April 15 , and November 15 to December 31, 1984; see Table 3 foomote.

[^4]:    * Indirect estimate.

[^5]:    * Indirect estimate.

