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ABSTRACT

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Biological samples from commercially caught anadromous Arctic charr were collected during 1993 and 1994. Samples were obtained from Arrowsmith River, Baker Foreland, Becher River, Chesterfield Inlet Zone 2, Chesterfield Inlet Zone 3, Coppermine River, Ekalluk River, Ellice River, Ferguson River, Fish Bay (Chesterfield Inlet), Halovik River, Jayco River, Keith Bay, Kulgayuk River, Lauchlan River, Paliryuak River, Pistol Bay, Rankin Inlet, Steep Bank Bay and Wilson Bay.

Key words: catch composition; catch statistics; commercial fishing; exploitation; fishery management; monitoring.

RÉSUMÉ

Carder, G.W. 1995. Data from various commercial fisheries for Arctic charr, *Salvelinus alpinus* (L.), in the Nunavut Settlement Area, Northwest Territories, 1993 and 1994. Can. Data Rep. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 962: vi + 39 p.

Des échantillons biologiques d'ombles chevalier anadromes ont été recueillis en 1993 et en 1994. Il s'agissait de prises commerciales provenant des rivières Arrowsmith, Becher, Coppermine, Ekalluk, Ellice, Ferguson, Halovik, Jayco, Kulgayuk, Lauchlan et Paliryuak, de la pointe Baker, des zones 2 et 3 du bras Chesterfield, des baies Fish (bras Chesterfield), Keith, Pistol, Steep Bank et Wilson, et du bras Rankin.

Mots clés : composition des prises; statistiques sur les prises; pêche commerciale; exploitation; gestion de la pêche; surveillance.

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has monitored the commercial fishery at Cambridge Bay, Northwest Territories (NWT) since 1971 (Carder 1981, 1983, 1988, 1991, 1993; Carder and Low 1985; Carder and Stewart 1989; Kristofferson and Carder 1980) and in the Rankin Inlet, NWT, area since 1972 (Carder 1983, 1988, 1991, 1993; Carder and Peet (1983); Carder and Low 1985; Carder and Stewart 1989; MacDonell 1989). In addition, DFO has monitored the commercial fishery at Coppermine River since 1986 (Carder 1988, 1993; Carder and Stewart 1989) at Pelly Bay since 1985 (Carder 1988, 1993). Information collected from biological samples taken from the above commercial fisheries were used to assess the status of anadromous Arctic charr stocks found there. Biological data obtained from the above commercial fisheries during 1993 and 1994 are presented in this report.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

THE FISHERY

The early history of the Cambridge Bay fishery is described by Barlishen and Webber (1973) and the fishery in the Rankin Inlet area by Carder and Peet (1983). Recent data and a description of the Cambridge Bay area can be found in Carder (1993); Carder and Low (1985); Carder and Stewart (1989); Kristofferson and Carder (1980). Similar information for the Rankin Inlet area can be found in Carder (1993); Carder and Peet (1983); Carder and Low (1985); Carder and Stewart (1989); MacDonell (1989) and Yonge (1987a,b).

Commercial data from the Coppermine River and Pelly Bay fisheries over the years have been limited. Historical information on quotas and harvest figures from some of these areas can be found in Yaremchuk et al. (1989). Various experimental fisheries have been conducted in the area over the years. This information has been used to determine the feasibility of fishing specific waterbodies for commercial purposes and has also been used to determine various quota allocations. Data collected from these fisheries are found in Kroeker (1985); McGowan (1985, 1989) and Kristofferson and McGowan (1981). Additional information from the Coppermine area can be found in Gillman and Kristofferson (1984) and from the Pelly Bay area in Kristofferson et al. (1982).

An experimental fishery took place in the Chesterfield Inlet area in 1993 and 1994. The objective was to determine the feasibility of a mixed-stock fishery to overcome severe economic constraints. A zonal quota system, including open water commercial fishing zones and subsistence fishing zones was devised at a community workshop. These zones replaced the regular Schedule V fisheries (Northwest Territories Fishery Regulations 1993) (A. Kristofferson - personal communication). The fishing zones used for commercial and subsistence fishing changed during the years 1993 and 1994 (Fig. 4,5) (D. Pike - personal communication).

With the exception of two fisheries, gill nets with a minimum mesh size of 139 mm (stretched measure) were used throughout. During 1994 a weir was used to catch charr at Halovik and Jayco rivers. Ekalluk River was fished by gill net and by weir in 1994. Biological samples from the commercial fishery at Ekalluk River were obtained from the weir. Fishing locations are found in Fig. 1-7.

SAMPLING PROGRAM

Sampling methods are described in Kristofferson and Carder (1980) and Carder and Peet (1983). Fish were sampled over various periods during 1993 and 1994 (Table 1).

Fish were randomly sampled for fork length (± 1 mm) and dressed and round weight (± 50 g). Sagittal otoliths were taken and stored dry in coin envelopes. In the laboratory they were ground on a fine carborundum and placed in benzyl benzoate for clearing before being read under a binocular dissecting microscope (30X). A reflecting light source against a black background was used to highlight the annual growth zones which were counted to determine the age. Method of ageing was according to Nordeng (1961).

DATA ANALYSIS

Data were analyzed using a Micro Vax 3100 computer. The Statistical Analysis System (1993) was used to generate length, weight, age, sex and stage of maturity summaries and to perform basic calculation and statistical analysis.

Relative condition factor (K) was calculated using the formula:

$$K = \frac{W \times 10^5}{L^3}$$

where W = round weight in grams
L = fork length in centimetres

RESULTS

Quotas and harvest data are shown in Table 2. A summary of length, weight and age data from all commercial fisheries sampled during 1993 and 1994 are presented in Table 3. Biological data are presented in Tables 4 to 54. All tables of length data designate the lower boundary of the length interval (e.g. 450 indicates length interval 450-499 mm).

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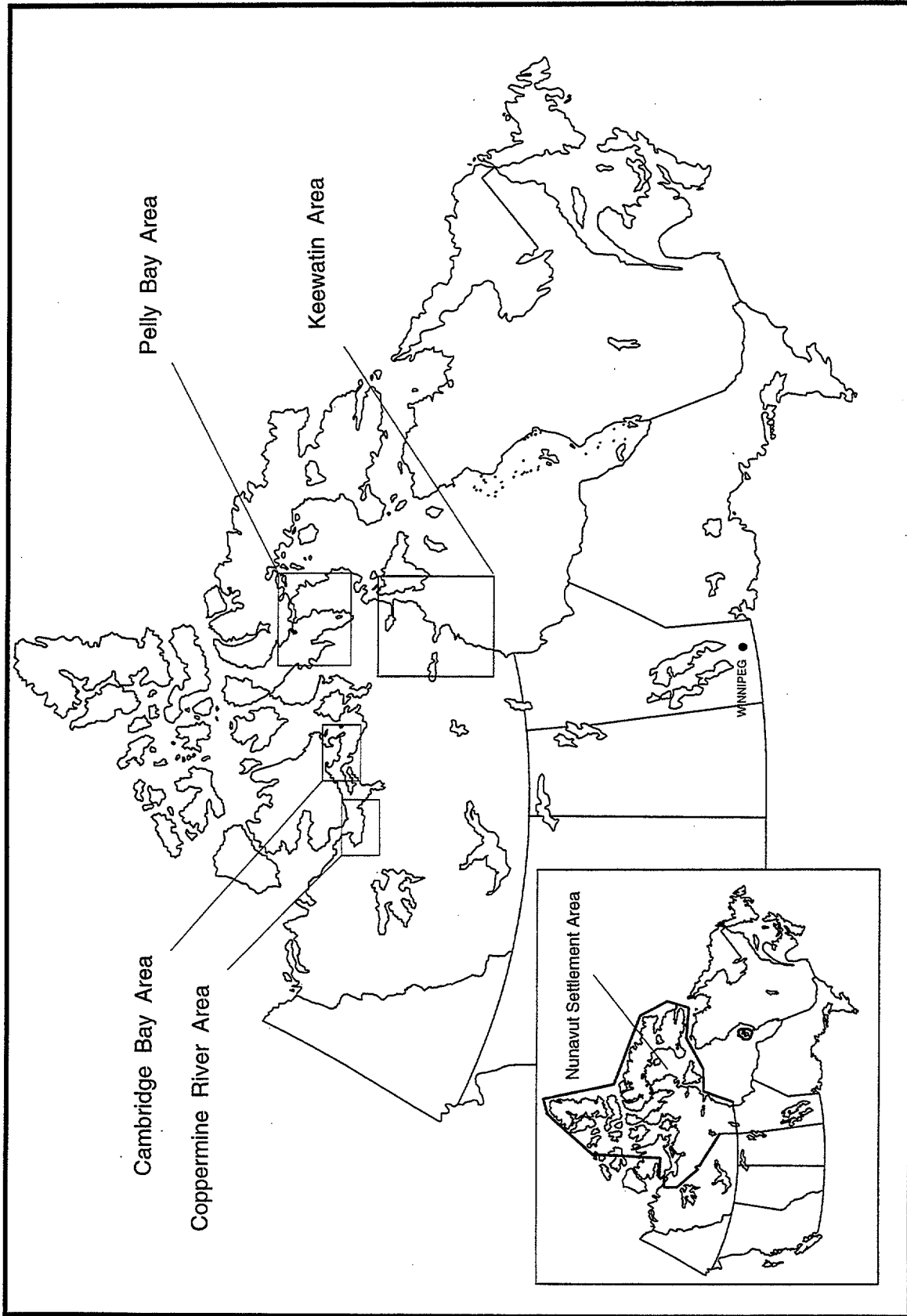


Fig. 1. Map of Canada showing commercial fishing areas for anadromous Arctic charr referred to in this report.

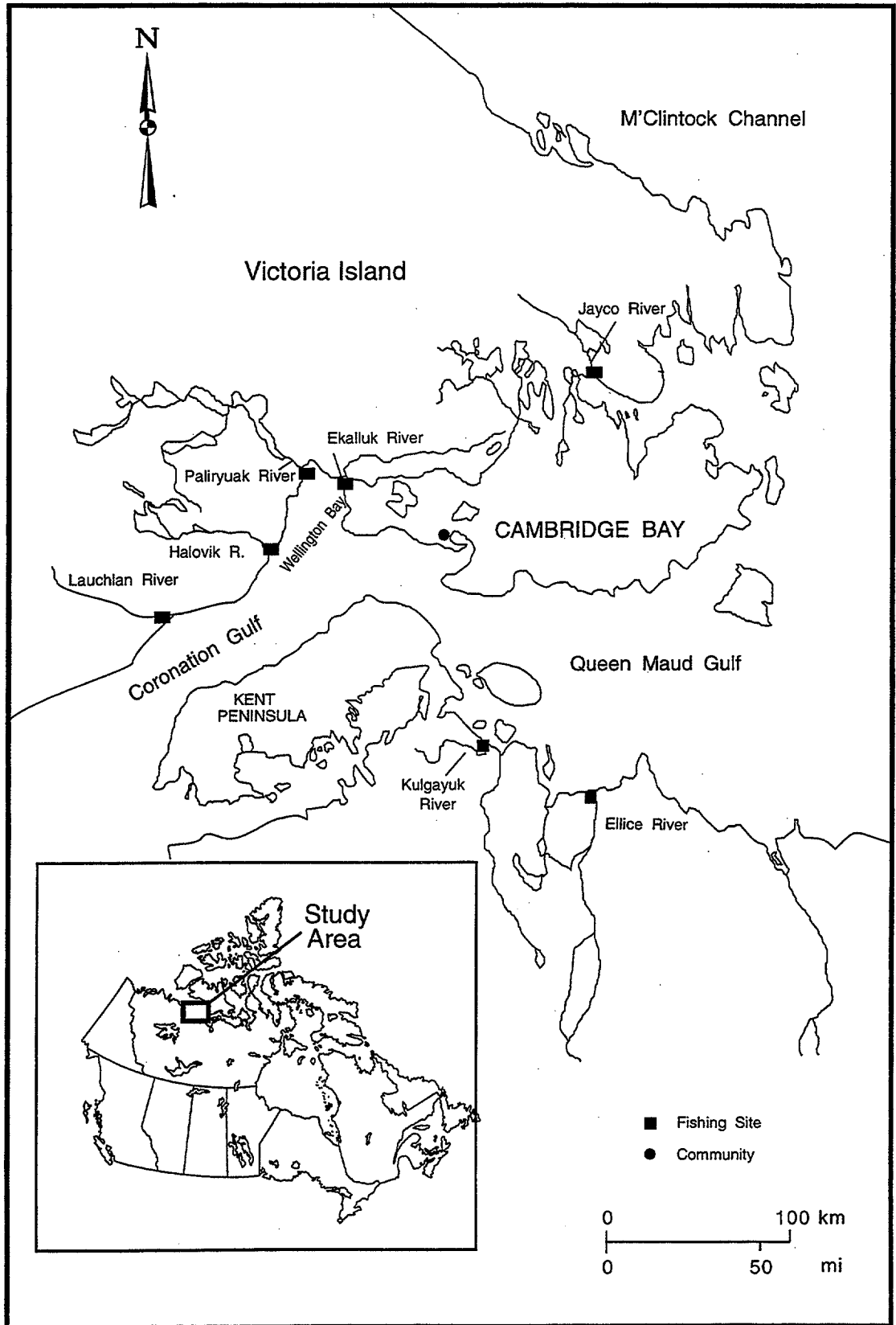


Fig. 2. Map of the Cambridge Bay area showing commercial fishing sites.

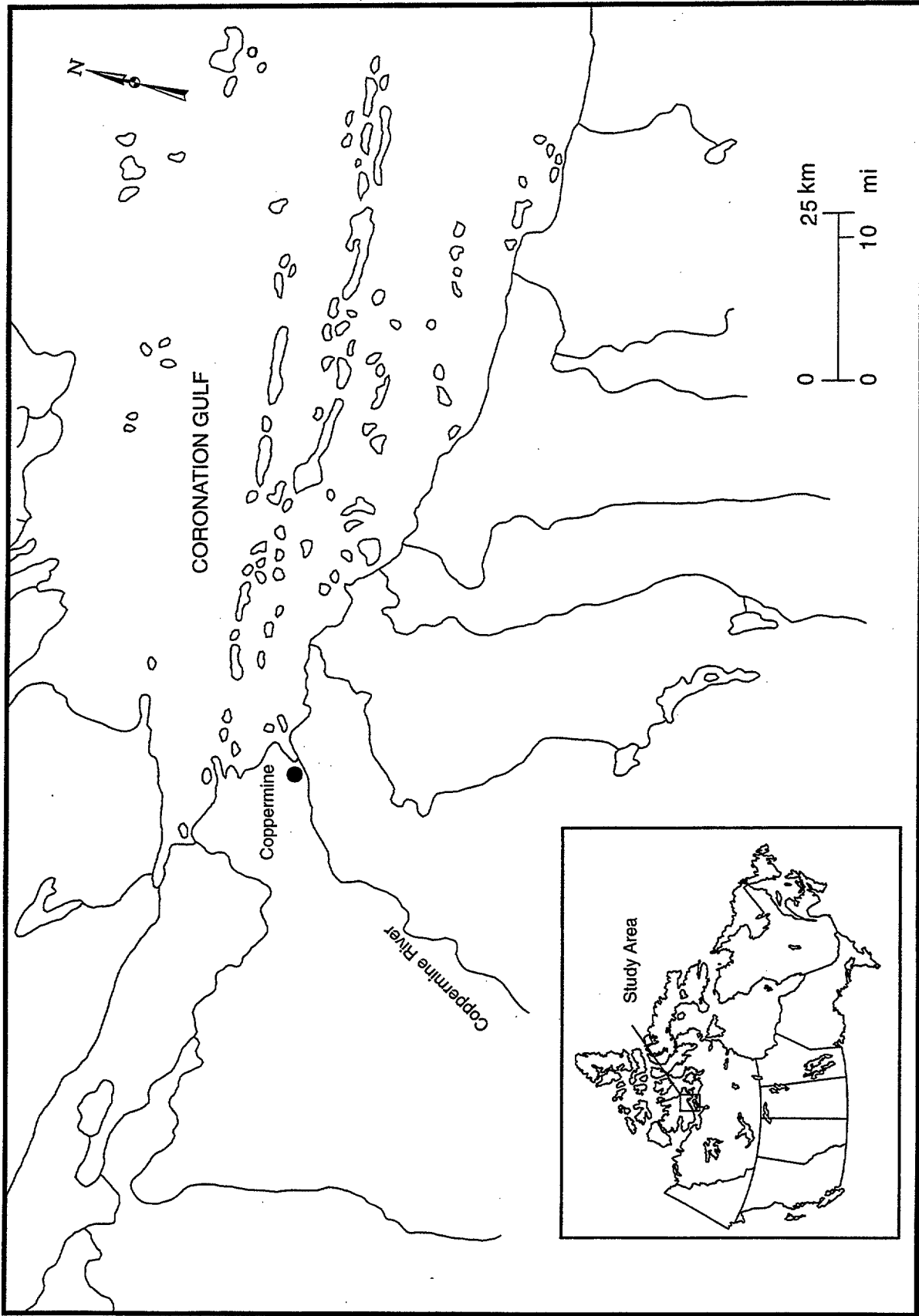


Fig. 3. Map of the Coppermine area showing Coppermine River.

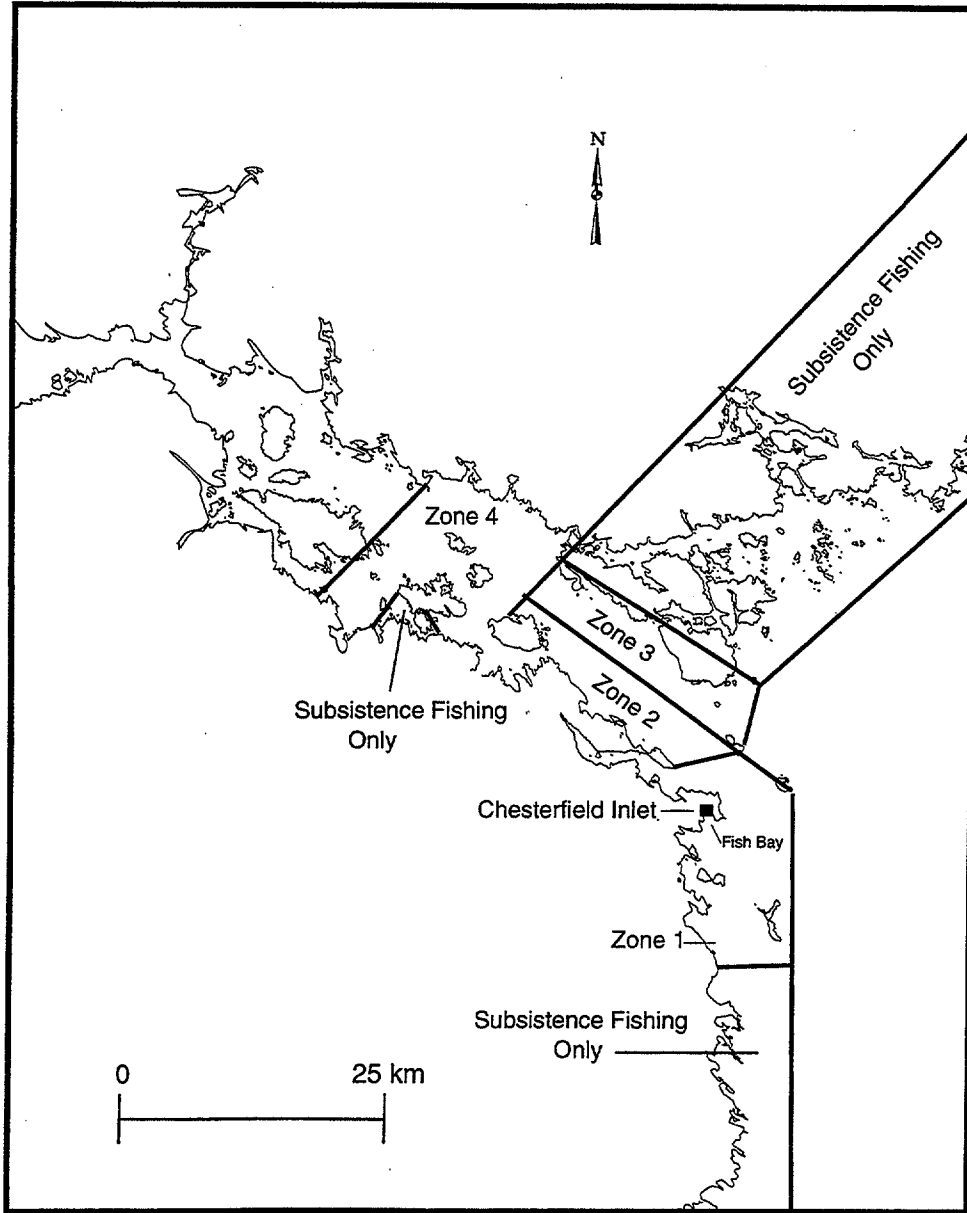


Fig. 4. Map of the Chesterfield Inlet area showing 1993 commercial and subsistence fishing zones.

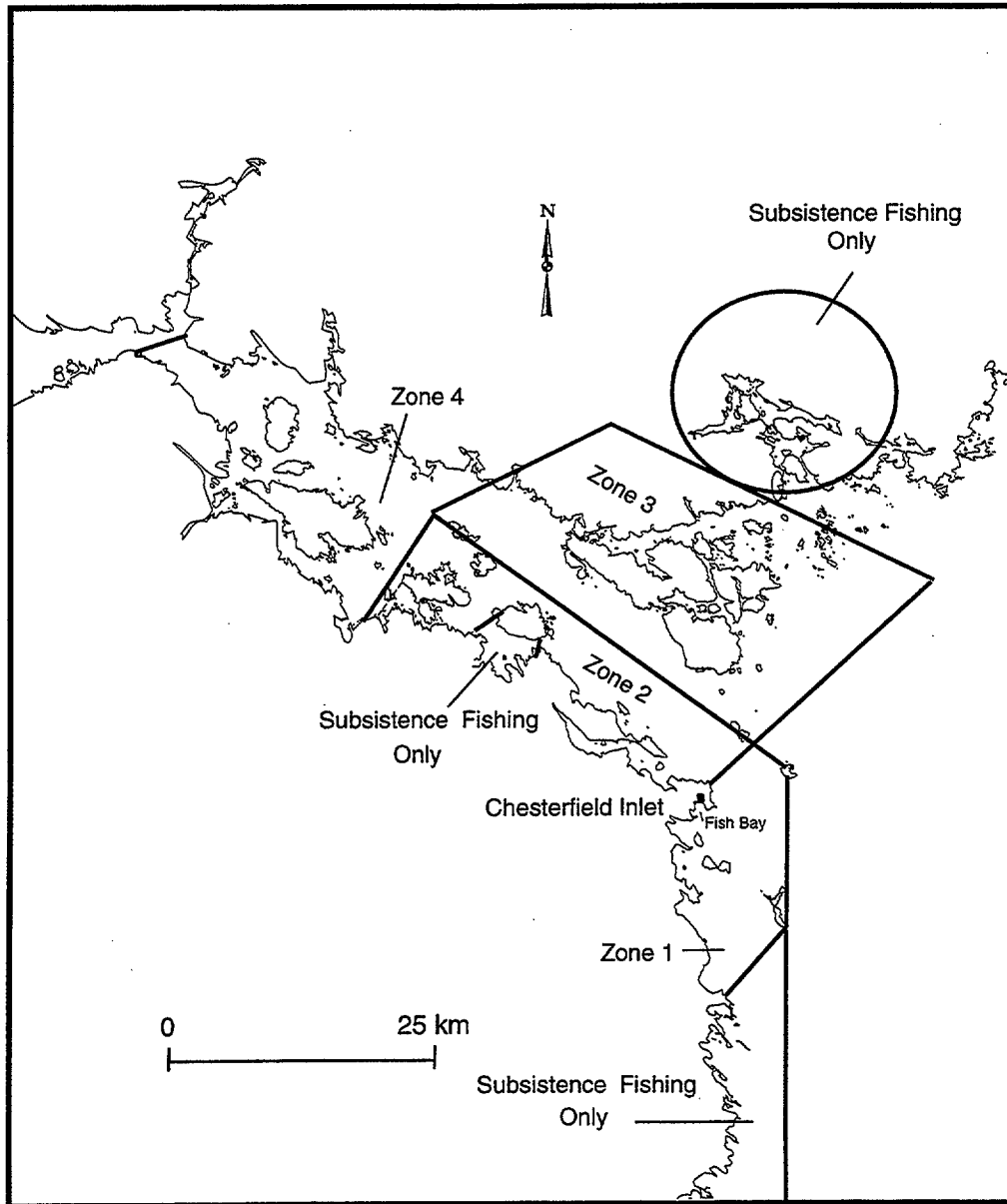


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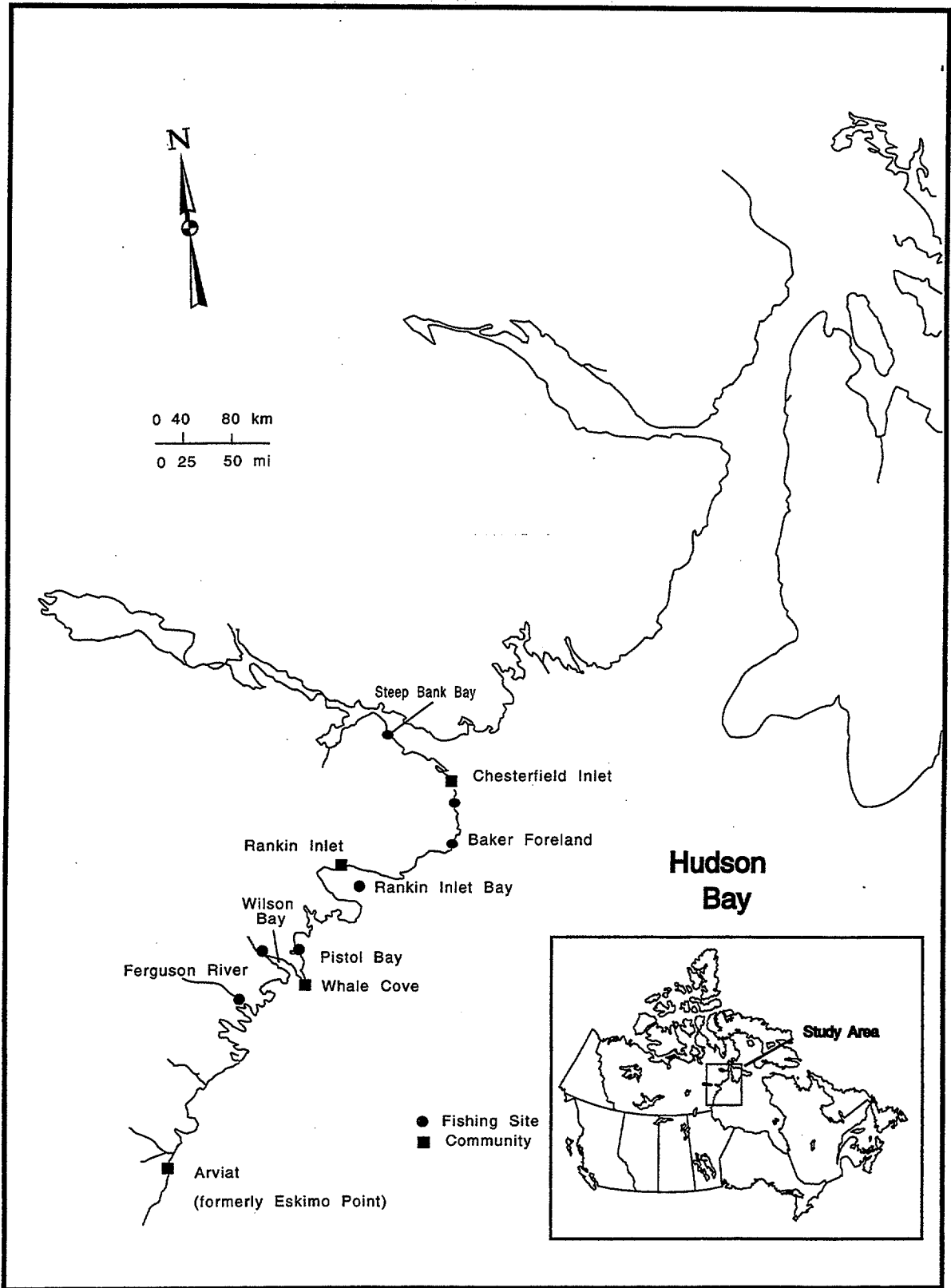


Fig. 6. Map of the District of Keewatin showing commercial fishing sites.

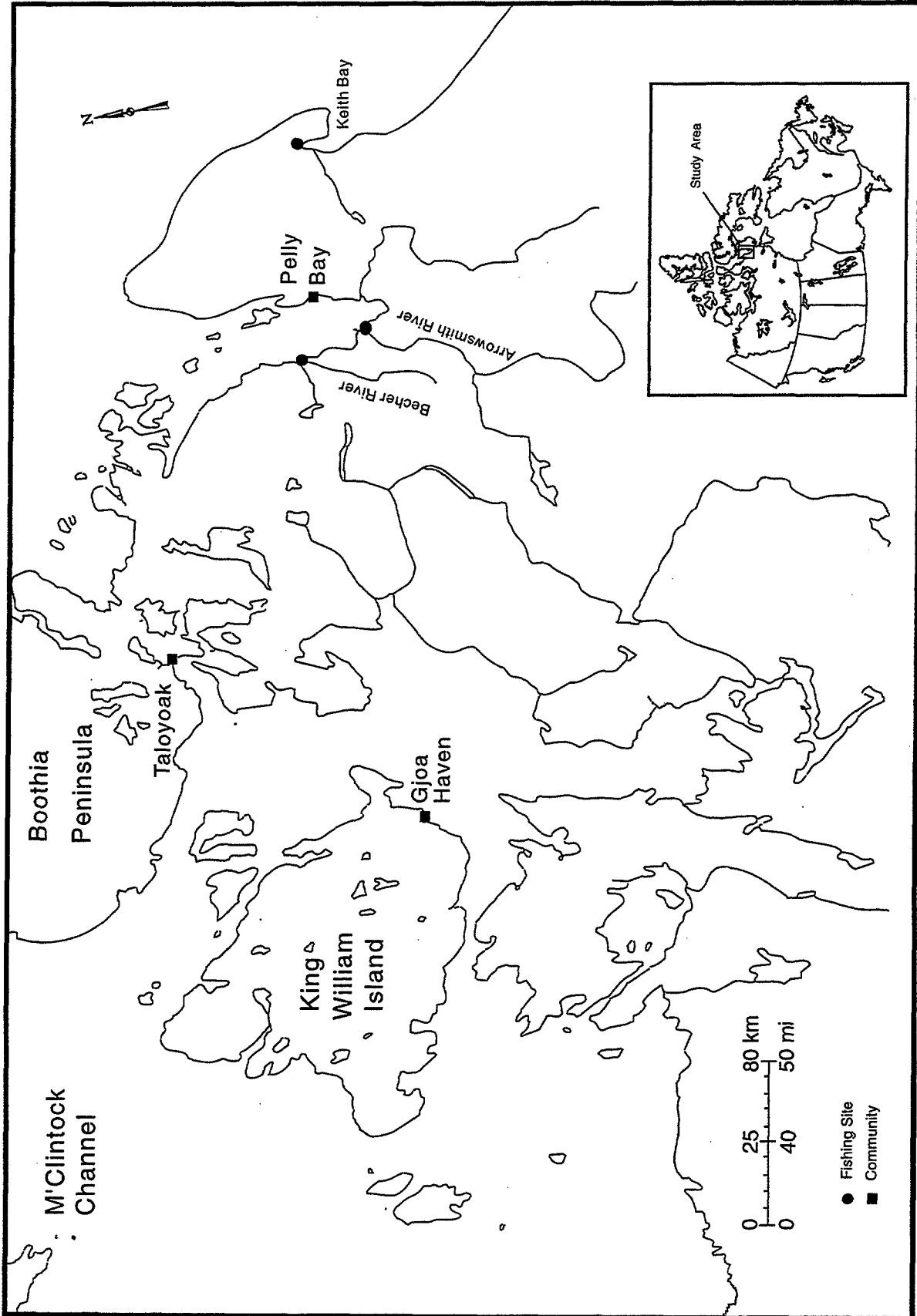


Fig. 7. Map of the Pelly Bay area showing commercial fishing sites.

Table 1. Sampling dates during the years 1993 and 1994.

Area	1993	1994
<u>Cambridge Bay Area</u>		
Ekalluk River	Aug. 26 - Aug. 29	Aug. 27
Paliryuak River	July 07 - July 11	
Halovik River	July 12 - July 17	Aug. 28 - Sept. 05
Lauchlan River	July 11 - July 13	
Jayco River	Aug. 31 - Sept. 08	Aug. 31 - Sept. 08
Kulgayuk River	Aug. 21 - Aug. 31	
Ellice River	Aug. 20 - Aug. 26	Aug. 21 - Aug. 27
<u>Coppermine Area</u>		
Coppermine River	Sept. 22	Nov. 03 - Nov. 09
<u>Keewatin Area</u>		
Steep Bank Bay		Aug. 10
Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 2		Aug. 14 - Aug. 16
Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 3		Aug. 14 - Sept. 05
Fish Bay (Chesterfield Inlet)	July 26 - Aug. 13	
Rankin Inlet	July 27 - July 30	
Baker Foreland	July 31 - Aug. 07	
Ferguson River	Aug. 15	Aug. 07 - Aug. 15
Pistol Bay	July 25 - Aug. 15	
Wilson Bay		July 24 - Aug. 12
<u>Pelly Bay Area</u>		
Arrowsmith River	Oct. 23	
Becher River	Oct. 23	
Keith Bay	Oct. 25	

Table 2. Commercial quotas and annual harvest of anadromous Arctic charr by sampled fishery, 1993 and 1994.

Location	Quota (kg)		Harvest (kg)	
	1993 and 1994		1993	1994
<u>Cambridge Bay Area</u>				
Ekalluk River	7 500 (1993)	20 000 (1994)	1 478 ¹	1 640
Paliryuak River (Surrey River)	9 100		6 579	Not fished
Halovik River (30 Mile)	6 800 (1993)	5 000 (1994)	5 939	3 859
Lauchlan River (Byron Bay)	9 100		9 306	Not fished
Jayco River	15 600 (1993)	17 000 (1994)	15 411	16 287
Kulgayuk River	4 000		3 120	Not fished
Ellice River	8 000		8 016	7 175
<u>Coppermine Area</u>				
Coppermine River	600		600	600
<u>Keewatin Area</u>				
Steep Bank Bay	4 500		Nil	Nil
Chesterfield Inlet Zone 2	7 500		60	215
Chesterfield Inlet Zone 3	5 000		323	247
Fish Bay (Chesterfield Inlet)	4 500		3 863	356
Rankin Inlet	4 000		1 801	Closed
Baker Foreland	4 600		2 072	364
Pistol Bay	2 300		493	854
Wilson Bay (summer)	8 000		335	1 880
(spring)	2 000		not known	not known
Ferguson River	13 600		621	3 980
<u>Pelly Bay Area</u>				
Arrowsmith River	1 000		277	291
Becher River	600 (1993)	1 000 (1994)	473	391
			not known	not known
Keith Bay	4 500		709	693

¹ Round weight in the Cambridge Bay area was calculated using a dressed weight to round weight conversion factor of 1.25 (includes estimate of culls). In all other areas the round weight was calculated using a conversion factor of 1.15 which did not include an estimate of culls.

Dressed weight (viscera and gills removed).

Table 3. Summary of biological data sampled from all commercial fisheries sampled during the years 1993 and 1994.

Location	Year	Sample Size	Mean			Range		
			FL ¹ (mm)	DRWT ² (g)	Age (yr)	FL (mm)	DRWT (g)	Age (yr)
<u>Cambridge Bay Area</u>								
Ekalluk River	1993 ³	130	632	3241 (rd) ⁴	12.4	506 - 828	1700 - 6950	9 - 20
	1994 ³	101	624	3478 (rd)	12.4	484 - 865	1600 - 7500	9 - 18
	1994	70	670	3495	13.4	518 - 863	1650 - 6900	10 - 18
Paliryuak River	1993	209	703	3051	13.6	561 - 837	1350 - 4750	9 - 19
Halovik River	1993	210	717	3099	14.1	514 - 860	1465 - 8000	11 - 22
	1994	201	639	3159	12.5	445 - 800	1000 - 6200	8 - 19
Lauchlan River	1993	210	729	3102	13.9	575 - 845	1515 - 4890	9 - 22
Jayco River	1993	210	664	3007	16.5	546 - 792	1520 - 5550	9 - 24
	1994	209	643	2995	14.6	512 - 843	1400 - 7500	9 - 25
Kulgayuk River	1993	210	648	3178	11.5	501 - 826	1600 - 6350	7 - 16
Ellice River	1993	210	631	3096	10.1	514 - 860	1465 - 8000	7 - 15
	1994	225	640	3540	10.3	500 - 884	1500 - 9000	7 - 16
<u>Coppermine Area</u>								
Coppermine River	1993	67	627	2829 (rd)	8.9	500 - 790	1450 - 5000	6 - 15
	1994	70	633	3167 (rd)	9.3	540 - 840	2000 - 7350	7 - 14
<u>Keewatin Area</u>								
Steep Bank Bay	1994	24	584	2071	9.0	477 - 695	1200 - 3600	7 - 12
Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 2	1994	28	570	2245	7.9	512 - 690	1700 - 3700	6 - 9
Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 3	1994	124	593	2215	9.0	433 - 747	900 - 4500	6 - 14
Fish Bay (Chesterfield Inlet)	1994	149	584	2180	8.7	505 - 723	1200 - 4000	6 - 13
Rankin Inlet	1993	112	570	1967	9.0	380 - 735	600 - 4250	5 - 15
Baker Foreland	1993	110	573	2077	8.8	430 - 730	850 - 4050	5 - 14
Ferguson River	1993	35	570	2293	7.6	515 - 660	1750 - 4000	5 - 11
	1994	147	591	2547	7.2	500 - 785	1500 - 5250	5 - 11
Pistol Bay	1994	171	566	2062	7.5	452 - 675	1050 - 3550	5 - 12
Wilson Bay	1994	240	585	2295	7.5	376 - 730	500 - 4150	5 - 13
<u>Pelly Bay Area</u>								
Arrowsmith River	1993	100	610	2199	-	520 - 770	1247 - 4649	-
Becher River	1993	100	636	2582	-	530 - 800	1474 - 4876	-
Keith Bay	1993	100	609	2185	-	520 - 820	1474 - 3629	-

¹ FL = fork length.² DRWT = dressed weight (gills and viscera removed).³ experimental gill.⁴ rd = round weight (gills and viscera not removed).

Table 8. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ekalluk River, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
10	5	8	576	20	2130	157
11	9	15	590	35	2411	520
12	9	15	605	67	2794	1006
13	12	20	672	69	3533	1122
14	7	12	716	70	3879	1149
15	6	10	743	60	4450	1322
16	4	7	779	56	4838	1088
17	5	8	717	68	4390	934
18	3	5	836	29	6167	637
TOTAL	60					
MEAN			673	93	3559	1377
MEAN AGE	13.4					

Table 9. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ekalluk River, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	4	6	534	1925	393
550	14	20	575	2175	153
600	14	20	622	2829	366
650	10	14	665	3670	358
700	13	19	728	4046	1000
750	8	11	766	4613	1136
800	6	9	821	5808	733
850	1	1	863	5850	.
TOTAL	70				
MEAN			670	3495	1317

Table 10. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Paliryuak River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
9	1	1	642	-	2025	-
10	8	5	687	56	2899	629
11	13	9	642	42	2475	525
12	27	18	677	43	2809	588
13	27	18	688	40	2895	492
14	25	16	718	47	3151	616
15	23	15	716	51	3242	726
16	17	11	729	47	3249	527
17	9	6	718	54	3257	783
19	2	1	814	33	4445	339
TOTAL	152					
MEAN			699	53	3014	657
MEAN AGE	13.6					

Table 11. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Paliryuak River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
550	3	1	570	1617	281
600	26	12	633	2279	248
650	73	35	673	2713	351
700	68	33	722	3277	390
750	30	14	776	3834	452
800	9	4	813	4173	433
TOTAL	209				
MEAN			703	3051	663

Table 12. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Halovik River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
11	6	4	665	41	2483	422
12	30	20	669	45	2608	482
13	30	20	704	44	3003	574
14	27	18	724	44	3294	570
15	23	15	734	51	3515	1293
16	18	12	745	46	3525	621
17	9	6	749	38	3616	515
18	3	2	705	18	2608	122
19	2	1	803	10	4005	827
20	1	1	815	-	3950	-
21	1	1	750	-	3225	-
22	1	1	766	-	4120	-
TOTAL	151					
MEAN			714	53	3153	800
MEAN AGE	14.1					

Table 13. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Halovik River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
550	2	1	591	1835	134
600	23	11	628	2169	271
650	49	23	679	2657	258
700	77	37	723	3190	730
750	49	23	771	3637	414
800	10	5	820	4332	596
TOTAL	210				
MEAN			717	3099	756

Table 14. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Halovik River, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
8	2	1	481	30	1300	283
9	1	1	501	-	1400	-
10	9	6	559	51	2122	549
11	39	26	596	50	2632	698
12	40	27	620	42	2815	642
13	22	15	668	73	3542	1330
14	14	9	709	61	4121	966
15	8	5	734	29	4444	491
16	6	4	716	62	4233	705
17	4	3	756	30	4925	473
18	2	1	753	7	4175	530
19	1	1	761	-	5200	-
TOTAL	148					
MEAN			639	77	3163	1112
MEAN AGE	12.5					

Table 15. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Halovik River, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
400	1	0	445	1000	.
450	3	1	476	1267	208
500	17	8	524	1786	372
550	46	23	576	2259	268
600	43	21	626	2923	336
650	46	23	668	3493	413
700	21	10	721	4290	558
750	23	11	768	4922	617
800	1	0	800	6200	.
TOTAL	201				
MEAN			639	3159	1078

Table 16. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Lauchlan River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH(MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
9	1	1	656	-	2560	-
10	3	2	655	71	2240	715
11	15	9	680	54	2540	423
12	30	18	697	55	2874	581
13	31	18	712	46	2968	468
14	24	14	727	45	3171	575
15	30	18	751	43	3394	696
16	19	11	766	32	3495	650
17	10	6	778	41	3544	815
18	4	2	781	15	3228	446
19	2	1	788	32	3410	672
20	1	1	705	-	2840	-
22	1	1	734	-	2630	-
TOTAL	171					
MEAN			726	55	3103	658
MEAN AGE	13.9					

Table 17. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Lauchlan River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK LENGTH(MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
550	2	1	583		2258	1050
600	17	8	632		2203	179
650	36	17	676		2633	303
700	75	36	725		3050	365
750	61	29	770		3466	501
800	19	9	816		3922	629
TOTAL	210					
MEAN			729		3102	622

Table 18. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Jayco River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
9	2	1	605	74	2500	849
10	1	1	594	-	2200	-
11	2	1	584	41	1975	177
12	5	3	606	48	2318	288
13	8	5	652	31	2741	347
14	10	7	622	42	2641	411
15	25	16	660	46	3004	873
16	27	18	660	45	3044	659
17	19	13	678	56	3409	873
18	22	14	661	55	3040	706
19	11	7	688	37	3296	622
20	9	6	667	48	2818	455
21	6	4	699	57	3587	1045
22	2	1	695	66	3475	389
23	2	1	658	33	3100	283
24	1	1	742	-	3900	-
TOTAL	152					
MEAN			660	51	3028	744
MEAN AGE	16.5					

Table 19. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Jayco River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	1	0	546	1520	.
550	21	10	585	2120	160
600	54	26	626	2586	300
650	89	42	674	3059	337
700	37	18	721	3686	507
750	8	4	767	4640	613
TOTAL	210				
MEAN			664	3007	671

Table 20. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Jayco River, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
9	3	2	532	22	1817	247
10	2	1	561	6	2050	-
11	18	13	578	39	2208	444
12	23	16	593	40	2363	516
13	13	9	610	31	2485	380
14	12	8	623	57	2900	941
15	12	8	642	68	3029	1196
16	21	15	667	53	3210	828
17	17	12	680	60	3568	871
18	14	10	672	56	3268	912
19	1	1	696	-	3100	-
20	5	3	707	55	3860	1179
21	1	1	595	-	2200	-
23	1	1	834	-	7500	-
25	1	1	768	-	4600	-
TOTAL	144					
MEAN			634	67	2900	997
MEAN AGE	14.6					

Table 21. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Jayco River, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
500	22	11	534		1698	143
550	31	15	579		2200	148
600	62	30	621		2635	300
650	52	25	673		3334	338
700	26	12	720		3977	502
750	13	6	764		4704	643
800	3	1	826		6350	996
TOTAL	209					
MEAN			643		2995	963

Table 22. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Kulgayuk River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
7	2	1	525	9	1800	141
8	9	5	546	32	1924	360
9	20	11	586	43	2475	663
10	32	17	624	45	2895	722
11	25	13	633	43	2966	621
12	32	17	661	45	3274	745
13	34	18	686	41	3702	751
14	22	12	678	54	3477	906
15	9	5	703	37	3910	687
16	1	1	628	-	2800	-
TOTAL	186					
MEAN			644	60	3131	868
MEAN AGE	11.5					

Table 23. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Kulgayuk River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	18	9	534	1834	134
550	29	14	579	2275	273
600	53	25	626	2804	381
650	69	33	673	3467	423
700	31	15	722	4194	431
750	9	4	770	4902	612
800	1	0	826	6350	.
TOTAL	210				
MEAN			648	3178	899

Table 24. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ellice River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
7	3	2	564	19	2083	271
8	32	16	572	29	2268	371
9	40	20	596	40	2551	459
10	47	24	637	51	3089	724
11	40	20	655	60	3506	909
12	25	13	658	77	3491	1013
13	5	3	753	41	5074	955
14	4	2	729	24	4794	1321
15	1	1	769	-	5020	-
TOTAL	197					
MEAN			629	66	3062	970
MEAN AGE	10.1					

Table 25. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ellice River 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	19	9	532	1944	226
550	65	31	575	2279	219
600	46	22	626	2935	245
650	45	21	672	3578	375
700	22	10	719	4532	598
750	10	5	770	5119	569
800	2	1	804	5035	14
850	1	0	860	8000	.
TOTAL	210				
MEAN			631	3096	1029

Table 26. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ellice River, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
7	2	1	578	110	2825	1803
8	21	12	571	34	2457	447
9	54	30	606	49	2981	818
10	33	19	617	32	2985	568
11	26	15	649	57	3729	1069
12	18	10	653	57	3728	939
13	9	5	744	57	5233	1094
14	7	4	767	59	5850	1763
15	7	4	765	35	6050	1074
16	1	1	815	-	6150	-
TOTAL	178					
MEAN			636	72	3468	1300
MEAN AGE	10.3					

Table 27. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ellice River 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	18	8	528	1906	193
550	50	22	576	2516	266
600	71	32	621	3070	381
650	41	18	676	4104	739
700	23	10	720	4857	434
750	15	7	771	5880	686
800	6	3	811	6892	1018
850	1	0	884	9000	.
TOTAL	225				
MEAN			640	3540	1337

Table 30. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Coppermine River, 1994.

AGE (YR)	MALES						FEMALES						COMBINED												
	LENGTH (MM)		WEIGHT (G)		%		LENGTH (MM)		WEIGHT (G)		%		LENGTH (MM)		WEIGHT (G)		%								
	N	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	K	MAT	%	N	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	K	MAT	%	N	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	K	MAT	%	
7	2	605	21	2700	141	1.22	100	2	625	49	2825	813	1.14	100	4	615	33	2763	482	1.18	100				
8	5	598	29	2500	322	1.17	100	8	613	31	2956	514	1.28	88	12	609	30	2808	504	1.23	92				
9	16	615	41	2709	615	1.16	88	4	598	17	2450	274	1.15	50	20	612	37	2658	567	1.15	80				
10	8	610	51	2806	695	1.22	75	11	649	63	3500	891	1.26	100	19	633	60	3208	868	1.25	89				
11	2	695	35	4200	707	1.24	100	2	670	57	4075	1096	1.34	100	4	683	41	4138	756	1.29	100				
12	2	735	64	4875	1732	1.20	100	1	540	.	2300	.	1.46	100	2	735	64	4875	1732	1.20	100				
13	1	840	.	7350	.	1.24	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	540	.	2300	.	1.46	100			
14	1	840	.	7350	.	1.24	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	840	.	7350	.	1.24	100				
TOTAL	36							28							63										
MEAN		628	63	3033	1132	1.19			627	52	3145	819	1.25			629	58	3092	1006	1.21					
MEAN AGE		9.4						9.3							9.3										

Table 31. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Coppermine River, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	MALES						FEMALES						COMBINED												
	LENGTH (MM)		WEIGHT (G)		%		LENGTH (MM)		WEIGHT (G)		%		LENGTH (MM)		WEIGHT (G)		%								
	N	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	K	MAT	%	N	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	K	MAT	%	N	MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD	K	MAT	%	
500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	540	2300	-	1.46	100	1	540	2300	-	1.46	100						
550	15	578	2357	227	227	1.22	80	9	584	2467	137	1.24	67	23	581	2396	207	1.22	74						
600	11	619	2750	322	322	1.16	91	13	623	3058	450	1.26	100	24	621	2917	419	1.21	96						
650	6	665	3250	430	430	1.10	100	4	658	3675	320	1.29	100	10	662	3420	430	1.18	100						
700	4	720	4350	324	324	1.17	100	5	728	4870	513	1.26	100	9	724	4639	496	1.22	100						
750	1	780	6100	-	-	1.29	100	1	760	4900	-	1.12	100	2	770	5500	849	1.20	100						
800	1	840	7350	-	-	1.24	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	840	7350	-	1.24	100						
TOTAL	38							33						70											
MEAN		631	3051	1115	1115	1.18			634	3279	925	1.26			633	3167	1034	1.22							

Table 32. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Steep Bank Bay, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
7	5	25	555	46	1880	422
8	3	15	528	23	1600	132
9	3	15	648	29	3067	525
10	7	35	574	36	1936	382
11	1	5	581	-	2050	-
12	1	5	601	-	2100	-
TOTAL	20					
MEAN			575	48	2055	568
MEAN AGE	9.0					

Table 33. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Steep Bank Bay, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
450	1	4	477	1200	.
500	3	13	516	1550	100
550	11	46	572	1927	227
600	6	25	613	2242	273
650	3	13	674	3067	525
TOTAL	24				
MEAN			584	2071	528

Table 34. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 2, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
6	2	9	536	29	1950	283
7	6	27	557	20	2000	251
8	6	27	570	31	2158	231
9	8	36	557	50	2275	734
TOTAL	22					
MEAN			559	36	2139	477
MEAN AGE	7.9					

Table 35. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 2, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	9	32	526	1767	75
550	13	46	571	2246	177
600	4	14	615	2750	402
650	2	7	670	3375	460
TOTAL	28				
MEAN			570	2245	500

Table 36. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 3, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
6	4	4	517	29	1625	413
7	12	11	544	40	1888	419
8	27	24	571	51	2030	547
9	32	29	598	45	2253	462
10	21	19	632	48	2576	737
11	9	8	591	60	2167	540
12	3	3	624	63	2450	1033
13	2	2	604	6	2275	35
14	1	1	638	-	2300	-
TOTAL	111					
MEAN			590	55	2197	593
MEAN AGE	9.0					

Table 37. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Chesterfield Inlet, Zone 3, 1994

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN FORK LENGTH (MM)	MEAN SD
400	2	2	439	1050 212
450	1	1	497	1350 .
500	24	19	529	1721 338
550	45	36	575	2027 322
600	29	23	617	2374 397
650	20	16	672	2953 365
700	3	2	728	3617 831
TOTAL	124			
MEAN			593	2215 598

Table 38. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Fish Bay (Chesterfield Inlet), 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
6	9	7	543	16	1839	183
7	17	13	551	26	1844	324
8	23	17	576	35	2096	389
9	57	42	585	33	2177	358
10	20	15	595	44	2320	608
11	5	4	638	30	2740	349
12	2	1	661	86	3075	1025
13	3	2	666	69	3000	900
TOTAL	136					
MEAN			583	42	2172	482
MEAN AGE	8.7					

Table 39. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Fish Bay (Chesterfield Inlet), 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	32	21	530	1692	188
550	64	43	573	2023	265
600	45	30	618	2514	191
650	3	2	666	3233	104
700	5	3	711	3660	397
TOTAL	149				
MEAN			584	2180	495

Table 40. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Rankin Inlet, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH(MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
5	1	1	390	-	600	-
6	2	2	400	28	650	0
7	9	9	534	57	1667	437
8	30	30	558	46	1860	404
9	22	22	589	31	2143	306
10	19	19	603	50	2266	669
11	10	10	603	43	2110	422
12	4	4	595	14	2200	191
13	1	1	640	-	2450	-
15	1	1	625	-	2400	-
TOTAL	99					
MEAN			574	57	1996	531
MEAN AGE	9.0					

Table 41. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Rankin Inlet, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			LENGTH(MM)	MEAN	SD
350	3	3	383	617	29
400	4	4	419	775	119
450	2	2	470	1050	71
500	25	22	534	1644	176
550	36	32	570	1951	171
600	37	33	616	2327	207
650	4	4	661	2888	442
700	1	1	735	4250	.
TOTAL	112				
MEAN			570	1967	544

Table 42. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Baker Foreland, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
5	1	1	440	-	850	-
6	2	2	493	53	1300	424
7	19	20	532	38	1721	377
8	33	34	567	38	2026	443
9	10	10	566	41	2065	357
10	11	11	580	28	1950	402
11	12	13	620	53	2613	719
12	4	4	631	26	2750	476
13	3	3	605	54	2267	681
14	1	1	700	-	3500	-
TOTAL	96					
MEAN			570	53	2060	579
MEAN AGE	8.8					

Table 43. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Baker Foreland, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
400	2	2	435	850	0
450	6	5	474	1133	108
500	21	19	525	1600	157
550	51	46	572	2073	295
600	19	17	614	2429	127
650	8	7	656	2969	423
700	3	3	710	3600	409
TOTAL	110				
MEAN			573	2077	571

Table 44. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ferguson River, 1993.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH(MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
5	1	4	520	-	1800	-
6	3	12	548	45	2100	522
7	8	32	558	28	2194	257
8	7	28	570	15	2236	201
9	5	20	595	46	2700	779
11	1	4	550	-	2000	-
TOTAL	25					
MEAN			566	34	2272	458
MEAN AGE	7.6					

Table 45. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ferguson River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			LENGTH(MM)	MEAN	SD
500	8	23	529	1956	172
550	21	60	574	2281	242
600	5	14	602	2540	305
650	1	3	660	4000	.
TOTAL	35				
MEAN			570	2293	416

Table 46. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at the Ferguson River, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
5	1	1	554	-	2300	-
6	25	19	575	49	2426	577
7	70	53	586	43	2505	591
8	23	17	604	42	2715	559
9	9	7	598	51	2517	509
10	2	2	553	4	2200	141
11	2	2	703	117	3850	1980
TOTAL	132					
MEAN			589	48	2542	617
MEAN AGE	7.2					

Table 47. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Ferguson River, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	24	16	525	1854	182
550	60	41	570	2352	258
600	49	33	622	2846	361
650	11	7	669	3177	538
700	2	1	710	4550	495
750	1	1	785	5250	.
TOTAL	147				
MEAN			591	2547	597

Table 48. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Pistol Bay, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH(MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
5	3	2	517	64	1517	451
6	34	21	541	33	1879	408
7	59	37	555	37	1934	448
8	28	17	583	31	2189	343
9	27	17	589	40	2370	484
10	6	4	583	20	2092	451
11	3	2	612	43	2433	437
12	1	1	643	-	2600	-
TOTAL	161					
MEAN			564	41	2052	467
MEAN AGE	7.5					

Table 49. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Pistol Bay, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT(G)	
			LENGTH(MM)	MEAN	SD
450	5	3	465	1180	130
500	45	26	527	1692	289
550	90	53	570	2088	277
600	24	14	619	2567	288
650	7	4	659	3014	445
TOTAL	171				
MEAN			566	2062	461

Table 50. Age composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Wilson Bay, 1994.

AGE (YR)	NO.	PERCENT	FORK LENGTH (MM)		DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			MEAN	SD	MEAN	SD
5	2	1	450	105	1025	742
6	50	22	562	34	2042	408
7	78	34	578	28	2222	364
8	51	22	596	36	2451	577
9	30	13	612	39	2547	521
10	9	4	610	49	2533	776
11	4	2	601	38	2350	593
12	1	0	658	-	2950	-
13	2	1	651	112	2900	1697
TOTAL	227					
MEAN			584	41	2290	532
MEAN AGE	7.5					

Table 51. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Wilson Bay, 1994.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
350	1	0	376	500	.
450	1	0	493	1500	.
500	33	14	531	1738	216
550	129	54	574	2138	257
600	56	23	618	2683	297
650	17	7	660	3159	551
700	3	1	712	3900	391
TOTAL	240				
MEAN			585	2295	526

Table 52. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Arrowsmith River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	7	7	530	1620	357
550	37	37	571	1768	170
600	31	31	619	2235	240
650	18	18	661	2715	357
700	6	6	708	3383	242
750	1	1	770	4649	.
TOTAL MEAN	100		610	2199	590

Table 53. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Becher River, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	4	4	535	1560	57
550	20	20	578	1934	163
600	36	36	625	2416	272
650	28	28	667	2867	394
700	9	9	709	3597	264
750	2	2	770	4366	240
800	1	1	800	4876	.
TOTAL MEAN	100		636	2582	672

Table 54. Length composition of Arctic charr taken by the commercial fishery at Keith Bay area, 1993.

LENGTH INTERVAL (MM)	NO.	PERCENT	MEAN FORK	DRESSED WEIGHT (G)	
			LENGTH (MM)	MEAN	SD
500	5	5	536	1656	129
550	37	37	572	1873	145
600	37	37	617	2183	245
650	16	16	659	2693	201
700	4	4	720	3402	278
800	1	1	820	3402	.
TOTAL MEAN	100		609	2185	454

