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COHO SALMON SMOLT AND ADULT PRODUCTION FROM GRANT LAKE
(COWICHAN RIVER, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C.) FOLLOWING
TWO YEARS OF COLONIZATION WITH HATCHERY-REARED
AND SALVAGED FRY

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Coho salmon underyearlings of wild and hatchery origin were transplanted in 1985 and '86 into a 52-ha lake containing native trout. Initial coho densities were 1020 and 1650 fish/ha. Overall survivals to smolt were 18.9 and 17.6%, with sub-group survivals ranging from 13% for the smallest fish at time of planting (2.25 g average weight) to 19% for the largest (5.5 and 7.3 g). Annual mean smolt weights were 38.6 and 16.3 g. CW-tagged fish of the second year contributed to the Canadian and American fisheries at 5.24% compared with 4.73% for 5 Gulf of Georgia hatcheries and 1.44% for 4 colonization projects of the same year. Several aspects of semi-natural production techniques utilizing lake habitats and relating to fish size and lake productivity are discussed.

RÉSUMÉ

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En 1985 et 1986, des saumons cohos sauvages ou d'élevage âgés de moins d'un an ont été transplantés dans un lac de 52 hectares peuplé de truites indigènes. Les densités initiales de cohos étaient de 1020 et 1650 poissons par hectare. Les taux de survie globale jusqu'à l'état de smolt se sont élevés respectivement à 18,9 % et 17,6 %, avec des taux de survie par sous-groupe allant de 13 % pour les poissons les plus petits au moment de l'ensemencement (poids moyen de 2,25 g) à 19 % pour les poissons les plus gros (5,5 et 7,4 g). Les poids moyens annuels des smolts étaient de 38,6 et 16,3 g. Les poissons de deuxième année marqués d'un fil métallique codé ont représenté 5,24 % des pêches canadiennes et américaines comparativement à 4,73 % pour cinq piscifactures du golfe de Georgia et à 1,44 % pour 4 projets de colonisation la même année. Plusieurs aspects des techniques de production semi-naturelle utilisant les habitats lacustres et reliant la taille des poissons et la productivité des lacs sont examinés.

INTRODUCTION

Catch and escapement information on Gulf of Georgia adult coho salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch) in the seventies and early eighties indicated a possibly substantial decline in abundance of wild stocks (Anon. 1987). This trend continued into the second half of the decade, (Farlinger et al. 1990). Recognition of this trend led to a marked acceleration in the outplanting of large quantities of young coho into various aquatic habitats that were thought to be capable of coho smolt production (Anon. 1980-85). Many of these habitats are located above barriers, such as falls, that prevent adult fish from reaching them. Such outplanting is classified locally as 'colonization' and tends to use hatchery 'surplus' fry and fingerlings, usually available in significant quantities from hatcheries that have escapements exceeding those needed for their normal smolt rearing requirements. There was local concern about the effectiveness and possible ecological consequences of these broad-brush efforts in B.C. The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Pacific Region, in addition to its basic project evaluations, therefore, initiated a series of tests to address more specific aspects of colonization. One such test is covered by this report, some others were published in Hurst and Blackman 1988.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The Lake and the Traps. Grant Lake is situated near the city of Duncan on the east coast of Vancouver Island B.C. It is a clear, oligotrophic mountain lake, lying at 224 m elevation in a short narrow valley, and is perched some 70 m above the Koksilah River valley floor. The watershed is about 8 square km in size, forms part of a privately owned tree farm, (B.C.T.F. licence # 45) and is mostly covered in second growth conifers. The lake is about 1850 m long and 500 m wide at its widest point, is about 52 ha in size, slopes evenly to a maximum depth of 40.5 m, and has a very limited littoral zone. During the years of experimentation it had a well-established thermocline by mid-June, with surface temperatures approaching 20 C° and a hypolimnion, at some 10 m, at less than 10 C°. By mid-August temperatures were from 20 to 24 C° in the top 8 m and the hypolimnion started at 13 to 15 m with temperatures below 10 C°. Conductivity ranged from 65 to 50 µmho in the top 10 m at this time.

Shore vegetation contains hardhack, willow, alder, Labrador tea, and various rushes and sedges. There are some marshy areas adjacent to the lake and three small but permanent feeder streams. Pond weeds and lily pads are present in narrow bands along most of the shores as is some large debris, mostly submerged tree trunks. There are substantial self-sustaining populations of rainbow (O. gairdneri) and cutthroat trout (O. clarkii), prickly sculpin (Cottus asper), and some three-spined sticklebacks (Gasterosteus aculeatus). Two trawl samples (2x2m surface net, 15 and 20 min. hauls) were obtained at about 2000 h. on Dec. 8, 1986. The catch contained no fish but the zooplankton present, in rough order of abundance, were Diaptomus

(poss. 2 spp.), Cyclops (poss. 2 spp.), Chaoborus, Neomysis, Daphnia, and Bosmina (J. Candy, P.B.S., pers. com.).

The lake has a 1-m high concrete dam at the outlet to retain sufficient water for a private power plant (Pelton wheel) driven year-round via an old 12" wood-stave pipe with a screened intake in the creek some distance below the dam. The diverted water rejoins the creek just above the smolt fence site, i.e. just above the confluence of the creek with the Koksilah River, about 12 km upstream of Marble Falls. The creek is only about 700 m long and contains several falls and cascades comprising a 70 m drop, which makes the lake inaccessible to anadromous fish. Marble Falls is equipped with a poorly maintained fish-way and is believed to be passable only occasionally to steelhead and coho. Due to extensive logging in the entire Koksilah River watershed summer flows have become reduced and fall and winter floods are severe.

The first smolt run was enumerated with a simple smolt weir erected some 40 m upstream from the confluence of the creek with the Koksilah River. It consisted of two 5 m long by 0.4 m high wings, constructed of 5 by 10 cm lumber and clad with 6 mm mesh metal screen, anchored and sealed with plastic sheeting to the stream bottom, and leading into a 15 cm dia. plastic pipe (corrugated 'Big-O' pipe), which, in turn, led into a double-chambered, Marquisette-lined holding box set in a deep pool downstream of the fence. The box had a hinged lid and was secured with a lock.

The first year's operation demonstrated severe smolt damage and loss, incurred during the descent. A bypass system was built for the second smolt run (Bams 1989), which collected all the fish at the lake's outlet after they were guided over the dam and directed them into a translucent, white, 6.4-cm dia. PVC pipe, 707 m long and discharging into a box similar to the weir collecting box. Flow in the pipe was 34 LPM. It took the fish about 6 minutes to make the passage, and they arrived in excellent shape, without any visible agitation or damage. There were no problems with total gas pressure or temperature.

Sources and treatment of fish used. In 1984 eggs were collected from wild coho spawning in Glenora Creek, a tributary of the lower Koksilah River. They were incubated and the fry were reared in the Cowichan River (Salmonid) Enhancement Society's hatchery operated by the Cowichan Indian Band near the mouth of the Cowichan River. Incubation and rearing took place in aerated ground water according to standard SEP practices using Heath incubators, Capilano-type troughs, and Oregon Moist Pellet diets fed at manufacturer's recommended rates. Additional fish were obtained from fry salvage operations, carried out annually in the Cowichan watershed (Burns et al. 1987). Two groups of salvaged fry were used: an early salvaged group, obtained from the upper Cowichan, and a later group, salvaged from Glenora Creek. Both groups were fed at the hatchery prior to release. Two of the available groups were differentially marked by excising a ventral fin and the third was left unmarked. Fish were taken to the lake by truck in aerated tanks and released in the surface water. The fish were visibly stressed under this treatment because of high lake water temperatures, and a few mortalities were observed.

In 1985 eggs were taken from Glenora and Kelvin creeks, both of which are lower Koksilah tributaries, and fry were salvaged in 1986 from Glenora Creek and the lower Cowichan River, mostly from drying side channels. All fish were fed at the hatchery and two groups were marked selectively by removal of a ventral fin. Release was effected this time via a 15-cm diameter hose that started at a box situated at the lake's edge, ran along the lake bottom, and terminated just below the thermocline in water that had the same temperature as that of the hatchery rearing water. The fish were transferred easily and no stress was observed (Bams 1989).

On several occasions a few fish were collected from the lake with baited 40-cm long minnow (Gee) traps, by angling, and with graduated gill nets. One attempt was made to collect fish at night with a tow net, but this was unsuccessful. At the fence migrating smolts were collected and counted mostly daily. Fish were coded-wire tagged usually twice a week. Individual weight measurements were taken occasionally on random samples of narcotized fish. Condition factors were calculated as $K = 10^4 \cdot W(g) \cdot L(mm)^{-3}$. Most data analysis was carried out using Minitab Release 7 (DOS) software.

RESULTS

The 1984-brood year

On August 8 and 9, 1985, the following groups (in order of increasing size) of coho fingerlings were released into the lake

| MARKS | AV.WGT. | NUMBER | EST.L. | REMARKS (source) |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| R.V. | 3.6 g | 12,600 | 67.9 | Salvaged, short rearing. |
| N.M. | 5.5 g | 32,000 | 78.2 | Salvaged, longer rearing. |
| L.V. | 7.3 g | 8,400 | 85.9 | Glenora stock, hatch. reared. |
| All | 5.6 g | 53,000 | 82.5 | Weighted average. |

where RV = right ventral, LV = left ventral, and NM = no mark. Only average weights were available at time of planting, but assuming K-values of 1.15 for these well-fed fish the expected average lengths can be estimated as indicated on the table. Naturally rearing under-yearling coho in adjacent streams (Bams, unpublished), averaged about 52 mm in size and it is clear, therefore, that all three of the Grant Lake groups had been significantly advanced by feeding at the hatchery.

On 20 November, 1985, 50 baited minnow traps (Gee-traps with enlarged funnel openings to accommodate the large fish) were set near shore at depths of from 2 to 5 feet in several locations of the lake. The water temperature was 6.5 C° and the traps were fished overnight; the bait was not available to the fish. The following text table shows the catch that was

obtained, where N = number caught, SE = standard error of the mean, and COND'N = condition factor (K).

| MARK | N | LENGTH (mm) | | WEIGHT (g) | | COND'N (K) | |
|------|----|-------------|------|------------|------|------------|-------|
| | | Mean | SE | Mean | SE | Mean | SE |
| R.V. | 1 | 118 | - | 17.9 | - | 1.089 | - |
| N.M. | 6 | 136.5 | 8.6 | 27.1 | 4.20 | 1.032 | 0.030 |
| L.V. | 7 | 138.0 | 13.6 | 30.8 | 6.61 | 1.024 | 0.029 |
| All | 14 | 135.9 | 7.5 | 28.3 | 3.72 | 1.032 | 0.019 |

The fish had gained significantly in average size and displayed a very large variation in length (mostly from 110 to 170 mm). Approximate gains in average length and weight were 65 and 400%, respectively. Condition factors were high and indicated that growing conditions in the lake were good up to this date.

The 1986 smolt run. Smolts started arriving at the weir a few days prior to May 1, 1986, the first day of record (Table 1). The three groups showed similar daily fluctuations and rates, but minor differences in timing of egress. Earliest was the short-reared (R.V.), followed by the long-reared salvaged group (NM) and last was the hatchery-reared group (L.V.). The trend is in direct relation with fish size, both at release and as smolt. The median and the mid-80 % points of the three sub-runs clearly show this trend and were as follows.

| Time | R.V. | N.M. | L.V. |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| 10 % | May 20.2 | May 21.7 | May 23.1 |
| 50 % | May 24.8 | May 27.5 | May 28.1 |
| 90 % | May 30.1 | June 1.2 | June 1.7 |

Survival from planting to smolt count at the weir were as follows for the three groups and their totals.

| Mark | N plant | N smolts | Surv. % |
|------|---------|----------|---------|
| R.V. | 12,600 | 2,198 | 17.4 |
| N.M. | 32,000 | 6,183 | 19.3 |
| L.V. | 8,400 | 1,610 | 19.2 |
| All | 53,000 | 10,026 | 18.9 |

The short-reared salvaged fish (R.V.) had sustained a slightly

higher mortality than the other two groups; this, as will be demonstrated below, was likely related to the smaller average size of this group at time of release. The apparent lack of a difference in mortality between the N.M. and the L.V. groups, which had a similar size difference between them at time of release, is addressed in the Discussion.

The smolts were extensively damaged during their descent from the lake. Descaling of from 10 to 50 % of body area was common and many fish held back in calmer areas of the stream long enough to develop fungus growth on injured areas; dead fish were also observed (Bams 1989). Predation by otters and probably other mammals and birds became extensive. Smolt counts and survival figures are, therefore, underestimated. Some fish are also known to have remained in the lake after the smolt run; in the fall several specimens from 20 to 25 cm fork length were caught on sport gear.

The 1986 smolt sizes. All three groups showed increasing mean lengths and weights and decreasing condition factors (K) during the smolt run (Table 3). Table 5 relates one-way Analyses of Variance to test for significance of effects and Means and 95% Confidence Intervals for these parameters for all treatments. Differences in length are significant ($P < .001$) in time and among the three treatments. The same results were obtained with the weights, which also differed significantly ($P < .001$) both in time and among the three groups. The condition factors decreased sharply during the last part of the run, with the group of the smallest fish (R.V.) showing consistently lower values than the other two, which were similar when all available dates were summed. The unweighted means (Table 3) show a more even and consistent gradation from N.M. through R.V. to L.V., but this does not correlate with original source or fish size of these groups.

The 1985-brood year.

On 1 August 1986 the following groups of fingerlings were introduced below the thermocline of Grant Lake (abbreviations are the same as before).

| Mark | Number | Avg.Wt. | Est.L. | Remarks (Source) |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| L.V. | 10,100 | 2.25 g | 58.9 mm | briefly reared salvaged stock |
| N.M. | 20,350 | ,, | ,, | same stock, partial group |
| R.V. | 10,100 | 5.35 g | 78.6 mm | hatchery-reared Glenora stock |
| N.M. | 45,650 | ,, | ,, | same stock, partial group |
| N.M. | 66,000 | 4.40 g | 73.7 mm | total and calculated averages for combined N.M. group |
| All | 86,200 | 4.25 g | 72.8 mm | total and averages of all groups |

The N.M. group was made up of 31% salvaged and 69% Glenora

(reared) stock. Again, the mean weights (as supplied by the hatchery) were converted to estimated mean lengths, using $K = 1.10$. Variability would have been high in both groups due to the rearing and collecting methods used.

The 1987 smolt run. As in the previous year, the first few smolts appeared during the last week of April and the run covered approximately the same period, but it showed two pronounced peaks, one around the middle of May, comprising 53 %, and one at the end of May, comprising 14 % of the total run (Table 2). Fish of the three groups as distinguished by mark showed very similar fluctuations in daily migration rates with the mid-80 % and the median dates as follows. There was no appreciable influence of fry or smolt size on time or rate of egress.

| Time | L.V. | N.M. | R.V. |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
| 10 % | May 12.2 | May 12.6 | May 12.6 |
| 50 % | May 14.9 | May 14.8 | May 14.8 |
| 90 % | May 27.7 | May 28.5 | May 28.1 |

Survivals (Surv. in percent) from planting to smolt count at the weir were as follows for the three groups and their totals.

| Mark | N plant | N smolts | Surv. % |
|------|---------|----------|---------|
| L.V. | 10,100 | 1,312 | 13.0 |
| N.M. | 66,000 | 11,941 | 18.1 |
| R.V. | 10,100 | 1,874 | 18.6 |
| All | 86,200 | 15,130 | 17.6 |

On the basis of mark recoveries the hatchery-reared fish again outperformed the salvaged fish in survival. Applying the survival rates obtained on the marked populations to the known proportions of the mixed unmarked group gives a total predicted output of 11,114 smolts, which is only 7% below the observed figure. The difference would include an expected marking mortality as well as marked fish that regenerated poorly executed fin clips, a certain percentage of which always occur. Clearly neither source of bias was high and the data appear coherent. Regeneration of marks would have been more prevalent in the salvaged fry, which were significantly smaller at time of marking, and a small bias may have depressed their survival somewhat.

The 1987 smolt sizes. Mean sizes and standard errors are recorded on Table 4 for samples separated by source (marks) and date. Salvaged fish (L.V.) were again consistently smaller throughout the run and in somewhat better condition than the hatchery fish (the R.V. group, but also evident in the N.M. group, which comprised 69% R.V.). One-way Anova's for all parameters by mark and by date show these differences to be statistically

significant at $P < .001$ (Table 6). All groups showed some growth and after an initial reduction a strong recovery in condition during the last two weeks. All groups were much smaller on average in 1987 than those of 1986 (daily means on Tables 3 and 4, total means on Tables 5 and 6).

Adult returns. Coded wire nose-tags were applied to 9303 smolts (code 082431) up to May 28, 1987, and another 1876 (code 082432) on the later fish, to June 11, 1987, for a total of 11,179 fish, i.e. 74% of the total run. These figures are adjusted for immediate (7 day) tag loss. Adult returns to the various fisheries were obtained from 1986 to 1989. Table 7 lists all estimated returns to the ten fisheries that recovered marks from marked coho releases from 17 selected sites surrounding the lower Gulf of Georgia. Recoveries were from troll, net, and sports fisheries in North and Central B.C., the West coast of Vancouver Island, the Inside Straights, and Alaska, Washington, and Oregon States sports fisheries. The releases contained standard hatchery production groups, SEP small projects efforts, and several colonization attempts, including the two Grant Lake tag groups. Calculated survival to the combined fisheries for the Grant Lake fish was 5.24% as compared to 4.73% for 5 coastal production hatcheries, and 1.44% for four other colonization attempts.

Adult recoveries were disappointingly low in both Koksilah and Cowichan River watersheds. Recovery attempts were hampered by continuing high water levels and poor seeing conditions so that, despite extensive stream surveys, only a few marked fish were recovered.

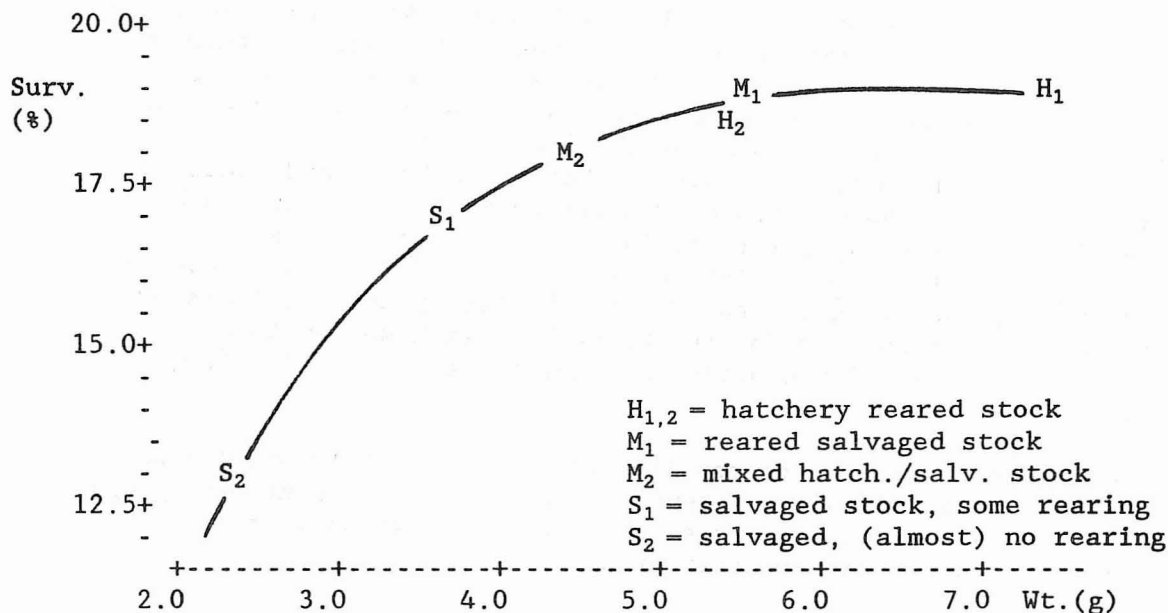
DISCUSSION

Survival.

Survivals from time of release into the lake (early August) to migrating smolt (mid-May) and weights at time of introduction for fish of the different sources in the two years were as follows.

| Brood-year | Hatchery | | Salvaged/reared | | Salvaged short | |
|------------|----------|------|-----------------|------|----------------|------|
| | W(g) | S(%) | or mixed | | rearing | |
| 1984 | 7.30 | 19.2 | 5.50 | 19.3 | 3.60 | 17.2 |
| 1985 | 5.35 | 18.6 | 4.40 | 18.1 | 2.25 | 13.0 |

When plotted a decreasingly positive relationship between fingerling size and survival to smolt is clearly demonstrated, showing little or no influence of origin of stock (letters) or year class (subscripts).



The relationship is described well by the quadratic equation

$$(\text{Survival}) = 4.39 + 4.81(\text{Wt}) - 0.384(\text{Wt})^2, r^2 = .97$$

and is clearly asymptotic. This suggests that coho mortality in this lake was strongly size related, probably primarily a function of size selective predation by the resident trout, which were commonly in the 25- to 30-cm size range. The coho mortality rate likely decreased gradually from a maximum at time of introduction when the fry were smallest. A weight exceeding about 5 g seems to have maximized survival at close to 20% in both years. Extrapolating the mortality curve to initial weights of 1 g or less (the typical hatchery produced 'unfed' fry commonly used for outplanting) suggests that survival of such fish would be too low to warrant stocking at any level of abundance in this lake, and, perhaps, other lakes like it. It also spells trouble for the outplanting of unfed 'salvaged' fry into lakes of this type early in the summer, because a significant proportion of such fry will be in this size group and are thus likely to be preyed upon by resident trout. Of interest here are observations by Crone (1976) on Osprey Lake (S.E. Alaska) where Dolly Varden char (*Salvelinus malma*), which were mostly spatially segregated from the introduced coho, were, nevertheless, observed to eat young coho. Even though the coho were reared prior to release to about 45 mm long to reduce predation, Dollies about 150 mm long had up to 15 fry each in their stomachs. The percentage of sampled char that were observed to have taken coho fell from 20 in July to 11 in September.

The observed survival rates agree well with results obtained elsewhere on Vancouver Island (e.g. Hurst and Blackman 1988) and are similar to natural survivals observed in the general area. Kyle (1984) reports on an extended coho colonization study in 73-ha Bear Lake in Alaska. Fluctuating populations of native sockeye compete for the available zooplankton supply (and so do sticklebacks probably), but I am not aware of sympatric predatory salmonids in the system. During the first 4 years of the program (1972/75) coho were planted at 2500/ha and average survival was 26%. During the next 5 years fish were planted at 1250/ha and survival increased to 37%. Starting in 1981 the lake was fertilized during the summer months and the production improved again to over 50% annually. There has been an accompanying change in the age at which the fish smolt: from 52 through 70 to 90% of the total run are now 1+ age. This clearly demonstrates that food availability is a critical issue in coho production from lakes such as these. Food availability, coho density and size strongly influence ultimate production and will require monitoring and mutual adjustment to achieve the desired outcome. Crone and Koenings (1985) discuss prey selectivity of coho in lakes and demonstrate significant correlation between coho growth rates and availability of large prey items (macroplankton, primarily calanoid copepods).

Releases of hatchery salmonids in the absence of competitive or predatory fish populations generally fare much better than those in presence of such fish populations; e.g. Crone and Koenings (1985) with coho in Sea Lion Cave Lake, at 78%; and Crone (1976) coho in Tranquil Lake following two applications of Rotenone, at 57 and 48%. This should come as no surprise and indicates a need to consider carefully various options that may be available for enhancement of any body of water before any one option is initiated. Hasty choices may preempt other outcomes that later turn out to be more desirable and, then, could be difficult or impossible to effect.

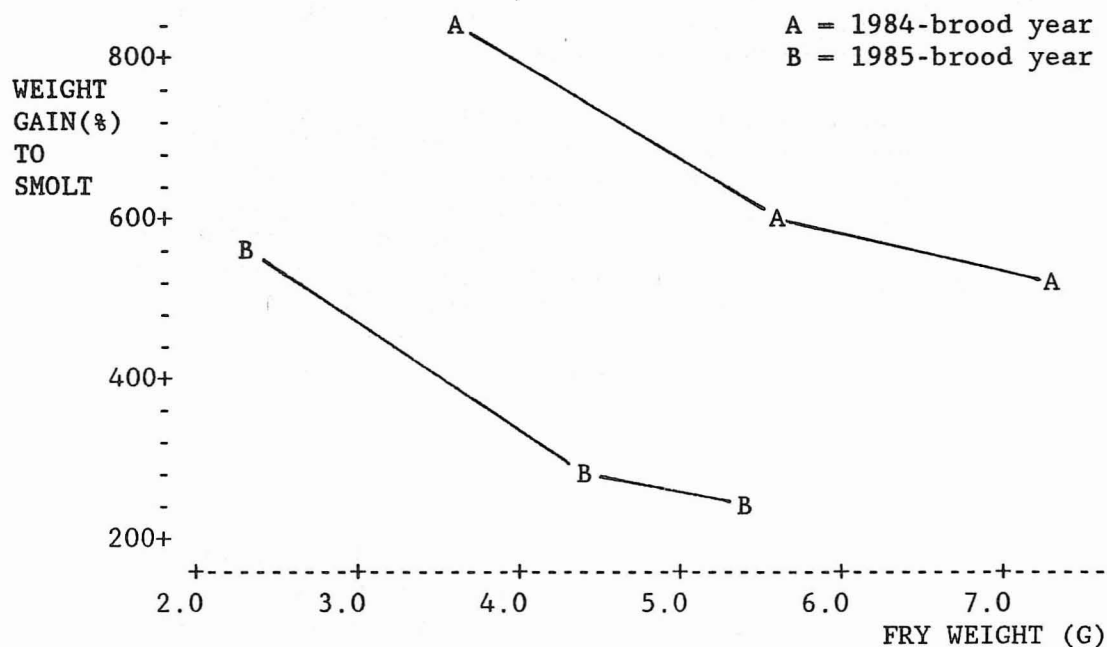
Growth.

All groups of fish gained substantially in size between time of planting and migration as smolts. The relevant measures are tabled below for Length (Ln), Weight (Wt), and Condition (K), together with the gain (in %) for the first two parameters.

| | | FRY | | SMOLTS | | | | |
|----|----|------|------|--------|-----|-------|-----|--------|
| BY | Mk | Ln | Wt | Ln | Ln% | Wt | Wt% | K |
| 84 | LV | 85.9 | 7.30 | 169.3 | 97 | 44.78 | 513 | 0.8437 |
| | NM | 78.2 | 5.60 | 157.9 | 102 | 39.03 | 597 | 0.9108 |
| | RV | 67.9 | 3.60 | 151.4 | 123 | 33.55 | 832 | 0.9201 |
| 85 | RV | 78.6 | 5.35 | 122.6 | 56 | 17.17 | 221 | 0.9210 |
| | NM | 73.7 | 4.40 | 120.5 | 64 | 16.96 | 285 | 0.9424 |
| | LV | 58.9 | 2.25 | 113.7 | 93 | 14.60 | 549 | 0.9792 |

Several observations obtain from these results.

Fish size at time of introduction had a strong influence on growth rate in both years, with the smaller fish growing fastest. Since growth was inversely related to survival over the same period, some of the difference in growth rate may be attributable to size selective mortality due to predation, i.e. population growth rate differed from real growth rate (Ricker 1975). However, the relative magnitude of the change in growth far exceeds that in mortality and, therefore, selective mortality alone is insufficient to explain the difference in growth rates. I conclude that growth was biased in favor of smaller fish. This could have been a consequence of limiting availability of larger food items. The following diagram clearly demonstrates the effects on weight gain achieved of 1) original fry size (parallel slopes of lines) and 2) the difference in growth levels between years (difference in origin of lines).



Growth clearly was superior in the first year in all three size groups despite their larger average size at introduction, which, as was just demonstrated, was associated with lower growth rate in this lake. Weighted mean smolt size was 38.6 g in the first year and 16.8 in the second, a decrease of more than 55%. The former size is very large, even by hatchery production standards, but the second is close to outplanted coho sizes observed in the Quinsam and Millstone rivers in 1985 and '86, and 1986 and '87, respectively (Labelle 1990).

Size alone, however, does not reflect lake productivity, because the coho population was increased from 53.0 to 86.2 thousand fish at time of planting (an increase of 63%), and this resulted in, respectively, 10.0 and 15.1 thousand smolts (increase 51%). Therefore, total calculated smolt weight

is a more appropriate measure of productivity and it too decreased markedly, from 387.2 to 253.8 kg, giving a net reduction of almost 35%.

The difference in productivity is probably not associated with the trout population, which is unlikely to have changed appreciably over the two consecutive years. A more likely explanation may lie in a change in availability of preferred food taxa, which could have become reduced in the second year as a consequence of heavy cropping the first year. Such reductions have been observed repeatedly elsewhere, following introduction of a planktivorous species in a lake (Nilsson, 1972). After an initial high growth rate stocks tend to settle down at a sustainable, but much lower, level of productivity. Our tests did not last long enough to demonstrate what the maintainable level of production is in this lake, nor what the cumulative effect on the trout population would be. The answers to such questions require the commitment of long-term research and will determine the eventual success and viability of outplanting as a production strategy.

The observed average condition factors at migration (Tables 3 and 4, and text table on p. 11) indicate clearly that the smaller fish sizes of the second year were associated with higher, i.e. more normal, K-values in the smolts. The same relationship is evident among groups within years. I interpret these observations as indicating that food supply became limiting for the larger fish, which is congruent with more rewarding (larger?) food items having been in short supply. Since all K-values were near, albeit below, 1.0, there was no indication of the carrying capacity of the lake having been exceeded, as was observed in coho transplants into Burnt-out Lake (Bams 1990) and into Brannen Lake (Hurst and Blackman 1988), but the much smaller smolt size of the second year suggests that, at least in that year, there was no great excess in capacity either. The planting density of 1600 fish per hectare seems to have been a reasonable maximum for this lake, at least in the second year and at the fry size used. It is not known whether this level of productivity could have been maintained in subsequent years; it is possible that the loading level would have had to be reduced.

Adult Returns

As indicated in the Results section, the Grant Lake fish contributed widely to a number of fisheries. Their overall capture rate ("SURV-%" on Table 7) of 5.24% was better than that of any of five Gulf of Georgia coastal hatcheries (Big and Little Qualicum, Capilano, Puntledge, and Rosewall) in that same brood year, at a mean of 4.73%, and considerably better than four other colonization efforts in the area (the Millstone, upper Puntledge, Tenderfoot, and Vancouver rivers), at only 1.44%. The relative distribution of the catches shows the Cowichan stocks to contribute differently to the various fisheries (Table 7). The outstanding differences are a major shift to the west coast of Vancouver Island fisheries and a reduction in the (Canadian) Inside troll and sports categories. There was also a notable increase in the American ocean sports catch, which occurred mostly around the San Juan Islands and on the Washington side of the Juan de Fuca Strait. Of all the other stocks only those of a southern location, and especially the Tenderfoot Creek and the Salmon River stocks, contributed to

these fisheries, but at a lesser rate.

Adult returns to the river of origin were disappointing. The presence of an essentially impassable falls on the Koksilah River (Marble Falls) may have aggravated the lack of returns to the Grant Lake outlet stream, but as far as we were able to discern fish were also lacking elsewhere in the Koksilah as well as the Cowichan systems. Field surveys in the spring of 1989 turned up a few coho fry in the immediate area of the outlet of Grant Lake where no fish had been observed in previous years. It is concluded that some fish managed to return to the area and spawned successfully, but their numbers were negligible and could not form the basis of an artificially maintained Grant Lake run. Colonization stock would have to be generated yearly from adjacent streams, e.g. Glenora Creek. Improvements to the now largely defunct Marble Falls fish-way would be advisable if returns to the general area were to occur.

Several attempts were made to obtain coho fry and/or fingerlings from Grant Lake following the smolt output of 1987. Only during the summer of 1987 were some immature fish collected and no further evidence was obtained of any coho occurring in the system after that. Mature adults have been observed following outplanting in small lakes (e.g. Bams 1990) and in larger ones, e.g. Klein and Finnel (1969) who observed 3- and 4-year old males and females in Colorado high altitude reservoirs of different sizes. In none of these cases were young coho (0+) observed even though spawning creeks were at hand. I have no record of a run maintaining itself in such a lake and assume that any progeny would quickly be removed by coho yearlings and/or resident fish, such as cutthroat trout. These observations are reassuring to the effect that viable, self-perpetuating trout populations are unlikely to be lastingly affected negatively by limited colonization efforts. A schedule of controlled on/off colonization applications or seedings at less than maximum levels may well ensure continuing satisfactory performance of the usually desirable resident trout populations, while producing an optimum number of coho smolts as well. Crone (1976) found evidence that Dolly Varden and coho partitioned a lake spatially, at least at certain times of the year. Such mechanisms are likely to reduce dietary and, particularly, predatory competition (but see comments above) and help establish carefully controlled multi-species equilibria that make best possible use of the available resources of a promising system.

Lake fertilization, when properly controlled for quantities of nutrients, their balance, and timing of application, has resulted in the promotion of the 'right' zooplankters in several Alaskan lakes (Kyle 1984) with the desired responses from outplanted coho. Numbers of 'hold-over' fish (1+ after smolting) have been reduced and growth and survival promoted. Clearly a variety of fish-cultural techniques are now available to initiate or enhance coho production from available natural habitats presently not utilized by the species.

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Table 1. Numbers of smolts by date (N), cumulatively (NC), and in cumulative percent (C%), for unmarked (NM), right ventral clip (RV), left ventral clip (LV), and total fish (TOTAL), for Grant Lake in 1986.

| Date | NM | | | RV | | | LV | | | TOTAL | | |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| | N | NC | C% | N | NC | C% | N | NC | C% | N | NC | C% |
| May 1 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 6 | 6 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 8 | 0.1 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 0.1 | 0 | 6 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 10 | 0.1 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 0.1 | 1 | 7 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 12 | 0.1 |
| 6 | 2 | 7 | 0.1 | 2 | 9 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 16 | 0.2 |
| 8 | 1 | 8 | 0.1 | 7 | 16 | 0.7 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 24 | 0.2 |
| 9 | 3 | 11 | 0.2 | 2 | 18 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 29 | 0.3 |
| 10 | 5 | 16 | 0.3 | 8 | 26 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 13 | 42 | 0.4 |
| 11 | 10 | 26 | 0.4 | 9 | 35 | 1.6 | 2 | 2 | 0.1 | 21 | 63 | 0.6 |
| 13 | 17 | 43 | 0.7 | 26 | 61 | 2.8 | 1 | 3 | 0.2 | 44 | 107 | 1.1 |
| 14 | 8 | 51 | 0.8 | 7 | 68 | 3.1 | 0 | 3 | 0.2 | 15 | 122 | 1.2 |
| 15 | 44 | 95 | 1.5 | 50 | 118 | 5.4 | 9 | 12 | 0.7 | 103 | 225 | 2.3 |
| 19 | 8 | 103 | 1.7 | 18 | 136 | 6.2 | 3 | 15 | 0.9 | 29 | 254 | 2.5 |
| 20 | 87 | 190 | 3.1 | 80 | 216 | 9.8 | 15 | 30 | 1.9 | 183 | 437 | 4.4 |
| 21 | 25 | 215 | 3.5 | 23 | 239 | 10.9 | 2 | 32 | 2.0 | 50 | 487 | 4.9 |
| 22 | 546 | 761 | 12.3 | 408 | 647 | 29.4 | 64 | 96 | 6.0 | 1023 | 1510 | 15.1 |
| 23 | 230 | 991 | 16.0 | 154 | 801 | 36.4 | 58 | 154 | 9.6 | 443 | 1953 | 19.5 |
| 24 | 312 | 1303 | 21.1 | 153 | 954 | 43.4 | 89 | 243 | 15.1 | 556 | 2509 | 25.0 |
| 25 | 373 | 1676 | 27.1 | 187 | 1141 | 51.9 | 80 | 323 | 20.1 | 641 | 3150 | 31.4 |
| 26 | 649 | 2325 | 37.6 | 246 | 1387 | 63.1 | 139 | 462 | 28.7 | 1037 | 4187 | 41.8 |
| 27 | 423 | 2748 | 44.4 | 92 | 1479 | 67.3 | 104 | 566 | 35.2 | 620 | 4807 | 47.9 |
| 28 | 712 | 3460 | 56.0 | 195 | 1674 | 76.2 | 200 | 766 | 47.6 | 1109 | 5916 | 59.0 |
| 29 | 820 | 4280 | 69.2 | 194 | 1868 | 85.0 | 267 | 1033 | 64.2 | 1297 | 7213 | 71.9 |
| 30 | 319 | 4599 | 74.4 | 101 | 1969 | 89.6 | 99 | 1132 | 70.3 | 519 | 7732 | 77.1 |
| 31 | 594 | 5193 | 84.0 | 91 | 2060 | 93.7 | 166 | 1298 | 80.6 | 852 | 8584 | 85.6 |
| Jun. 1 | 337 | 5530 | 89.4 | 63 | 2123 | 96.6 | 109 | 1407 | 87.4 | 510 | 9094 | 90.7 |
| 2 | 222 | 5752 | 93.0 | 31 | 2154 | 98.0 | 61 | 1468 | 91.2 | 314 | 9408 | 93.8 |
| 3 | 214 | 5966 | 96.5 | 19 | 2173 | 98.9 | 65 | 1533 | 95.2 | 298 | 9706 | 96.8 |
| 4 | 79 | 6045 | 97.8 | 9 | 2182 | 99.3 | 27 | 1560 | 96.9 | 116 | 9827 | 98.0 |
| 6 | 82 | 6127 | 99.1 | 5 | 2187 | 99.5 | 29 | 1589 | 98.7 | 116 | 9938 | 99.1 |
| 9 | 53 | 6180 | 100 | 9 | 2196 | 99.9 | 20 | 1609 | 99.9 | 82 | 10020 | 99.9 |
| 17 | 3 | 6183 | 100 | 2 | 2198 | 100 | 1 | 1610 | 100 | 6 | 10026 | 100 |

Table 2. Numbers of smolts by date (N), cumulatively (NC), and in cumulative percent (C%), for unmarked (NM), right ventral clip (RV), left ventral clip (LV), and total fish (TOTAL), for Grant Lake in 1987.

| Date | NM | | | RV | | | LV | | | TOTAL | | |
|---------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | N | NC | C% | N | NC | C% | N | NC | C% | N | NC | C% |
| Apr. 20 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| 25 | 3 | 4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 4 | 0.0 |
| 26 | 3 | 7 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 7 | 0.0 |
| 29 | 3 | 10 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 0.1 | 4 | 11 | 0.1 |
| May 5 | 3 | 13 | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 2 | 0.2 | 5 | 16 | 0.1 |
| 8 | 45 | 58 | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 0.1 | 9 | 11 | 0.8 | 55 | 71 | 0.5 |
| 9 | 125 | 183 | 1.5 | 17 | 19 | 1.0 | 32 | 43 | 3.3 | 174 | 245 | 1.6 |
| 10 | 125 | 308 | 2.6 | 19 | 38 | 2.0 | 20 | 63 | 4.8 | 164 | 409 | 2.7 |
| 12 | 178 | 486 | 4.1 | 14 | 52 | 2.8 | 32 | 95 | 7.2 | 224 | 633 | 4.2 |
| 13 | 1168 | 1654 | 13.9 | 220 | 272 | 14.5 | 168 | 263 | 20.0 | 1556 | 2189 | 14.5 |
| 14 | 291 | 1945 | 16.3 | 49 | 321 | 17.1 | 31 | 294 | 22.4 | 371 | 2560 | 16.9 |
| 15 | 4865 | 6810 | 57.0 | 794 | 1115 | 59.5 | 412 | 706 | 53.8 | 6071 | 8631 | 57.1 |
| 16 | 1485 | 8295 | 69.5 | 194 | 1309 | 69.9 | 195 | 901 | 68.7 | 1874 | 10505 | 69.5 |
| 17 | 30 | 8325 | 69.7 | 30 | 1339 | 71.5 | 30 | 931 | 71.0 | 90 | 10595 | 70.0 |
| 18 | 725 | 9050 | 75.8 | 87 | 1426 | 76.1 | 51 | 982 | 74.8 | 863 | 11458 | 75.8 |
| 22 | 210 | 9260 | 77.6 | 30 | 1456 | 77.7 | 16 | 998 | 76.1 | 256 | 11714 | 77.4 |
| 23 | 372 | 9632 | 80.7 | 81 | 1537 | 82.0 | 21 | 1019 | 77.7 | 474 | 12188 | 80.6 |
| 25 | 383 | 10015 | 83.9 | 46 | 1583 | 84.5 | 64 | 1083 | 82.5 | 493 | 12681 | 83.8 |
| 28 | 551 | 10566 | 88.5 | 101 | 1684 | 89.9 | 107 | 1190 | 90.7 | 759 | 13440 | 88.9 |
| 31 | 1158 | 11724 | 98.2 | 153 | 1837 | 98.0 | 84 | 1274 | 97.1 | 1395 | 14835 | 98.1 |
| Jun. 4 | 214 | 11938 | 100.0 | 37 | 1874 | 100.0 | 37 | 1311 | 99.9 | 288 | 15123 | 100.0 |
| 15 | 2 | 11940 | 100.0 | 0 | 1874 | 100.0 | 0 | 1311 | 99.9 | 2 | 15125 | 100.0 |
| 21 | 1 | 11941 | 100.0 | 0 | 1874 | 100.0 | 1 | 1312 | 100.0 | 2 | 15127 | 100.0 |

Table 3. Number of fish (n), mean Length (L, in mm), Weight (W, in g), and Condition (K) and their standard errors (SE) for Coho smolts from Grant Lake, in 1986, by Date and by Mark.

| Date | n | L | SE | n | W | SE | K | SE |
|------------------------------|----|-----|-------|-------|----|------|------|-------|
| **** NO MARK **** | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2 | 2 | 152.5 | 7.50 | * | * | * | * |
| | 3 | 1 | 130.0 | * | * | * | * | * |
| | 8 | 1 | 146.0 | * | * | * | * | * |
| | 9 | 3 | 147.7 | 6.44 | * | * | * | * |
| | 10 | 5 | 143.8 | 9.94 | * | * | * | * |
| | 11 | 10 | 147.8 | 4.89 | * | * | * | * |
| | 13 | 17 | 155.8 | 3.94 | * | * | * | * |
| | 14 | 8 | 154.0 | 7.47 | * | * | * | * |
| | 15 | 44 | 154.7 | 2.12 | * | * | * | * |
| | 19 | 8 | 157.6 | 2.21 | * | * | * | * |
| | 20 | 87 | 153.9 | 1.53 | * | * | * | * |
| | 21 | 25 | 156.6 | 2.04 | 25 | 38.6 | 1.46 | 0.996 |
| | 22 | 142 | 151.6 | 1.14 | 19 | 33.1 | 1.75 | 0.941 |
| | 23 | 29 | 156.0 | 1.57 | * | * | * | * |
| | 25 | 31 | 159.2 | 2.66 | * | * | * | * |
| | 27 | 33 | 159.9 | 1.30 | 33 | 38.8 | 1.07 | 0.942 |
| | 29 | 36 | 164.8 | 1.89 | 36 | 40.6 | 1.42 | 0.900 |
| June | 2 | 32 | 173.8 | 2.16 | * | * | * | * |
| | 4 | 32 | 170.2 | 2.03 | 32 | 40.9 | 1.52 | 0.821 |
| | 5 | 37 | 169.8 | 2.56 | * | * | * | * |
| | 17 | 3 | 171.3 | 6.01 | 3 | 40.4 | 4.18 | 0.798 |
| **** RIGHT VENTRAL CLIP **** | | | | | | | | |
| May | 3 | 1 | 148.0 | * | * | * | * | * |
| | 8 | 7 | 142.6 | 5.11 | * | * | * | * |
| | 9 | 2 | 141.0 | 11.00 | * | * | * | * |
| | 10 | 8 | 141.5 | 4.00 | * | * | * | * |
| | 11 | 9 | 148.4 | 2.29 | * | * | * | * |
| | 13 | 26 | 148.2 | 2.39 | * | * | * | * |
| | 14 | 7 | 147.6 | 3.72 | * | * | * | * |
| | 15 | 50 | 150.7 | 2.01 | * | * | * | * |
| | 19 | 18 | 150.3 | 2.11 | * | * | * | * |
| | 20 | 80 | 152.3 | 1.22 | * | * | * | * |
| | 21 | 23 | 149.2 | 3.44 | 23 | 32.3 | 2.14 | 0.945 |
| | 22 | 139 | 151.1 | 0.89 | 27 | 32.0 | 1.23 | 0.935 |
| | 23 | 16 | 151.3 | 2.19 | * | * | * | * |
| | 25 | 10 | 156.4 | 2.26 | * | * | * | * |
| | 27 | 8 | 155.5 | 2.49 | 8 | 33.6 | 1.52 | 0.889 |
| | 29 | 7 | 165.3 | 2.93 | 7 | 40.0 | 2.27 | 0.881 |
| June | 2 | 3 | 168.7 | 5.70 | * | * | * | * |
| | 4 | 6 | 170.2 | 4.42 | 6 | 42.5 | 3.71 | 0.851 |
| | 5 | 1 | 183.0 | * | * | * | * | * |
| | 17 | 2 | 161.0 | 1.00 | 2 | 32.8 | 1.10 | 0.786 |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| Date | n | L | SE | n | W | SE | K | SE |
|-----------------------------|----|-------|-------|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| **** LEFT VENTRAL CLIP **** | | | | | | | | |
| May 11 | 2 | 149.0 | 1.00 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 13 | 1 | 168.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 15 | 9 | 161.9 | 5.69 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 19 | 3 | 153.7 | 10.70 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 20 | 15 | 158.3 | 4.13 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 21 | 2 | 129.5 | 7.50 | 2 | 19.8 | 3.40 | 0.903 | 0.001 |
| 22 | 20 | 166.5 | 3.93 | 4 | 46.8 | 8.00 | 0.863 | 0.030 |
| 23 | 5 | 184.0 | 7.60 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 25 | 9 | 158.0 | 1.48 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 27 | 9 | 165.9 | 5.29 | 9 | 41.1 | 3.77 | 0.884 | 0.020 |
| 29 | 7 | 167.1 | 3.81 | 7 | 41.2 | 2.80 | 0.877 | 0.021 |
| June 2 | 14 | 184.1 | 4.78 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 4 | 12 | 190.2 | 3.98 | 12 | 54.1 | 2.77 | 0.783 | 0.018 |
| 5 | 11 | 176.4 | 4.49 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 17 | 1 | 161.0 | * | 1 | 32.8 | * | 0.786 | * |

Table 4. Number of fish (n), mean Length (L, in mm), Weight (W, in g), and Condition (K) and their standard errors (SE) for coho smolts from Grant Lake, in 1987, by Date and by Mark.

| Date | n | L | SE | n | W | SE | K | SE |
|------------------------------|----|-------|------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| **** NO MARK **** | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 29 | 3 | 123.3 | 7.26 | * | * | * | * | * |
| May 5 | 3 | 119.7 | 2.03 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 8 | 45 | 116.5 | 0.98 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 12 | 30 | 118.3 | 0.93 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 14 | 31 | 121.8 | 1.50 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 16 | 60 | 116.4 | 0.98 | 60 | 14.92 | 0.333 | 0.942 | 0.010 |
| 17 | 30 | 122.9 | 1.53 | 30 | 16.89 | 0.607 | 0.907 | 0.020 |
| 22 | 31 | 118.3 | 1.26 | 31 | 15.98 | 0.434 | 0.963 | 0.013 |
| 28 | 60 | 123.4 | 0.93 | 60 | 17.50 | 0.359 | 0.926 | 0.008 |
| 31 | 60 | 125.0 | 0.83 | 60 | 19.00 | 0.360 | 0.967 | 0.006 |
| **** RIGHT VENTRAL CLIP **** | | | | | | | | |
| May 5 | 1 | 130.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 8 | 1 | 125.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 12 | 14 | 119.6 | 1.68 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 14 | 47 | 122.4 | 1.25 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 15 | 32 | 121.1 | 1.20 | 32 | 16.41 | 0.561 | 0.916 | 0.013 |
| 16 | 26 | 119.5 | 1.33 | 26 | 15.62 | 0.484 | 0.909 | 0.011 |
| 17 | 30 | 121.1 | 1.45 | 30 | 15.97 | 0.527 | 0.892 | 0.008 |
| 22 | 30 | 122.4 | 1.49 | 30 | 16.54 | 0.529 | 0.897 | 0.011 |
| 28 | 59 | 122.1 | 0.78 | 59 | 16.91 | 0.340 | 0.925 | 0.010 |
| 31 | 60 | 126.8 | 0.85 | 60 | 19.43 | 0.339 | 0.951 | 0.007 |
| **** LEFT VENTRAL CLIP **** | | | | | | | | |
| Apr. 29 | 1 | 112.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| May 5 | 1 | 115.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 8 | 9 | 116.9 | 1.61 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 12 | 30 | 115.4 | 1.42 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 14 | 31 | 112.3 | 1.24 | * | * | * | * | * |
| 15 | 64 | 109.9 | 0.98 | 42 | 12.78 | 0.379 | 0.957 | 0.017 |
| 16 | 16 | 111.3 | 1.96 | 16 | 12.84 | 0.618 | 0.928 | 0.028 |
| 17 | 30 | 112.4 | 1.33 | 30 | 13.02 | 0.358 | 0.918 | 0.019 |
| 22 | 16 | 116.9 | 1.29 | 16 | 14.83 | 0.369 | 0.929 | 0.013 |
| 28 | 60 | 113.3 | 0.83 | 60 | 14.65 | 0.318 | 1.001 | 0.007 |
| 31 | 60 | 118.1 | 0.63 | 60 | 17.02 | 0.237 | 1.031 | 0.008 |

Table 5. One-way Anova's, Means, and 95% Confidence Intervals on mean Lengths, Weights, and Condition factors (K), by Date and by Mark, for Grant Lake coho smolts in 1986.

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON LENGTH BY DATE

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| DATE | 21 | 69912 | 3329 | 18.88 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 1115 | 196597 | 176 | | |
| TOTAL | 1136 | 266509 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|-------|-----|--------|-------|---------------|
| 5.01 | 8 | 150.62 | 14.05 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.02 | 2 | 152.50 | 10.61 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.06 | 2 | 156.50 | 7.78 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.08 | 8 | 143.00 | 12.57 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.09 | 5 | 145.00 | 11.66 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.10 | 13 | 142.38 | 15.52 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.11 | 21 | 148.19 | 11.25 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.13 | 44 | 151.57 | 14.31 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.14 | 15 | 151.00 | 16.61 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.15 | 103 | 153.37 | 14.63 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.19 | 29 | 152.69 | 9.68 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.20 | 182 | 153.57 | 13.09 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.21 | 50 | 152.10 | 14.50 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.22 | 301 | 152.38 | 13.06 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.23 | 50 | 157.28 | 13.18 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.25 | 50 | 158.42 | 12.17 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.27 | 50 | 160.26 | 9.71 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.29 | 50 | 165.20 | 10.60 | (-----*-----) |
| 6.02 | 49 | 176.41 | 14.61 | (-----*-----) |
| 6.04 | 50 | 175.00 | 14.56 | (-----*-----) |
| 6.06 | 49 | 171.53 | 15.45 | (-----*-----) |
| 6.17 | 6 | 166.17 | 8.70 | (-----*-----) |

POOLED STDEV = 13.28

135 150 165 180

Table 5 (cont'd)

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON LENGTH BY MARK

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| MARK | 2 | 31914 | 15957 | 77.14 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 1134 | 234594 | 207 | | |
| TOTAL | 1136 | 266509 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| NM | 587 | 157.88 | 14.92 | (-*) |
| RV | 430 | 151.39 | 11.90 | (-*) |
| LV | 120 | 169.27 | 19.12 | (---*) |

POOLED STDEV = 14.38

-----+-----+-----+-----+
156.0 162.0 168.0

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON WEIGHT BY DATE

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
|--------|-----|---------|-------|------|-------|
| DATE | 6 | 3959.5 | 659.9 | 8.52 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 257 | 19910.4 | 77.5 | | |
| TOTAL | 263 | 23870.0 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|-------|----|--------|--------|----------|
| 5.01 | 8 | 32.950 | 8.646 | (-----*) |
| 5.21 | 50 | 34.934 | 9.676 | (---*) |
| 5.22 | 50 | 33.602 | 8.632 | (---*) |
| 5.27 | 50 | 38.368 | 7.298 | (---*) |
| 5.29 | 50 | 40.594 | 7.944 | (---*) |
| 6.04 | 50 | 44.276 | 10.354 | (---*) |
| 6.17 | 6 | 36.600 | 6.224 | (-----*) |

POOLED STDEV = 8.802

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30.0 36.0 42.0 48.0

Table 5 (cont'd)

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON WEIGHT BY MARK

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
|--------|-----|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| MARK | 2 | 3326.3 | 1663.1 | 21.13 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 261 | 20543.7 | 78.7 | | |
| TOTAL | 263 | 23870.0 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|----------------------|-----|--------|--------|----------------|
| NM | 150 | 39.027 | 7.977 | (--*--) |
| RV | 79 | 33.551 | 8.195 | (---*---) |
| LV | 35 | 44.783 | 13.087 | (-----*-----) |
| POOLED STDEV = 8.872 | | | | 35.0 40.0 45.0 |

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON CONDITION FACTOR K BY DATE

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
|--------|-----|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| DATE | 6 | 0.75732 | 0.12622 | 28.92 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 257 | 1.12166 | 0.00436 | | |
| TOTAL | 263 | 1.87898 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|------------------------|----|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| 5.01 | 8 | 0.94844 | 0.04088 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.21 | 50 | 0.96886 | 0.09387 | (---*---) |
| 5.22 | 50 | 0.93135 | 0.05338 | (--*--) |
| 5.27 | 50 | 0.92339 | 0.06357 | (---*---) |
| 5.29 | 50 | 0.89088 | 0.04508 | (---*---) |
| 6.04 | 50 | 0.81556 | 0.06975 | (---*--) |
| 6.17 | 6 | 0.79192 | 0.02280 | (-----*-----) |
| POOLED STDEV = 0.06606 | | | | 0.770 0.840 0.910 0.980 |

Table 5 (cont'd)

| ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON CONDITION FACTOR K BY MARK | | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
| MARK | 2 | 0.15470 | 0.07735 | 11.71 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 261 | 1.72428 | 0.00661 | | |
| TOTAL | 263 | 1.87898 | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN BASED ON POOLED STDEV | | | | | |
| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | -----+-----+----- | |
| NM | 150 | 0.91083 | 0.09063 | (---*---) | |
| RV | 79 | 0.92010 | 0.06395 | (-----*-----) | |
| LV | 35 | 0.84368 | 0.07306 | (-----*-----) | |
| POOLED STDEV = 0.08128 | | | | 0.840 | 0.875 0.910 |

Table 6. One-way Anova's, Means, and 95% Confidence Intervals on mean Lengths, Weights, and Condition factors (K), by Date and by Mark, for Grant Lake coho smolts in 1987.

| ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON LENGTH BY DATE | | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
| DATE | 10 | 7420.2 | 742.0 | 11.69 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 959 | 60849.6 | 63.5 | | |
| TOTAL | 969 | 68269.7 | | | |

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN BASED ON POOLED STDEV | |
|---------------------|-----|--------|-------|--|-------------|
| 4.29 | 4 | 120.50 | 11.73 | -----+-----+-----+----- | |
| 5.05 | 4 | 118.50 | 3.70 | (-----*-----) | |
| 5.08 | 55 | 116.69 | 6.34 | (-----*-----) | |
| 5.12 | 74 | 117.38 | 6.67 | (---*---) | |
| 5.14 | 109 | 119.34 | 9.17 | (---*---) | |
| 5.15 | 96 | 113.60 | 9.17 | (---*---) | |
| 5.16 | 102 | 116.41 | 7.80 | (---*---) | |
| 5.17 | 90 | 118.81 | 9.06 | (---*---) | |
| 5.22 | 77 | 119.58 | 7.45 | (---*---) | |
| 5.28 | 179 | 119.59 | 7.95 | (---*---) | |
| 5.31 | 180 | 123.31 | 7.08 | (---*---) | |
| | | | | -----+-----+-----+----- | |
| POOLED STDEV = 7.97 | | | | 115.0 | 120.0 125.0 |

| ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON LENGTH BY MARK | | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
| MARK | 2 | 13532.6 | 6766.3 | 119.54 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 967 | 54737.1 | 56.6 | | |
| TOTAL | 969 | 68269.7 | | | |

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN BASED ON POOLED STDEV | |
|---------------------|-----|--------|-------|--|-------------------|
| NM | 353 | 120.52 | 7.83 | (---*---) | |
| RV | 299 | 122.57 | 7.43 | (---*---) | |
| LV | 318 | 113.71 | 7.25 | (---*---) | |
| | | | | -----+-----+-----+----- | |
| POOLED STDEV = 7.52 | | | | 114.0 | 117.0 120.0 123.0 |

Table 6 (cont'd)

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON WEIGHT BY DATE

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | P |
|--------|-----|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| DATE | 5 | 1476.92 | 295.38 | 36.74 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 696 | 5596.01 | 8.04 | | |
| TOTAL | 701 | 7072.94 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|-------|-----|--------|-------|---------------|
| 515 | 74 | 14.346 | 3.308 | (-----*-----) |
| 516 | 102 | 14.774 | 2.661 | (---*---) |
| 517 | 90 | 15.292 | 3.215 | (---*---) |
| 522 | 77 | 15.958 | 2.516 | (---*---) |
| 528 | 179 | 16.346 | 2.821 | (---*---) |
| 531 | 180 | 18.481 | 2.658 | (---*---) |

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15.0 16.5 18.0

POOLED STDEV = 2.836

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON WEIGHT BY MARK

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
|--------|-----|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| L/R,V | 2 | 932.97 | 466.49 | 53.11 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 699 | 6139.96 | 8.78 | | |
| TOTAL | 701 | 7072.94 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|-------|-----|--------|-------|---------------|
| NM | 241 | 16.960 | 3.128 | (-----*-----) |
| RV | 237 | 17.169 | 3.007 | (-----*-----) |
| LV | 224 | 14.597 | 2.726 | (---*---) |

-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
15.0 16.0 17.0

POOLED STDEV = 2.964

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON CONDITION FACTOR K BY DATE

| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
|--------|-----|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| DATE | 5 | 0.44432 | 0.08886 | 14.89 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 696 | 4.15404 | 0.00597 | | |
| TOTAL | 701 | 4.59837 | | | |

INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN
BASED ON POOLED STDEV

| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | |
|-------|-----|---------|---------|---------------|
| 5.15 | 74 | 0.93923 | 0.09672 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.16 | 102 | 0.93096 | 0.08053 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.17 | 90 | 0.90547 | 0.09133 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.22 | 77 | 0.93007 | 0.07124 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.28 | 179 | 0.95098 | 0.07136 | (-----*-----) |
| 5.31 | 180 | 0.98302 | 0.06607 | (---*---) |

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0.900 0.930 0.960 0.990

POOLED STDEV = 0.07726

Table 6 (cont'd)

| ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON CONDITION FACTOR K BY MARK | | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| SOURCE | DF | SS | MS | F | p |
| MARK | 2 | 0.39840 | 0.19920 | 33.15 | 0.000 |
| ERROR | 699 | 4.19997 | 0.00601 | | |
| TOTAL | 701 | 4.59837 | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL 95 PCT CI'S FOR MEAN BASED ON POOLED STDEV | | | | | |
| LEVEL | N | MEAN | STDEV | -----+-----+-----+-----+ | |
| NM | 241 | 0.94241 | 0.07467 | (---*---) | |
| RV | 237 | 0.92096 | 0.06518 | (---*---) | |
| LV | 224 | 0.97923 | 0.09131 | (---*---) | |
| POOLED STDEV = 0.07751 | | | | -----+-----+-----+-----+ | |
| | | | | 0.925 | 0.950 0.975 1.000 |

Table 7. Code-wire tag returns from coho salmon to Canadian and American marine fisheries and their relative composition, as estimated counts (Mark Recovery Program data base, July 1991) and in percent. Source and location codes are below.

| RELEASE SITE | NR.TAGS SOURCE | WVTR | WVN | WVSP | NCTR | NCN | NCSP | INTR | INN | INSP | USSP | TOTAL | SURV-% |
|--------------|----------------|-------|------|------|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| BQU/TOT | 42689 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 18 | 43 | 97 | 360 | 7 | 616 | 1.44 |
| BQU/% | HATCH | 6.33 | 0 | 0 | 8.44 | 0 | 2.92 | 6.98 | 15.75 | 58.44 | 1.14 | 100 | |
| BLC/TOT | 35640 | 660 | 0 | 0 | 454 | 28 | 58 | 346 | 331 | 1483 | 33 | 3393 | 9.52 |
| BLC/% | WILD | 19.45 | 0 | 0 | 13.38 | .83 | 1.71 | 10.20 | 9.76 | 43.71 | .97 | 100 | |
| CAP/TOT | 109237 | 103 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 140 | 46 | 6354 | 145 | 6806 | 6.23 |
| CAP/% | HATCH | 1.51 | 0 | .12 | 0 | 0 | .15 | 2.06 | .68 | 93.36 | 2.13 | 100 | |
| CHE/TOT | 50910 | 1133 | 14 | 0 | 165 | 0 | 18 | 1031 | 379 | 3247 | 252 | 6239 | 12.25 |
| CHE/% | HATCH | 18.16 | .22 | 0 | 2.64 | 0 | .29 | 16.53 | 6.07 | 52.04 | 4.04 | 100 | |
| CHI/TOT | 49957 | 868 | 13 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 51 | 1554 | 394 | 4372 | 363 | 7701 | 15.42 |
| CHI/% | HATCH | 11.27 | .17 | 0 | 1.12 | 0 | .66 | 20.18 | 5.12 | 56.77 | 4.71 | 100 | |
| COW/GRT | 11079 | 295 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 19 | 150 | 80 | 580 | 5.24 |
| COW/GR% | COLN | 50.86 | 1.38 | 1.72 | .86 | 0 | 0 | 2.24 | 3.28 | 25.86 | 13.79 | 100 | |
| COW/TOT | 20791 | 659 | 16 | 20 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 55 | 242 | 154 | 1177 | 5.66 |
| COW/% | MIX | 55.99 | 1.36 | 1.70 | 1.36 | 0 | 0 | 1.27 | 4.67 | 20.56 | 13.08 | 100 | |
| FRE/TOT | 24354 | 110 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 0 | 181 | 81 | 870 | 24 | 1295 | 5.32 |
| FRE/% | WILD | 8.49 | .08 | 0 | 1.78 | .39 | 0 | 13.98 | 6.25 | 67.18 | 1.85 | 100 | |
| HOR/TOT | 19675 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 52 | 35 | 1079 | 35 | 1252 | 6.36 |
| HOR/% | HATCH | 3.67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .40 | 0 | 4.15 | 2.80 | 86.18 | 2.80 | 100 | |
| LQU/TOT | 20343 | 77 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 4 | 18 | 78 | 83 | 678 | 13 | 986 | 4.85 |
| LQU/% | WILD | 7.81 | .10 | 0 | 3.45 | .41 | 1.83 | 7.91 | 8.42 | 68.76 | 1.32 | 100 | |
| MIL/TOT | 95135 | 269 | 1 | 8 | 57 | 4 | 24 | 78 | 123 | 520 | 44 | 1128 | 1.19 |
| MIL/% | COLN | 23.85 | .09 | .71 | 5.05 | .35 | 2.13 | 6.91 | 10.90 | 46.10 | 3.90 | 100 | |
| PNT/PTO | 58145 | 265 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 18 | 56 | 317 | 187 | 1041 | 25 | 2004 | 3.45 |
| PNT/P% | HATCH | 13.22 | 0 | 0 | 4.74 | .90 | 2.79 | 15.82 | 9.33 | 51.95 | 1.25 | 100 | |
| PNT/CTO | 166016 | 83 | 1 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 10 | 152 | 77 | 506 | 6 | 895 | .54 |
| PNT/C% | COLN | 9.27 | .11 | 0 | 6.70 | 0 | 1.12 | 16.98 | 8.60 | 56.54 | .67 | 100 | |
| PNT/TOT | 224161 | 348 | 1 | 0 | 155 | 18 | 66 | 469 | 264 | 1547 | 31 | 2899 | 1.29 |
| PNT/T% | MIX | 12.00 | .03 | 0 | 5.35 | .62 | 2.28 | 16.18 | 9.11 | 53.36 | 1.07 | 100 | |
| ROS/LTO | 22839 | 167 | 1 | 0 | 117 | 9 | 74 | 210 | 293 | 1067 | 16 | 1954 | 8.56 |
| ROS/L% | TR.H | 8.55 | .05 | 0 | 5.99 | .46 | 3.79 | 10.75 | 14.99 | 54.61 | .82 | 100 | |

Table 7 (cont'd)

| RELEASE SITE | NR. TAGS SOURCE | WVTR | WVN | WVSP | NCTR | NCN | NCSP | INTR | INN | INSP | USSP | TOTAL | SURV-% |
|--------------|-----------------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|
| ROS/BTO | 18843 | 234 | 2 | 0 | 96 | 6 | 0 | 58 | 184 | 611 | 10 | 1201 | 6.37 |
| ROS/B% | TR.H | 19.48 | .17 | 0 | 7.99 | .50 | 0 | 4.83 | 15.32 | 50.87 | .83 | 100 | |
| ROS/TRTO | 15900 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 7 | 37 | 108 | 197 | 669 | 7 | 1256 | 7.90 |
| ROS/TR% | TR.H | 12.66 | 0 | 0 | 5.73 | .56 | 2.95 | 8.60 | 15.68 | 53.26 | .56 | 100 | |
| ROS/TOT | 57582 | 560 | 3 | 0 | 285 | 22 | 111 | 376 | 674 | 2347 | 33 | 4411 | 7.66 |
| ROS/T% | TR.H | 12.70 | .07 | 0 | 6.46 | .50 | 2.52 | 8.52 | 15.28 | 53.21 | .75 | 100 | |
| SAL/W | 22887 | 360 | 5 | 0 | 31 | 2 | 37 | 680 | 205 | 1745 | 211 | 3276 | 14.31 |
| SAL/% | WILD | 10.99 | .15 | 0 | .95 | .06 | 1.13 | 20.76 | 6.26 | 53.27 | 6.44 | 100 | |
| TEN/PTO | 52122 | 636 | 4 | 0 | 63 | 17 | 10 | 427 | 146 | 4782 | 419 | 6504 | 12.48 |
| TEN/P% | HATCH | 9.78 | .06 | 0 | .97 | .26 | .15 | 6.57 | 2.24 | 73.52 | 6.44 | 100 | |
| TEN/CTO | 18696 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 3 | 18 | 34 | 15 | 275 | 32 | 479 | 2.56 |
| TEN/C% | COLN | 15.87 | 0 | 0 | 5.43 | .63 | 3.76 | 7.10 | 3.13 | 57.41 | 6.68 | 100 | |
| TEN/TOT | 70818 | 712 | 4 | 0 | 89 | 20 | 28 | 461 | 161 | 5057 | 451 | 6983 | 9.86 |
| TEN/T% | MIX | 10.20 | .06 | 0 | 1.27 | .29 | .40 | 6.60 | 2.31 | 72.42 | 6.46 | 100 | |
| TRE/TOT | 15690 | 197 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0 | 68 | 282 | 251 | 1014 | 18 | 1924 | 12.26 |
| TRE/% | WILD | 10.24 | 0 | 0 | 4.89 | 0 | 3.53 | 14.66 | 13.05 | 52.70 | .94 | 100 | |
| VAN/VR | 84245 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 0 | 91 | 25 | 1073 | 4 | 1240 | 1.47 |
| VAN/% | COLN | 1.37 | 0 | 0 | 2.10 | .32 | 0 | 7.34 | 2.02 | 86.53 | .32 | 100 | |
| WVA/CYC | 3186 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 14 | .44 |
| WVA/% | TR.H | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28.57 | 71.43 | 0 | 100 | |

RELEASE SITE: BQU=Big Qualicum R.; BLC=Black Cr.; CAP=Capilano R.; CHE=Chehalis R.; CHI=Chilliwack R.; COW=Cowichan R., where GR= Grant Lake Colonization; FRE=French Cr.; HOR=Horseshoe Bay; INC=Inches Cr.; LQU=Little Qualicum R.; MIL=Millstone R.; PNT=Puntledge R., where P=production, C=Colonization, T=total; ROS=Roswall Cr., where L=Little Qualicum, B=Black Creek, TR=Trent, and TOT=combined transplanted stock(s); SAL=Salmon R. Vancouver; TEN=Tenderfoot Cr., where P=production, C=Colonization, and T= total stock; TRE=Trent R. augmented; VAN=Vancouver Bay; WVA=West Vancouver Lab. Capilano stock transplant to Cypress Cr. All /TOT and /xTO designations signify multiple tag groups.

SOURCE: WILD = naturally reared to smolt; HATCH = hatchery-reared to smolt; COLN = hatchery or wild reared to fry, naturally reared to smolt; TR.H = hatchery reared to smolt, then transplanted to non-parental stream.

FISHERIES: WVTR= West Vanc. Isl., Troll; WVN= ditto, Net; WVSP= ditto, Sport; NCTR= North and Central coast, Troll; NCN= ditto, Net; NCSP= ditto, Sport; INTR= Inside Straights, Troll; INN= ditto, Net; INSP= ditto, Sport; USSP= USA (Alaska and Washington) Sport.