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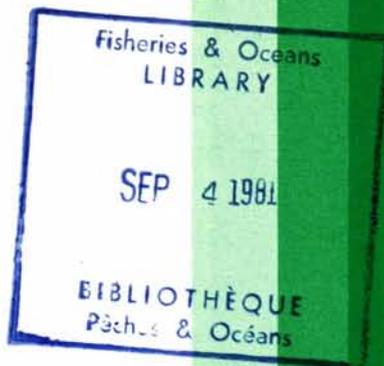
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ABSTRACT

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Chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and coho (*O. kisutch*) salmon escapements were studied during 1976 to 1979 to estimate adult returns and incidence of marked fish for coho (1973 and 1974 brood years) and chinook (1974 and 1975 brood years) coded-wire tagged as wild juveniles. Escapements were estimated by 4 methods: (1) tagging and recovery of tags by purse seine in the estuary; (2) tagging in the estuary with recovery of tags on the spawning grounds; (3) tower counts of adult migrants; and (4) swim survey counts of spawners. The results obtained by each method are compared and discussed. Salmon migration timing, spawning distribution and timing, age and size composition are described. Ocean survival of marked chinook from tagging to adult return was significantly lower than unmarked chinook, 0.3% versus 1.6% (1974 brood) and 0.4% versus 5.5% (1975 brood). Marked coho smolts survived to adult return at rates of 1.7% (1973 brood) and 3.6% (1974 brood), compared to 4.4% for unmarked 1974 brood coho. Post-release loss of coded-wire tags was calculated at 9-13% among coho and 10% among chinook. A majority of coded-wire tagged adult coho salmon returned to spawn in locations which differed from the smolt tagging sites. It was postulated that adult coho return to spawn in the area from which they emerged as fry rather than the area utilized for summer rearing or over-wintering.

KEY WORDS: salmon, chinook, coho, population estimates, coded-wire tagging, ocean survival, marking mortality, tag loss, homing.

RESUME

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Echappement et retours de saumons chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) et coho (*O. kisutch*) marqués à l'aide de fils codés dans l'ensemble de rivières Cowichan-Koksilah de 1976 à 1979. Les échappements de saumons chinook et coho ont été étudiés de 1976 à 1979 afin d'estimer les retours d'adultes et la présence de poissons marqués (pour les fraies de coho des années 1973 et 1974 et les fraies de chinooks des années 1974 et 1975) qui avaient été marqués à l'aide de fils codés. Les échappements ont été estimés par différentes méthodes: (1) marquage et récupération de poissons marqués à l'aide de seines tournantes, dans l'estuaire; (2) marquage dans l'estuaire et récupération des marques sur les frayères; (3) comptages des adultes migrants vers les frayères, à l'aide d'une tour bâtie sur la berge; (4) comptage des reproducteurs sur les frayères par des nageurs équipés de masques et de combinaisons de plongée. Les résultats obtenus par chaque méthode sont comparés et discutés. Les dates des migrations de saumons, la distribution, et le temps des fraies ainsi que les classes d'âge et de tailles des reproducteurs sont décrites. Le taux de survie dans l'océan des chinooks marqués, depuis le marquage jusqu'au retour des adultes à été bien plus faible que celui des poissons non marqués, 0.3% versus 1.6% pour la fraie de 1974 et 0.4% versus 5.5% pour la fraie de 1975. La survie des coho marqués ayant survécu pour retourner frayer s'est effectuée à un taux de 1.7% pour la fraie de 1973 et 3.6% pour la fraie de 1974, comparés à 4.4% pour les poissons non marqués de la fraie de 1974. Les pertes de marques après que les poissons aient été relâchés a été calculé à 9 - 13% pour les coho et 10% pour les chinooks. La majorité des saumons coho marqués est retournée frayer à des locations différentes des lieux de marquage. Il a été considéré que les saumons coho adultes retournent frayer sur les frayères d'où ils sont issus plutôt que les lieux de chasse utilisés l'été ou les zones abritées où ils passent l'hiver en tant que juvéniles.

INTRODUCTION

Wild chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and coho (*O. kisutch*) salmon juveniles migrating from the Cowichan-Koksilah system were marked with coded-wire nose tags in 1975 (Armstrong and Argue, 1977) and 1976 (Argue et al., 1979) to provide information on ocean migration and exploitation through tag returns from the commercial and sport fisheries. During 1976 to 1979 the returns of tagged adult salmon were assessed to estimate, for each brood year and species, the total adult return to the Cowichan-Koksilah system and the incidence of coded-wire tagged fish in that return. Additional information was obtained on chinook and coho salmon migration timing, spawning distribution and timing, age and size composition, and the spawning distribution of fish tagged at various sites in the two river systems.

The chinook and coho salmon juvenile tagging projects were described in earlier reports (Armstrong and Argue, 1977; Argue et al., 1979). A listing of coded-wire tagging information is presented in Table 1.

This report presents the results of the adult salmon study, which involved investigations in the Cowichan estuary and on the spawning grounds of the Cowichan and Koksilah River systems. Information on adult returns was collected to provide the data needed to estimate fishery contributions and exploitation rates of chinook and coho salmon stocks of the river systems. The study focused on coho salmon returns from the 1973 and 1974 brood years and chinook salmon returns from the 1974 and 1975 brood years. Incidental data were obtained on other salmonid species.

STUDY AREA

The study area included the Cowichan and Koksilah River systems which flow into Cowichan Bay on the east coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, approximately 40 km north of Victoria (Fig. 1). The principal study streams and tributaries surveyed during this study are briefly described as follows.

COWICHAN RIVER

The Cowichan River flows from Cowichan Lake eastward for 50 km to enter Cowichan Bay in the Strait of Georgia. Skutz Falls, 18 km downstream from Cowichan Lake, presented a partial obstruction to salmon migration which was alleviated by the construction of fishways in 1956. The Cowichan drains an area of 840 km² and carries a mean annual discharge of 55 m³/sec (Inland Waters Directorate, 1977). Mean monthly discharges range from 117 m³/sec in December to 8.3 m³/sec in August. A low-level flow control dam at the outlet of Cowichan Lake provides a minimum river discharge of 7 m³/sec. A fishway in the dam permits fish passage to Cowichan Lake.

TABLE 1. Releases of coded-wire tagged (CWT) chinook and coho salmon juveniles in the Cowichan-Koksilah River system during 1975 and 1976.

Tagging Year	Species and Life Stage	Brood Year	Tagging Location	No. of Tagged Fish Released ^a	CWT		
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1975	Coho Smolt	1973 ^b	Rotary Park Pools	10,540	10	2	5
				7,631	9	2	5
				757	8	2	5
			Pastuch Creek	4,110	6	2	5
			Cowichan River Side Channel	3,097	14	2	5
Total				26,135			
	Chinook Fingerling	1974	Cowichan Estuary	18,332	7	2	5
1976	Coho Smolt	1974 ^b	Rotary Park Pools	4,665	5	2	7
				5,435	6	2	7
			Pastuch Creek	3,332	9	2	7
			Cowichan River Side Channel	3,787	10	2	7
			Mesachie Creek	4,023	7	2	7
				15,128	8	2	7
				10,135	13	2	7
				12,269	11	2	5
			Kelvin Creek	6,614	3	2	7
				6,764	4	2	7
Total				72,152			
	Chinook Fingerling	1975	Cowichan Estuary	16,673	1	2	7

^a1976 release statistics are corrected for preliberation tag loss, whereas 1975 releases are not so corrected and may contain adipose-marked fish without CWT.

^bThe 1975 and 1976 tagged smolt releases included small proportions, 2.4% and 6.3% respectively, of 1972 and 1973 brood smolts which were age 2 at time of tagging (Argue et al., 1979).

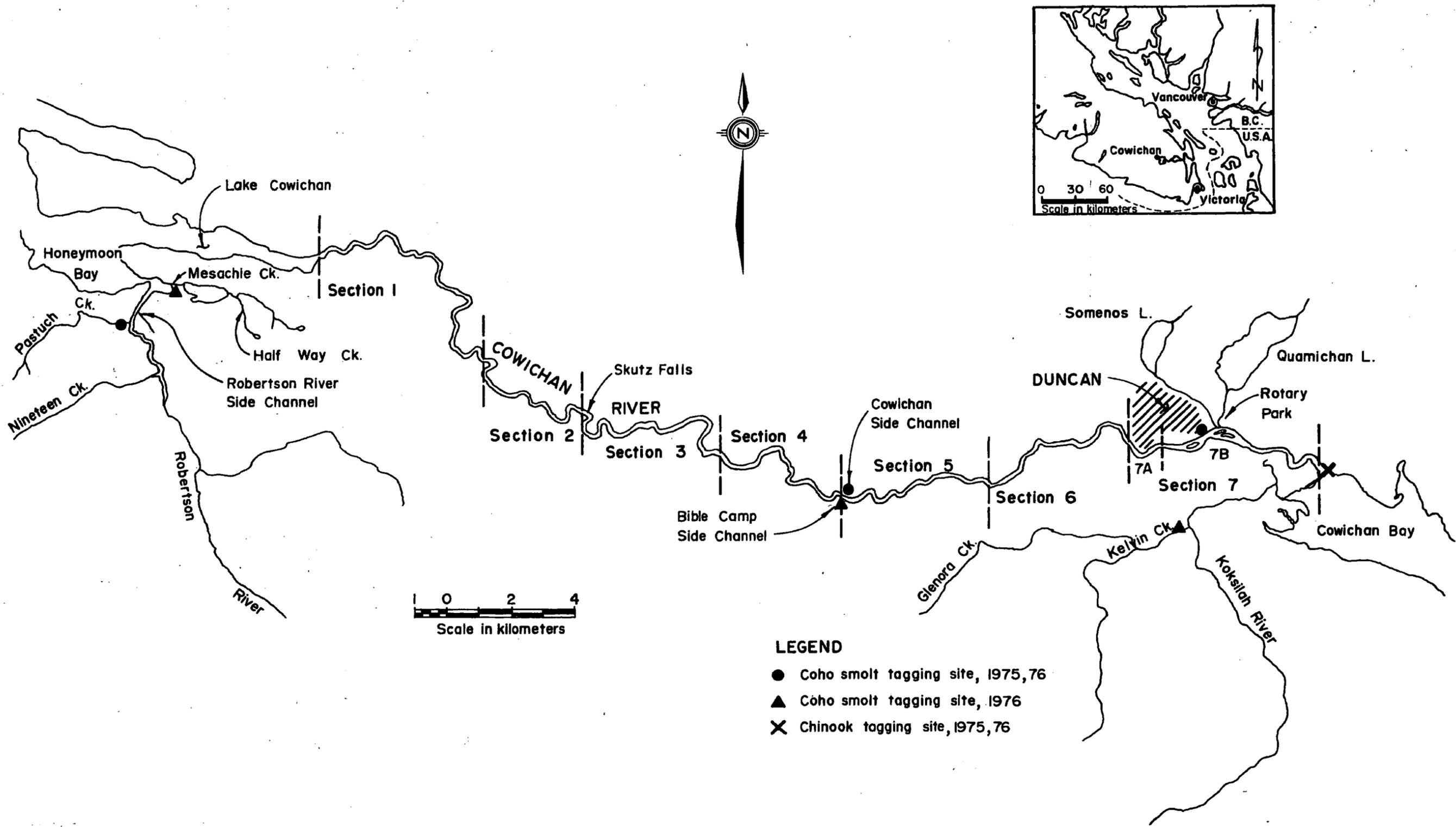


FIG. 1. Location map of the Cowichan-Koksilah River system showing river swim survey sections and juvenile chinook and coho tagging sites.

The Cowichan River system supports chinook, coho and chum (Oncorhynchus keta) salmon populations. Chinook salmon spawn in the main Cowichan River, principally upstream of Skutz Falls. Coho salmon spawn heavily in that area, but also utilize tributaries to the main river and Cowichan Lake. Chum salmon tend to spawn in the lower main river and adjacent side channels. In the decade preceding this study (1966-1975) estimated escapements of chinook, coho and chum salmon averaged 6,700, 46,400 and 66,500 fish respectively (Marshall et al., 1976). The system also supports populations of steelhead and rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri), coastal cutthroat trout (Salmo clarki clarki) and brown trout (Salmo trutta).

KOKSILAH RIVER

The Koksilah River enters Cowichan Bay immediately south of the Cowichan River (Fig. 1). It drains a 209 km² area which produces a mean annual discharge of 10 m³/sec. Mean monthly discharges range from 23 m³/sec in December to 0.5 m³/sec in August (Inland Waters Directorate, 1977).

The river is accessible to anadromous salmonids for a distance of 21 km. It supports spawning populations of chinook, coho and chum salmon and steelhead trout. In the decade preceding this study escapements are estimated to have averaged 300 chinook, 5,200 coho and 4,000 chum salmon (Marshall et al., 1976).

TRIBUTARY STREAMS

This section briefly describes the tributary spawning areas where carcass recovery and spawner counts were conducted in 1976 and 1977. As some sites were also the locations of coho smolt tagging in 1975 and 1976, detailed descriptions have been presented by Armstrong and Argue (1977) and Argue et al. (1979).

Robertson River

The Robertson River flows into Bear Lake, a southeastern arm of Cowichan Lake near Honeymoon Bay (Fig. 1). It originates in the nearby mountains and provides excellent spawning area when the water level is relatively high during fall and winter (Fig. 3). However, the stream dries completely during summer. Only the lower section of Robertson River, a distance of 3020 m between the mouth at Bear Lake to a logging road bridge, was surveyed consistently (Fig. 2). Coho spawning was concentrated in the section from the mouth to the South Shore Road bridge (340 m) and the middle section adjacent to the dikes (370 m). Few coho were observed in other parts of the Robertson River.

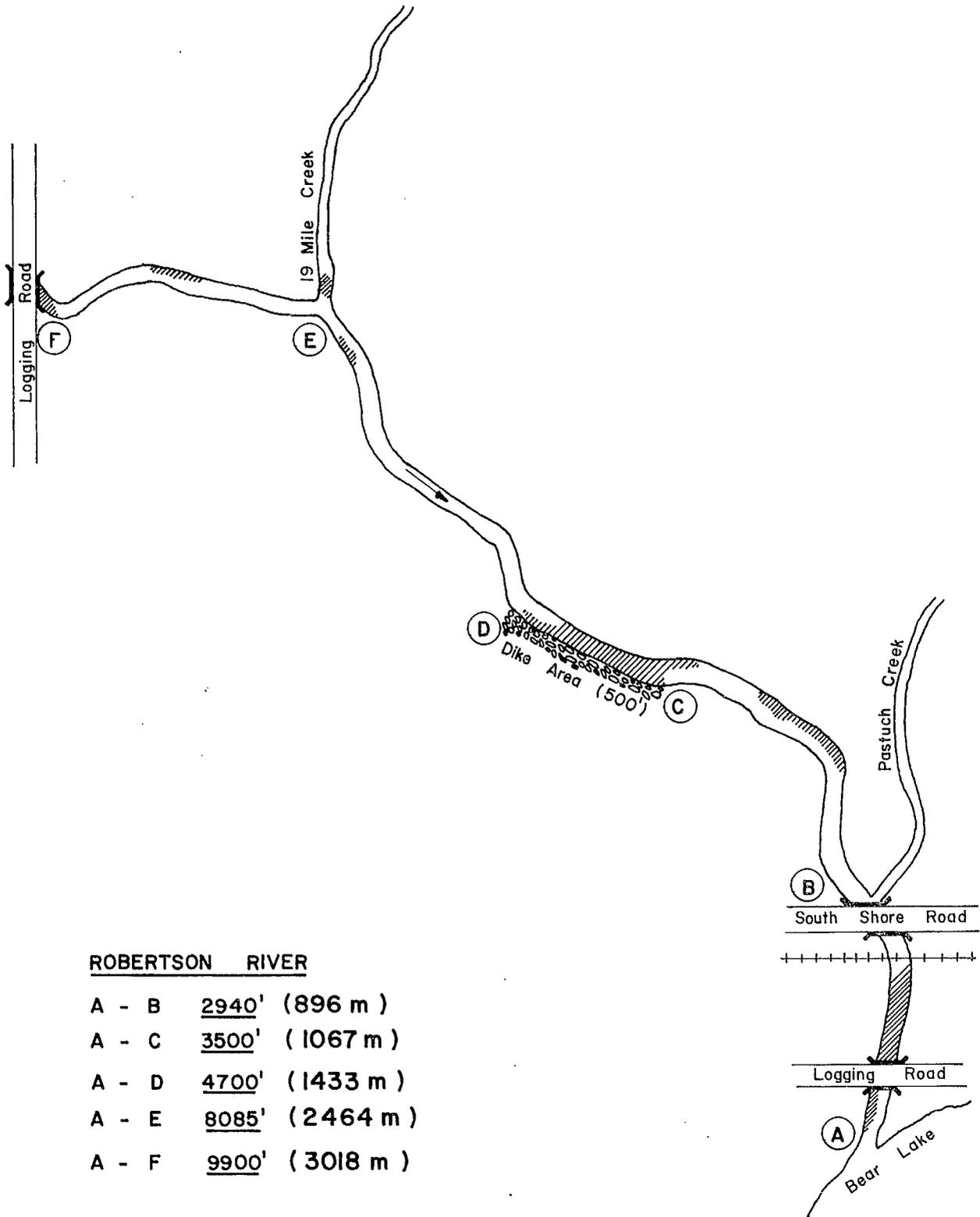


FIG. 2. Sketch map of Robertson River showing coho spawning areas (shaded).



FIG. 3. The Cowichan River (above) in the Riverbottom Road area (Sections 4-5) and Robertson River (below) upstream of the logging road bridge.

Nineteen-Mile Creek enters the Robertson River 2400 m upstream from the river mouth. The lower section of this creek is generally a poor spawning area, with large boulders and few pools. The creek was surveyed occasionally, but coho were only observed in the lower 180 m.

Robertson River Side Channel

This channel is an unnamed tributary of the Robertson River which enters 180 m downstream from the South Shore Road Bridge (Fig. 4). Before the dikes were constructed, this creek was a side channel open to the Robertson River. The channel is groundwater-fed except during heavy rainfall and snow melt runoff; it dries completely in the summer. Water depth averages 0.3 m at normal flow levels. The channel measures 820 m from the mouth to the spring at the head. Heavy coho spawning occurred along the entire channel.

Pastuch Creek

Pastuch Creek (Armstrong and Argue, 1977) enters Robertson River immediately upstream from the South Shore Road Bridge (Fig. 5). The lower 320 m of the creek, from its confluence with the Robertson River to a swamp, has excellent spawning gravel. At times this area was densely populated by spawning coho. The swamp, which was impossible to survey, extends a considerable distance upstream. Above the swamp Pastuch Creek has excellent spawning area, well sheltered by alder trees. Coho were seen spawning on the single occasion this upper area was surveyed.

Half Way Creek

This stream flows into Mesachie Lake (Fig. 1). Coho spawning occurs in the lower 390 m of stream and in a small, unnamed tributary which enters on the left bank (Fig. 6). A small, groundwater-fed tributary of the unnamed creek supported very dense coho spawning despite its small size (average 1.2 m wide and 9.3 m deep).

Mesachie Creek

Mesachie Creek is a short stream which drains from Mesachie Lake to Bear Lake (Fig. 1). Though the stream mouth is partially obstructed by logs and debris fish passage is not impeded. The creek has a consistent gravel size which is excellent for spawning. No coho spawned in the lower 140 m below the Forestry Road Bridge (Fig. 7). Coho spawned heavily in the 370 m section from the bridge upstream to Mesachie Lake.

ROBERTSON RIVER
SIDE CHANNEL

A - B	1100 ft. (335 m)
B - C	500 ft. (152 m)
C - D	1100 ft. (335 m)
A - D	2700 ft. (823 m)

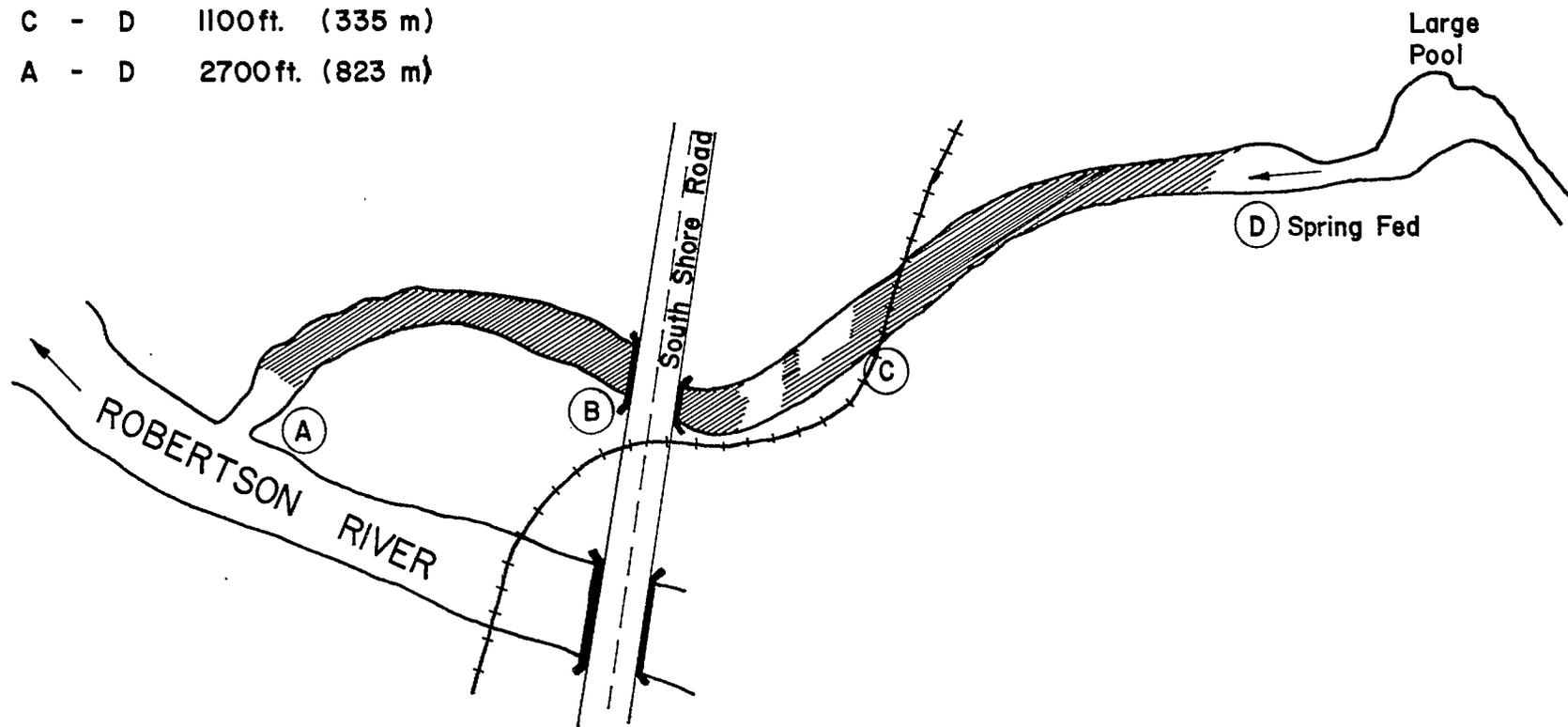


FIG. 4. Sketch map of Robertson River Side Channel showing coho spawning areas (shaded).

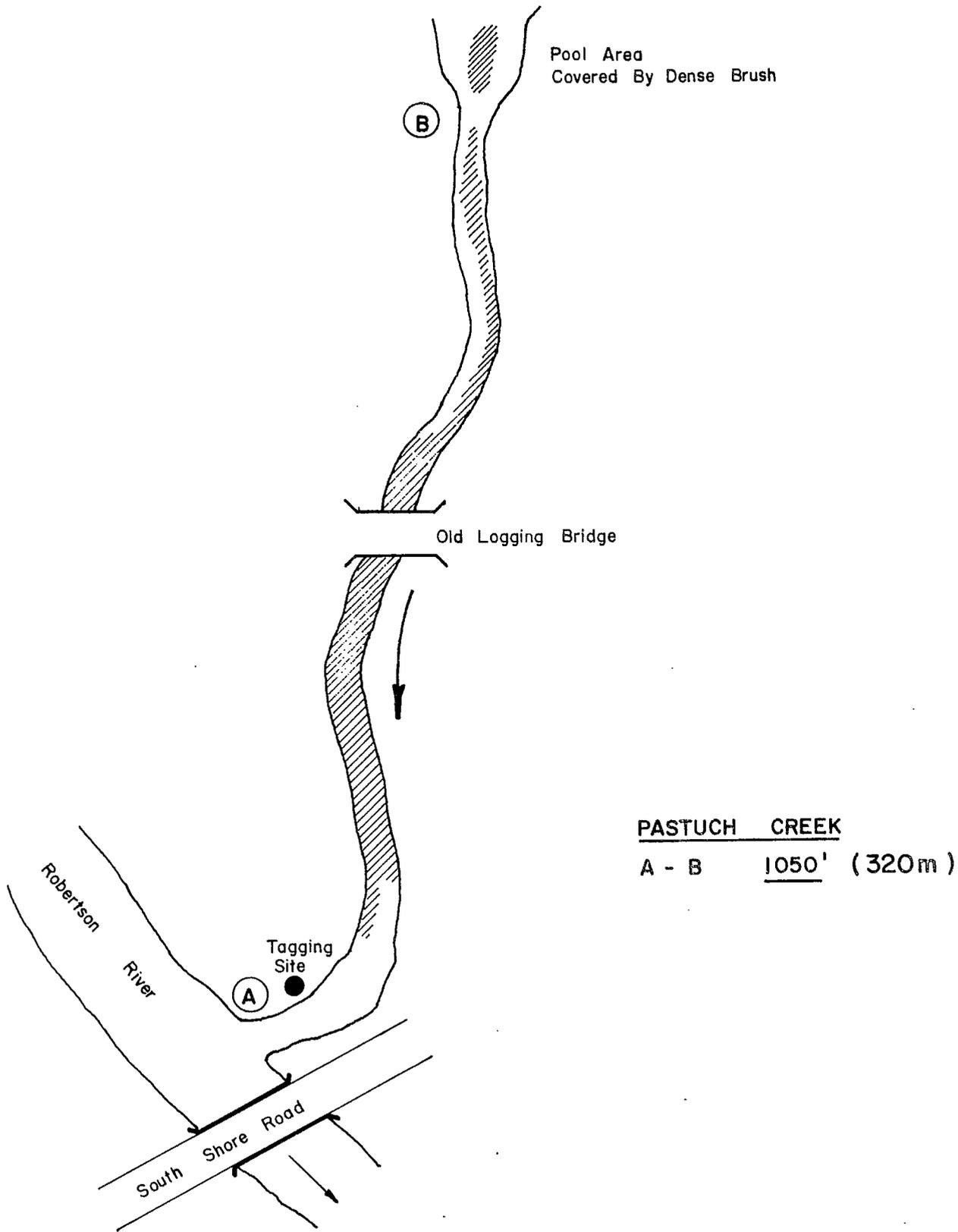


FIG. 5. Sketch map of Pastuch Creek showing coho spawning areas (shaded) and smolt tagging site.

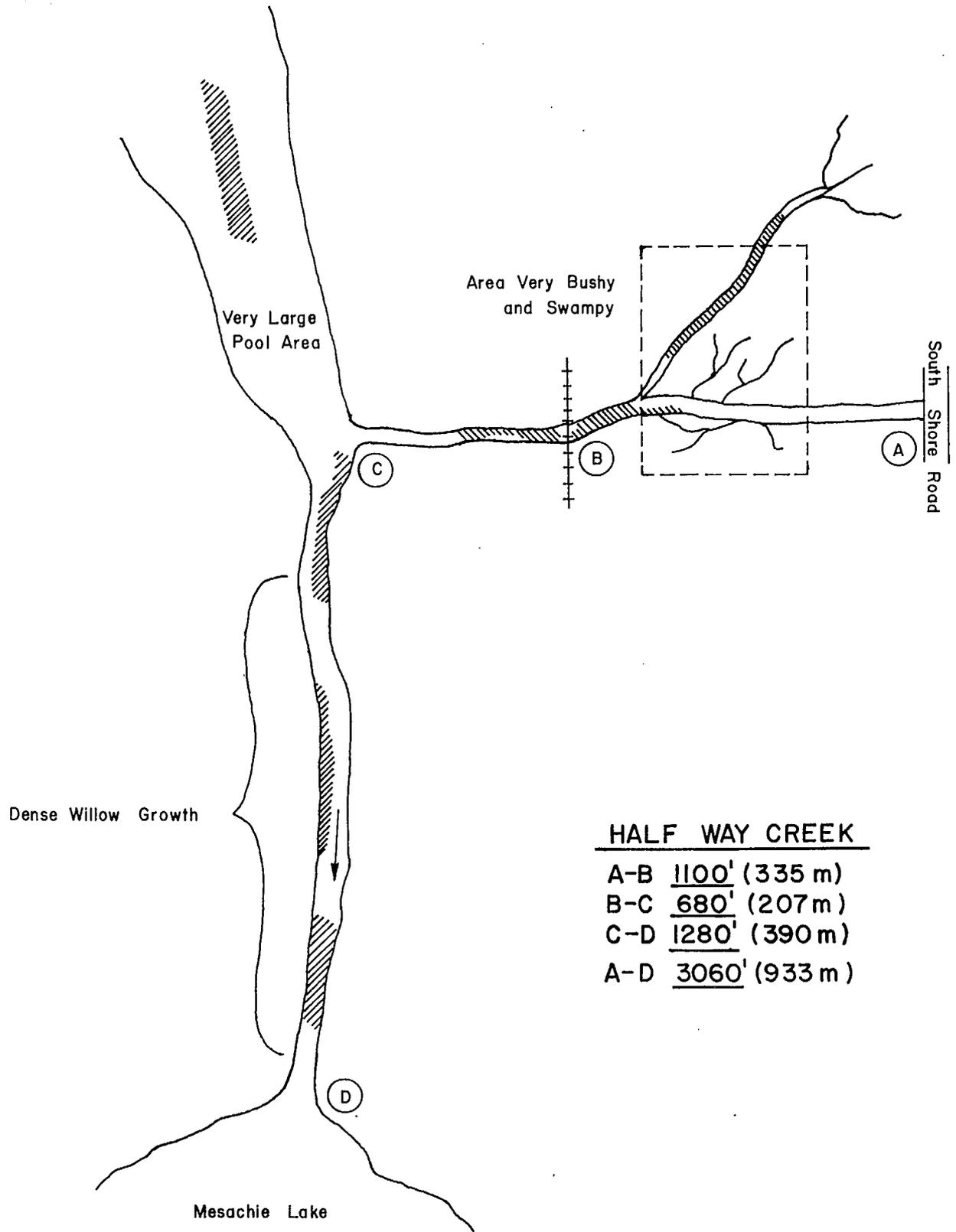


FIG. 6. Sketch map of Half Way Creek showing coho spawning areas (shaded).

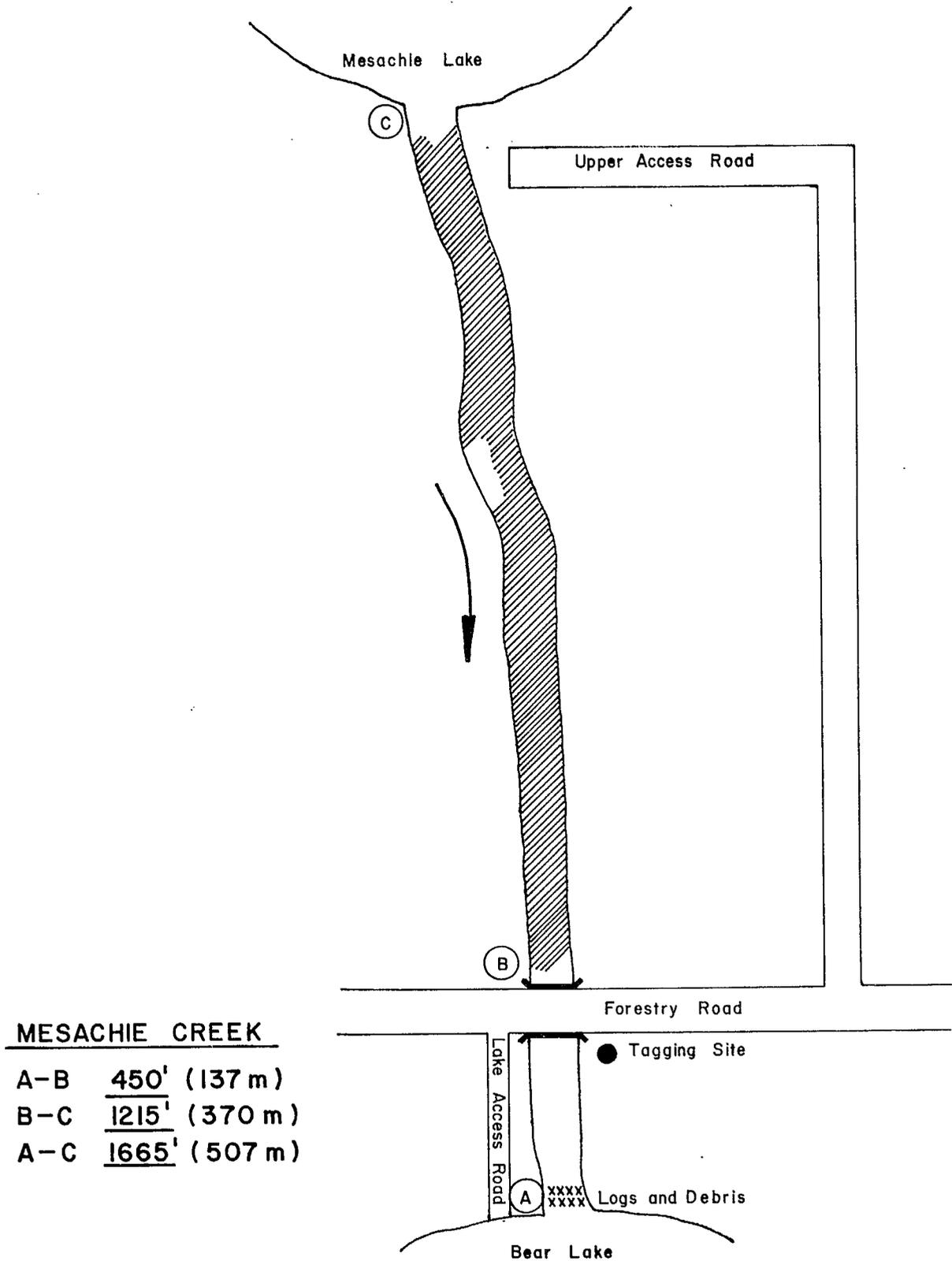


FIG. 7. Sketch map of Mesachie Creek showing coho spawning area (shaded) and smolt tagging site.

Cowichan Side Channel

This north bank side channel of the Cowichan River (Armstrong and Argue, 1977) is located along Riverbottom Road approximately 4.8 km south of the old Lake Cowichan Highway intersection (Figs. 1 and 8). Even during high water levels in the Cowichan River there is little flow in the channel and the outlet is shallow. Few coho spawners were able to traverse this shallow outlet to utilize the channel. A short, wide channel, dry during normal river levels, links the head of the side channel to the Cowichan River during flood conditions. Heavy coho spawning occurred in this latter channel.

Bible Camp Side Channel

This side channel, located on the north bank of the Cowichan River 270 m upstream from Cowichan Side Channel (Figs. 1 and 9), was utilized for spawning almost exclusively by chum salmon. Very few coho spawners were observed or recovered as carcasses at this site.

Rotary Park Pools

The Rotary Park pool and channel complex (Figs. 1 and 10) begins at McKinstry Street on the southern outskirts of Duncan (Armstrong and Argue, 1977). In the upper 90 m coho spawning occurred in all shallow pools and channels connecting the pools.

A ground water-fed channel which starts at the downstream end of the upper channel (at Tagging Site #1 in Fig. 10), and known as Fish Gut Alley, flows for 840 m to join Somenos Creek (Fig. 1). This channel is, in turn, joined by another groundwater-fed channel off the main Cowichan River. The majority of coho spawning in this area occurred in the upper third of Fish Gut Alley and in the upper half of the tributary channel. Coho spawning took place in December and followed heavy utilization of the area by chum salmon.

Kelvin Creek

This stream is the principal tributary of the Koksilah River (Fig. 1). It enters the Koksilah approximately 4 km upstream from the mouth. Upstream from the powerline crossing the stream is occasionally obstructed by log jams which are passable to coho salmon (Fig. 11). Kelvin Creek Falls, approximately 6500 m above the mouth, forms a barrier to coho migration.

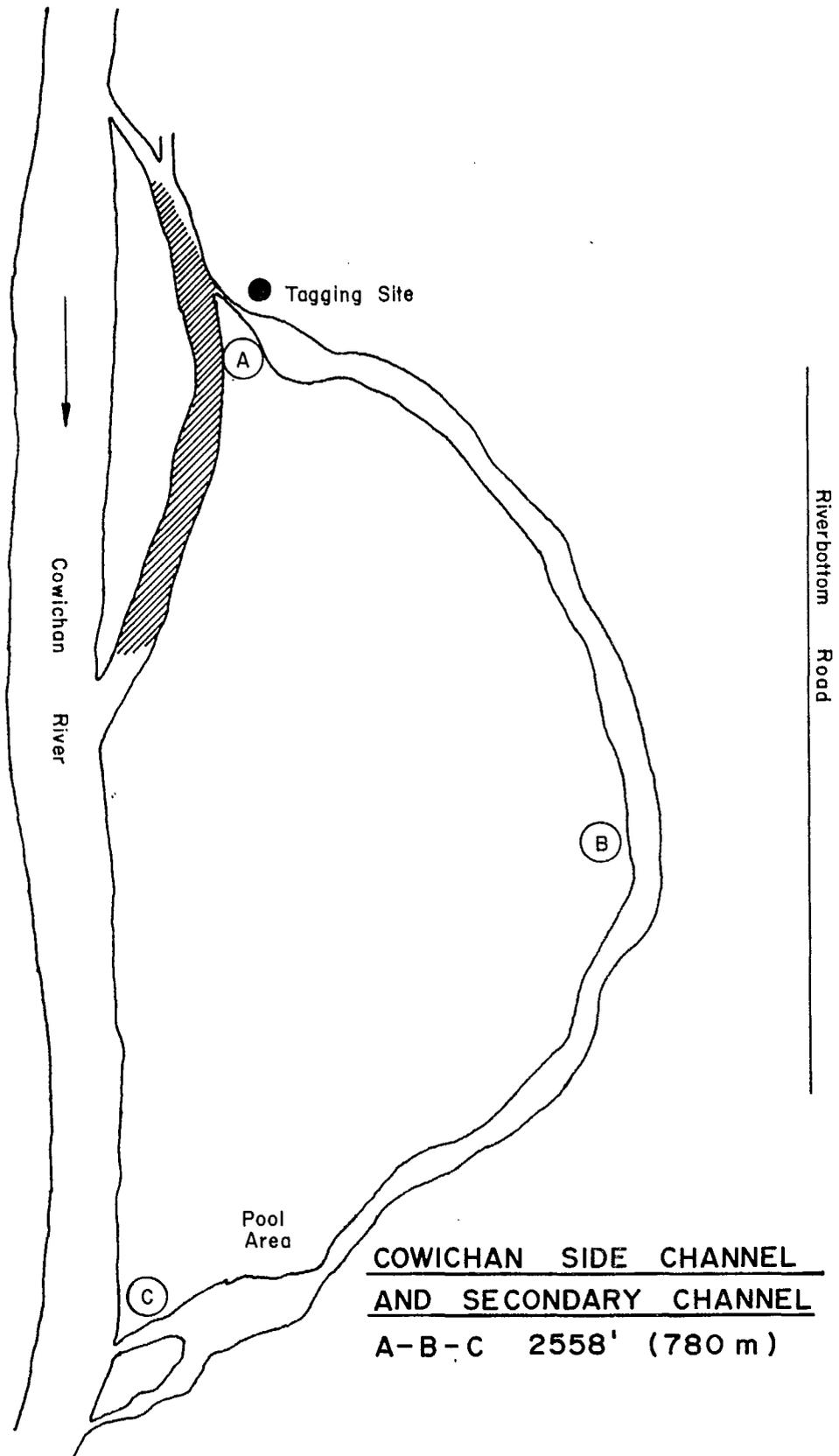


FIG. 8. Sketch map of Cowichan Side Channel and secondary channel, showing coho spawning area (shaded) and smolt tagging site.

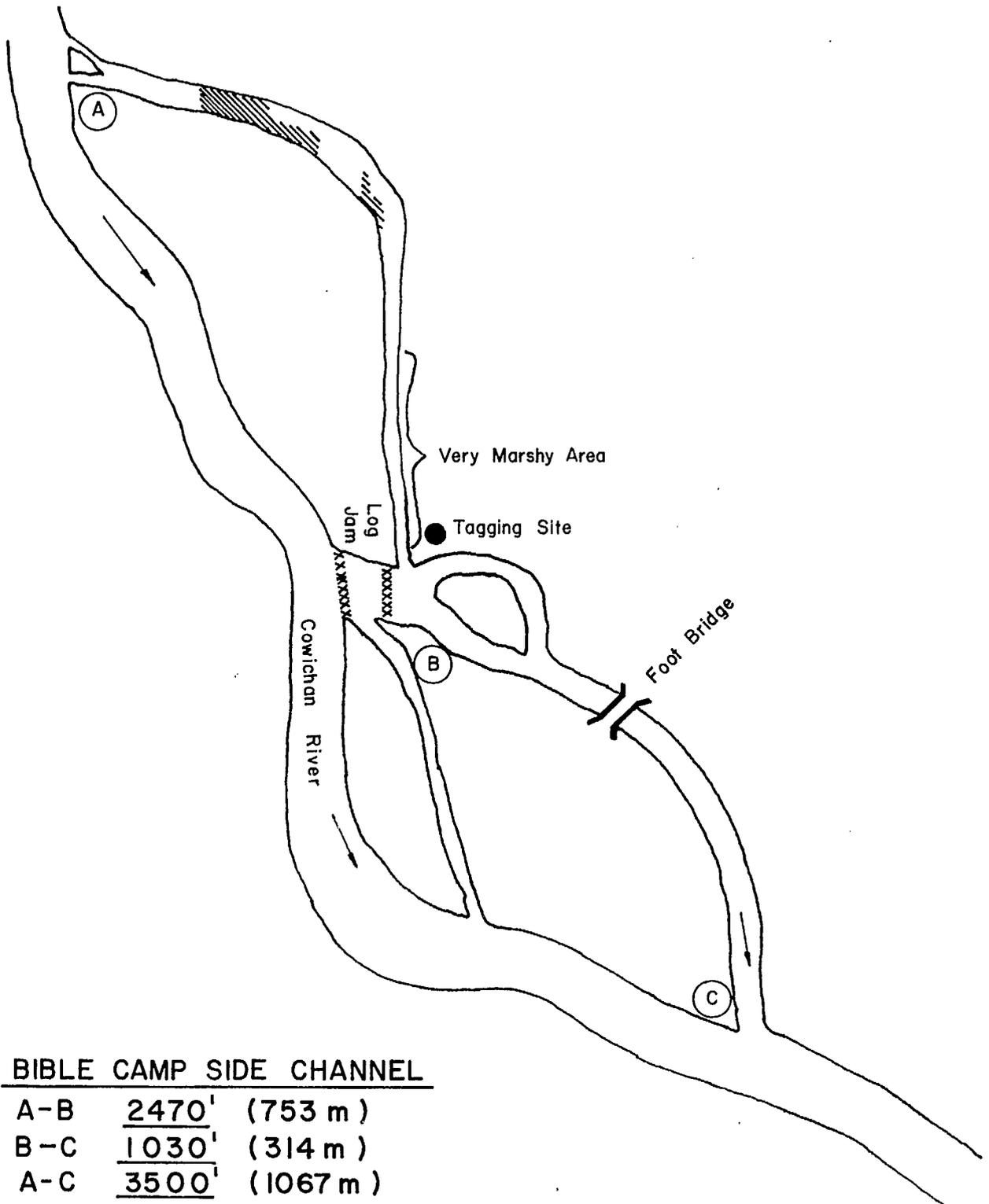


FIG. 9. Sketch map of Bible Camp Side Channel showing coho spawning area (shaded) and smolt tagging site.

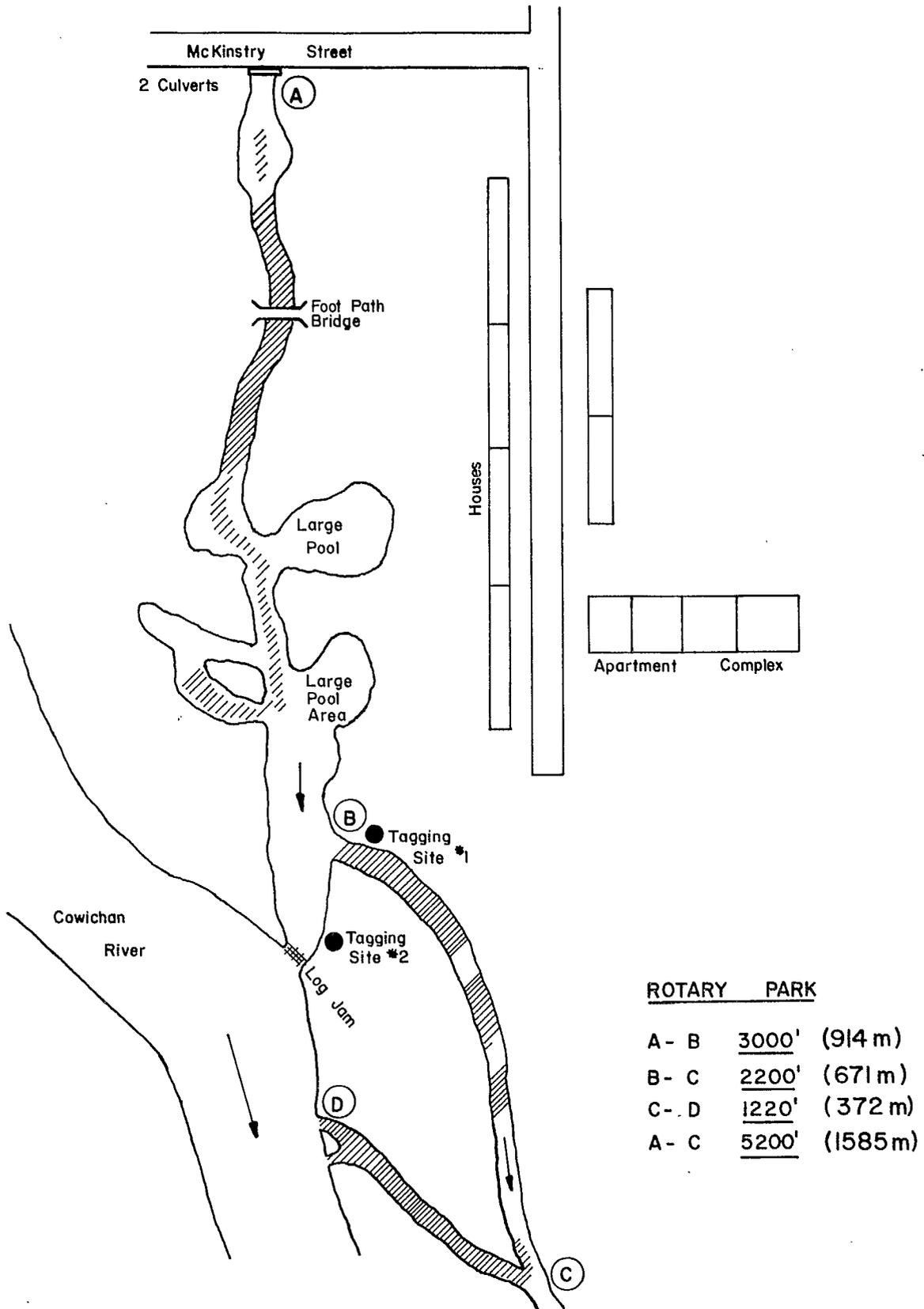


FIG. 10. Sketch map of Rotary Park Pools showing coho spawning areas (shaded) and smolt tagging sites.

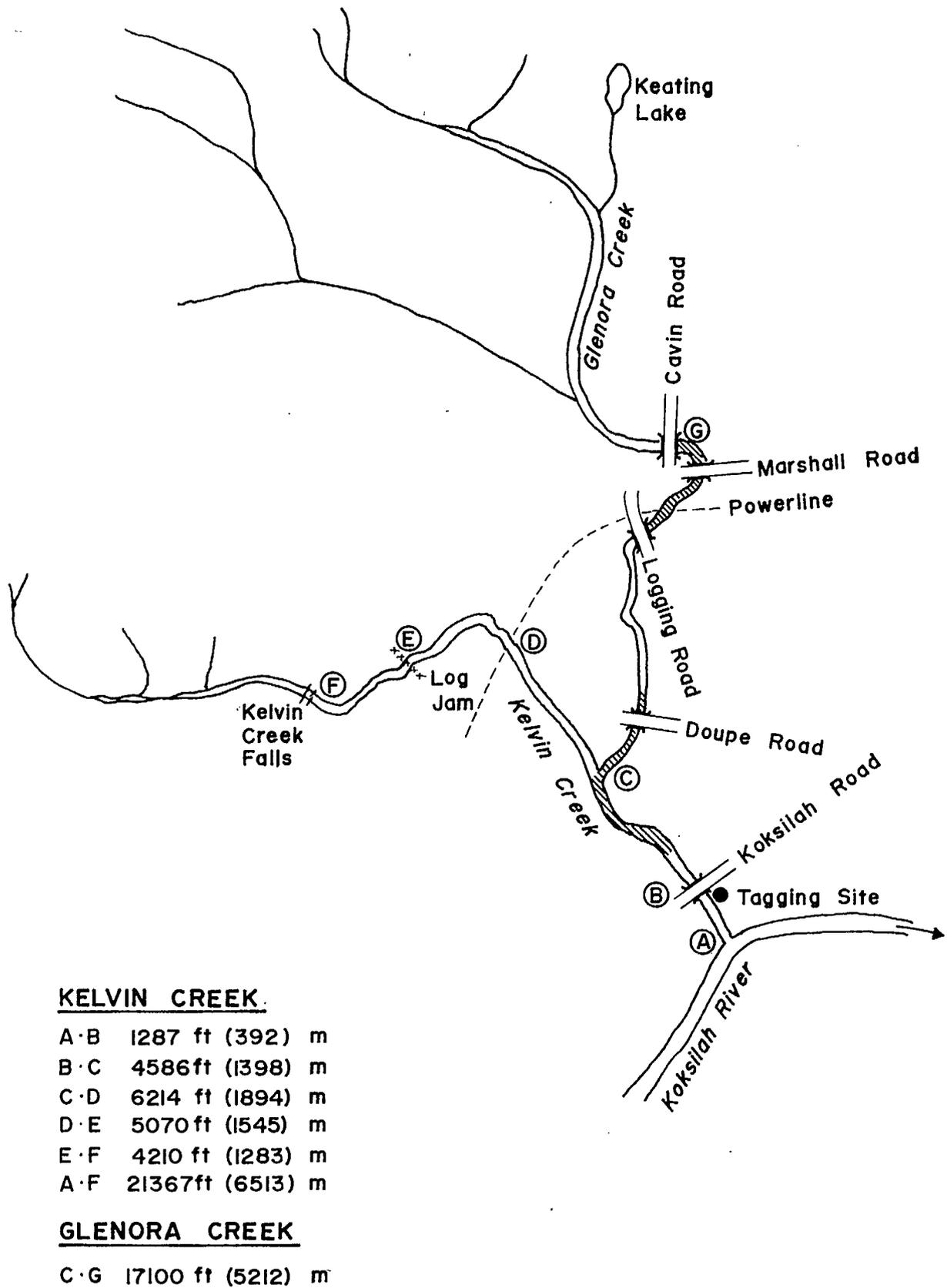


FIG. 11. Sketch map of Glenora and Kelvin creeks showing coho spawning areas (shaded) and smolt tagging site near confluence with Koksilah River.

Kelvin Creek was surveyed regularly from its mouth to the confluence with Glenora Creek, a distance of 1790 m. The majority of coho spawning took place in the upper half of this section, near Glenora Creek. Several chinook carcasses were also recovered.

Glenora Creek

Glenora Creek flows into Kelvin Creek approximately 1970 m upstream from the Koksilah River. The stream consists of gravel with patches of boulders and rocks. There are few pools.

Glenora Creek was surveyed regularly from Kelvin Creek to Cavin Road, a distance of approximately 4.8 km (Fig. 12). Coho were observed spawning and carcasses were recovered along the section surveyed. Chinook carcasses were recovered in the lower reaches of Glenora Creek.

METHODS

Adult chinook and coho salmon escapements to the Cowichan-Koksilah River system were assessed during the years 1976 to 1979 to provide information on returns of marked and unmarked adults from the smolt migrations in 1975 and 1976. The following approaches were used to estimate salmon escapements;

- (i) tagging and recovery of tags by purse seine in Cowichan Bay;
- (ii) tagging in Cowichan Bay with recovery of tags on the spawning grounds;
- (iii) tower counts of adult migrants in the Cowichan River; and
- (iv) swim survey counts of spawners in the Cowichan River.

Methods of data collection and treatment are outlined in the following sections.

ESTUARY PURSE SEINING AND TAGGING

Purse seining was conducted in Cowichan Bay to obtain chinook and coho salmon for marking with external tags, to determine the tagged: untagged ratio for population estimates, and to examine samples of adult salmon for coded-wire tags and the incidence of coded-wire tagged fish. Seining was carried out during the following periods:

1976	September 30 to October 28
1977	September 22 to October 28
1978	September 21 to October 6
1979	September 21 to October 12

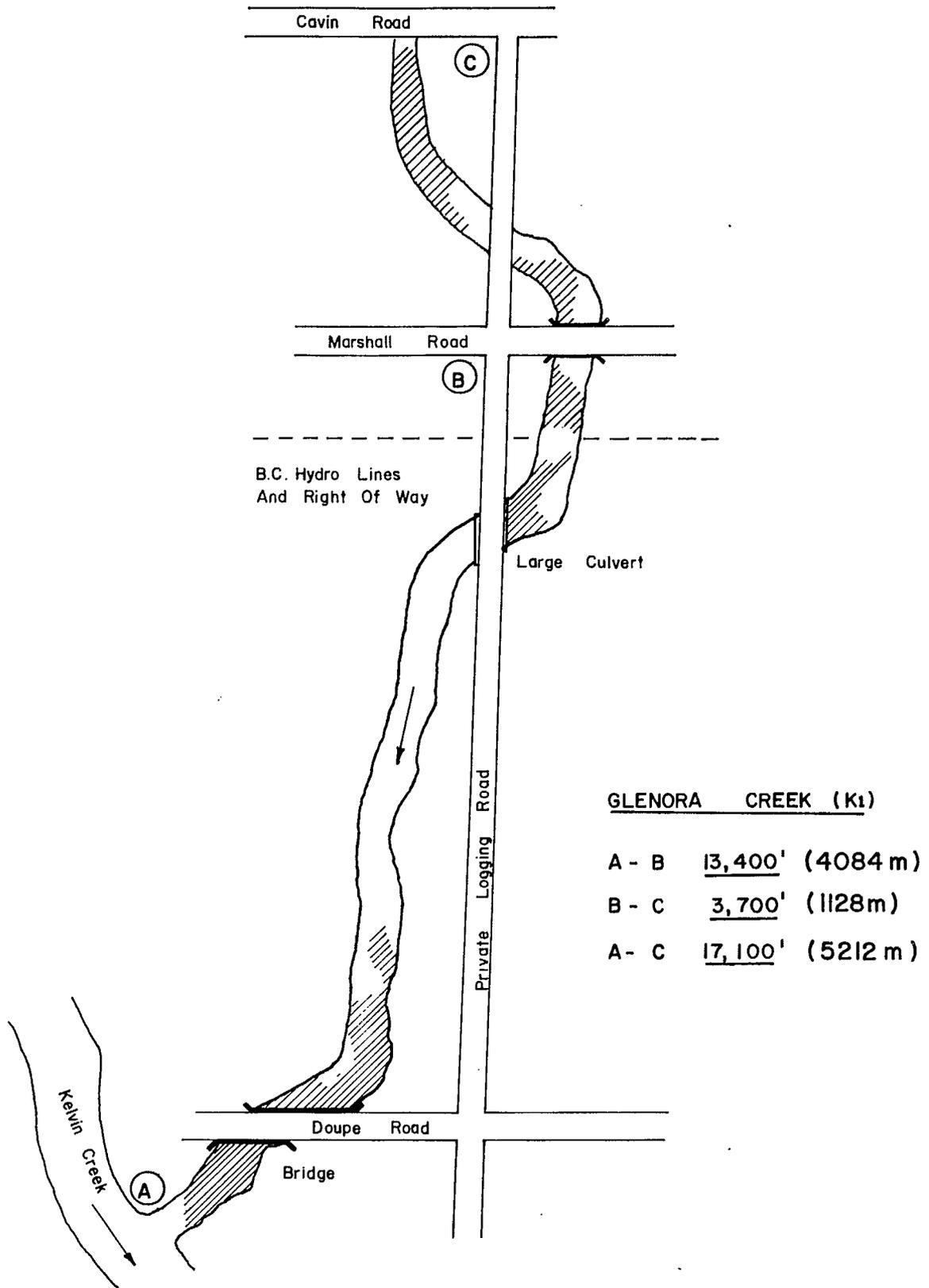


FIG. 12. Sketch map of Glenora Creek showing coho spawning areas (shaded).

Equipment

A 12 m purse seiner, the M V Walker Rock, and a 5.5 m seine skiff were used for the seine operation (Fig. 13). The seine net measured 274 m long and 37 m deep. The net material was made of knotless nylon, with 25 mm mesh body web and 6 mm mesh bunt to reduce scaling and entanglement of the salmon. When the bunt was altered to 25 mm mesh knotless web in 1978, scaling and entanglement did not noticeably increase.

Seining

Purse seine sets were made in the vicinity of jumping or finning fish sightings on the edge of the main school of salmon at the mouth of the Cowichan River. Large schools were avoided. To minimize stress, catches were generally limited to 150 coho or 50 chinook. Larger catches were released.

Seining was restricted to within 0.8 km of the estuary drop-off to reduce catches of transient salmon. The principal seining areas are shown in Fig. 14 and the locations of individual sets are listed in Appendix 1. Seining was conducted only during daylight to prevent excessive catches of juvenile herring which could suffocate or stress salmon held in the bunt for tagging.

Tagging

Salmon were retained for tagging by using the seine bunt as a holding pen (Fig. 13). Individual fish were dipnetted by 2 crew members on the M V Walker Rock and then passed to the other 2 crew members in the skiff alongside. In 1976, the coho were removed from the water and placed in a plastic cradle for tagging and biological sampling. To prevent injury, chinook were held in the water while being tagged, and only removed to the cradle when biological samples were taken. In 1977, a larger crew sped up the tagging process, permitting coho and chinook to be held out of water while being tagged. Only chinook were tagged in 1978 and 1979.

External Floy spaghetti and Petersen disk tags were used for tagging (Fig. 15). Coho were tagged with disk tags in 1976 and spaghetti tags in 1977. In addition, 878 coho were double-tagged with disk and spaghetti tags in 1977 to measure the rate of tag shedding. Chinook were tagged only with spaghetti tags to reduce tagging time and therefore minimize stress. Detailed information on tagging dates and tag numbers applied is given in Appendix 2. The total numbers of fish tagged by species and year were as follows:

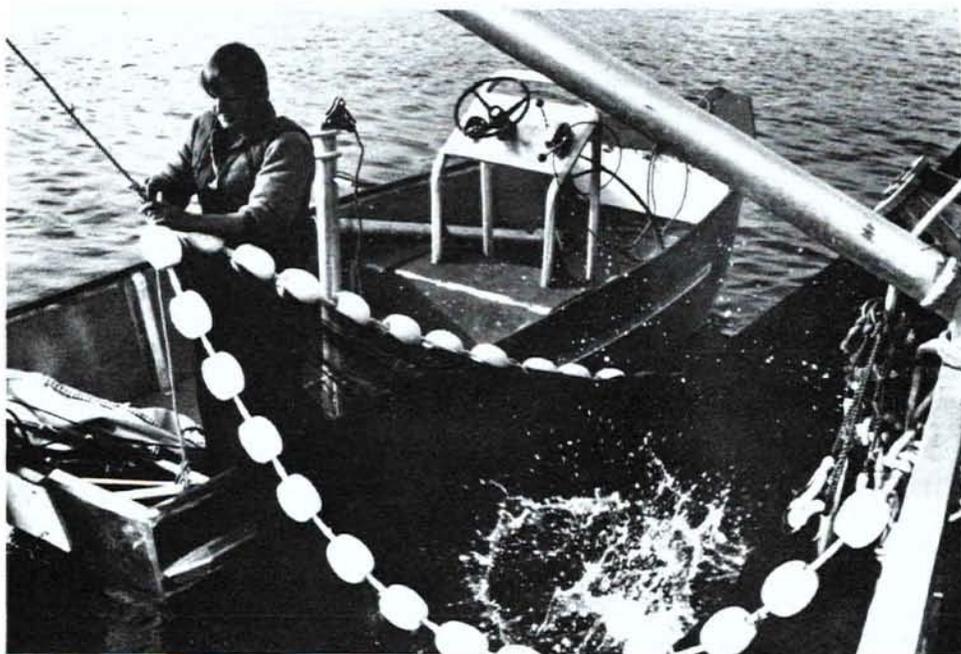


FIG. 13. The purse seiner Walker Rock (above) and holding salmon for tagging in the seine bunt (below) in Cowichan Bay.

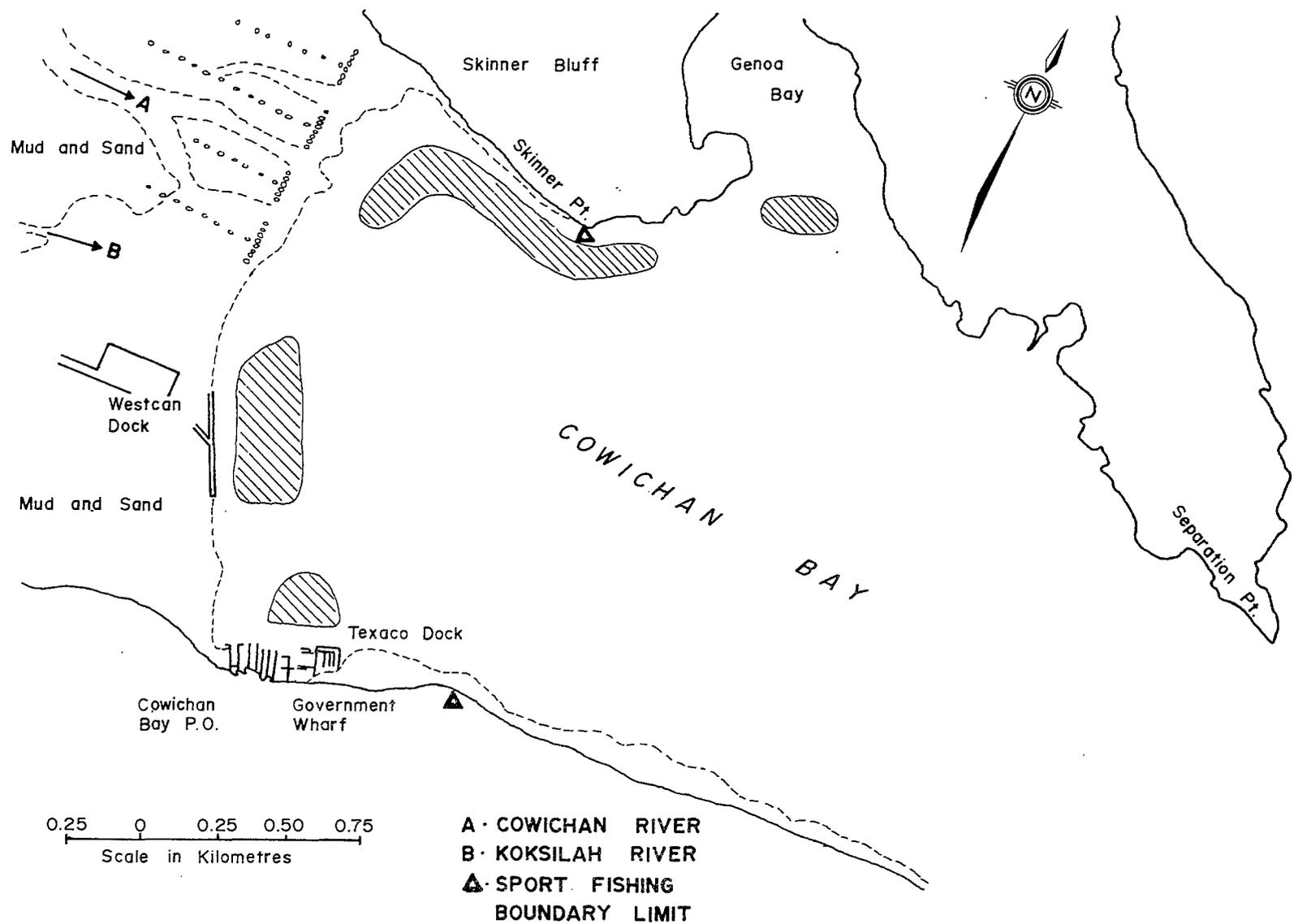


FIG. 14. Map of Cowichan Bay showing main locations of purse seining (shaded areas) for adult chinook and coho salmon.



FIG. 15. A Floy spaghetti tag being applied to a chinook salmon captured by seining in Cowichan Bay.

	<u>Chinook</u>	<u>Coho</u>
1976	794	1103
1977	1092	5111
1978	48	
1979	239	

Tagged salmon recaptured in the estuary by purse seine were all released alive following the recording of the tag number.

SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY

Chinook and coho salmon carcasses were examined on the spawning grounds to determine the tagged:untagged ratio for population estimation, to recover coded-wire tags and to determine the incidence of coded-wire tagged fish in the escapement.

Carcass recovery surveys were conducted on the Cowichan River, Robertson River, Pastuch Creek, Mesachie Creek, Bible Camp Side Channel, Cowichan Side Channel, Rotary Park Channel, and on two Koksilah River tributaries, Kelvin and Glenora creeks (Fig. 1). Glenora Creek was only surveyed in the 1977-1978 season. The surveys spanned the following periods: November 5, 1976 to February 7, 1977; November 8, 1977 to February 3, 1978; November 1 to November 21, 1978; and November 14 to December 3, 1979. The shorter periods in 1978 and 1979 reflect the fact that surveys were concerned only with chinook salmon in those years.

A consistent weekly recovery effort was maintained on all study and nearby areas except during high water conditions and heavy snowfall. Areas of spawning concentration were noted. The length of each recovery area was measured with a "Top-O-Fill" chain. On the Cowichan River an outboard-powered inflatable boat was used (Fig. 16), whereas other study areas were covered on foot.

All carcass recoveries were counted, checked for external tags and missing fins, and cut in half to prevent double counts. Carcass and tag recoveries were recorded by stream and by river section in the main Cowichan River (Fig. 17).

PROCESSING OF CODED-WIRE TAGGED FISH

When an adipose-clipped fish from the 1975 and 1976 coded-wire tagging operations was recovered, length measurements and scale samples were taken. The head was removed behind the eye sockets and placed in a plastic bag with waterproof paper recording the date, location, scale book and number, length, sex and condition of adipose clip (clean or partial clip). All 1976 samples were placed in formaldehyde, whereas



FIG. 16. Salmon carcass recovery in the Cowichan River near Cowichan Lake (upper), and (lower) taking length measures and scale samples from chinook carcasses.

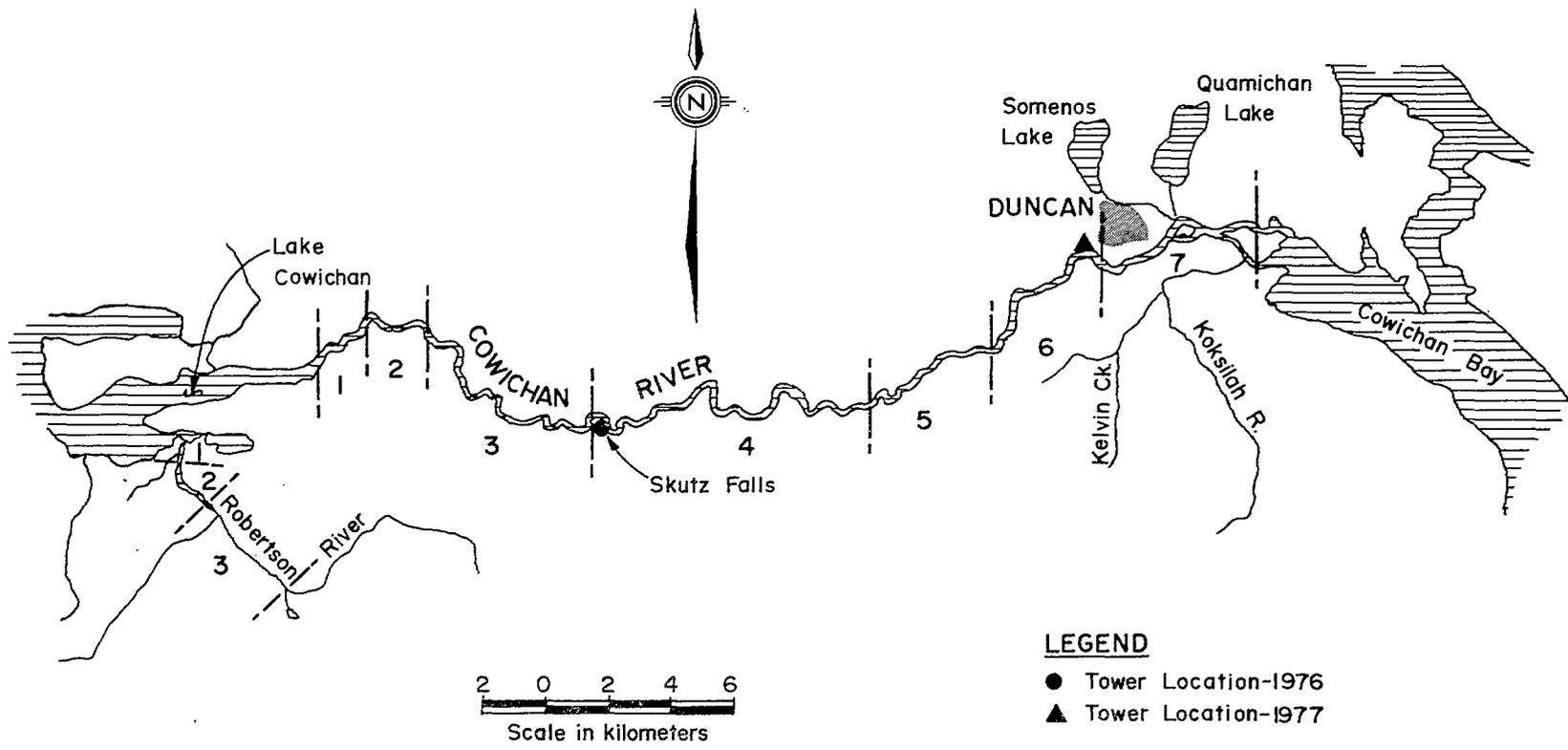


FIG. 17. Map of the Cowichan River showing carcass recovery sections and counting tower locations in 1976 and 1977.

in the following years samples were frozen. The heads were later transported to the Head Laboratory in Vancouver for tag extraction and decoding.

TOWER COUNTS

Counting towers were used on the main Cowichan River to enumerate upstream migrating chinook and coho salmon in 1976 and 1977. The counting periods were September 19 to November 24, 1976 and September 20 to October 29, 1977.

In 1976 the counting tower was located on the south bank of the river approximately 600 m downstream of Skutz Falls (Fig. 17), the same site that had been used for tower counts in earlier chinook and coho salmon studies (Lister et al., 1971). At this site the counting background was 28 m long, water depth ranged from 0.5 m to 0.8 m, and water clarity was high (Fig. 18). However, the site provided only partial enumeration, as a portion of the chinook and coho spawning occurs downstream of the tower.

To include most of the chinook and coho spawning in the Cowichan River system, the tower was moved downstream in 1977 to a site on the north bank of the river near the Duncan Water Works auxiliary pumphouse (Figs. 17 and 19). The counting background was 31 m long and water depth measured 0.8 m to 1.2 m, 50% greater than at Skutz Falls. Though water clarity was relatively high, the visibility of fish was reduced somewhat by the greater water depth.

Facilities

A counting background of aluminum, expanded metal screens was attached to the river bottom and to a cable anchored in the river (Fig. 18). The remainder of the stream was screened by a broomstick diversion fence. An observer in the counting tower on the river bank opposite the fence overlooked the counting background from a height of 5.5 m. Spotlights were suspended from a cable to provide illumination for night counting.

During the 1977 study period a field trial of electronic counting tunnels was also conducted. The electronic counters were installed in a fence just downstream of the counting background (Fig. 19).

Counting Procedures

Previous studies of adult chinook and coho migrations in the Cowichan River (Lister et al., 1971) had indicated that prior to the peak of migration, upstream movement was greatest between dusk and early morning (1800 - 0800 hours), whereas at the peak of migration the greatest movement occurred during the afternoon (1200 - 1800 hours). On this basis,

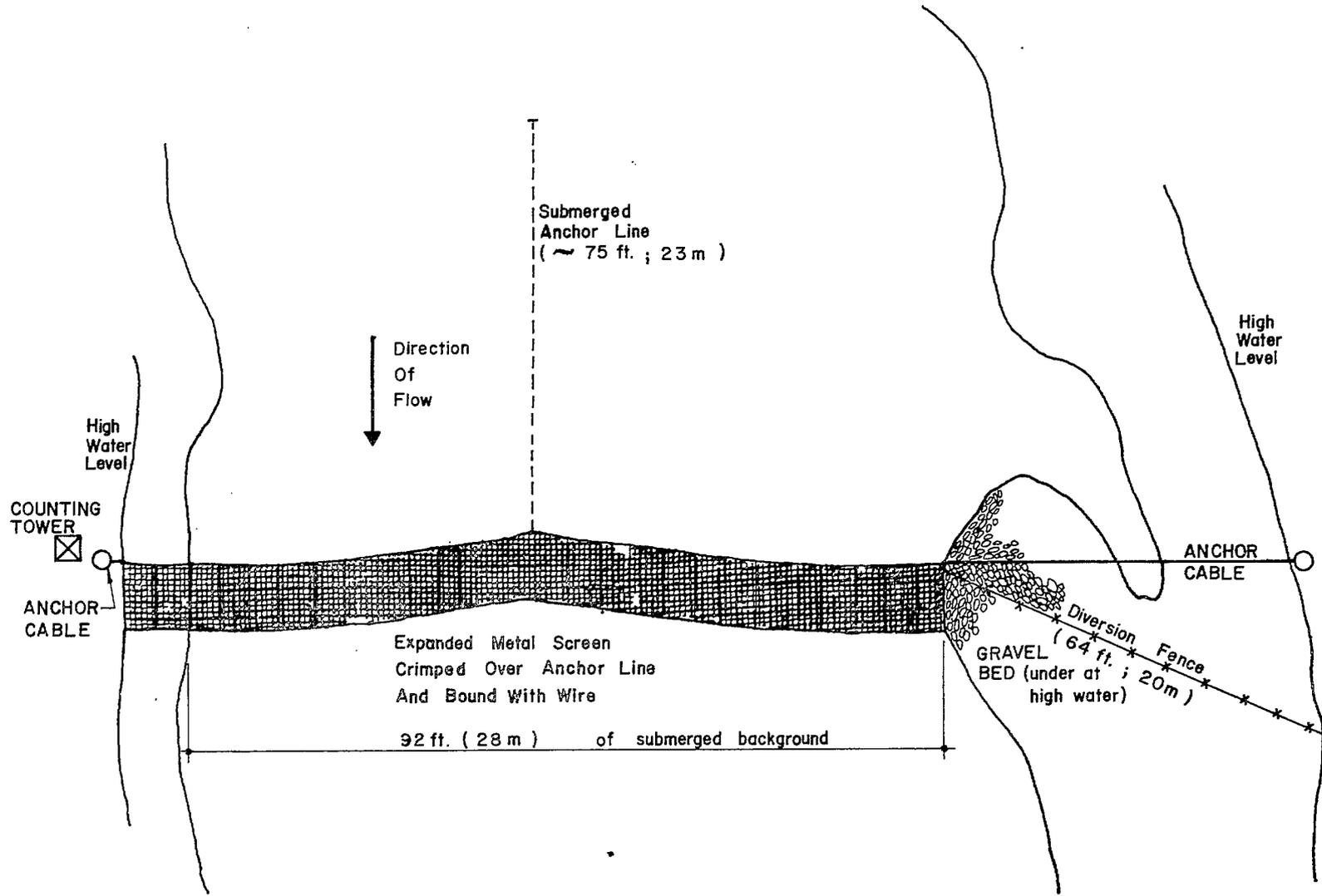


FIG. 18. Diagram of the Skutz Falls tower count site on the Cowichan River in 1976.

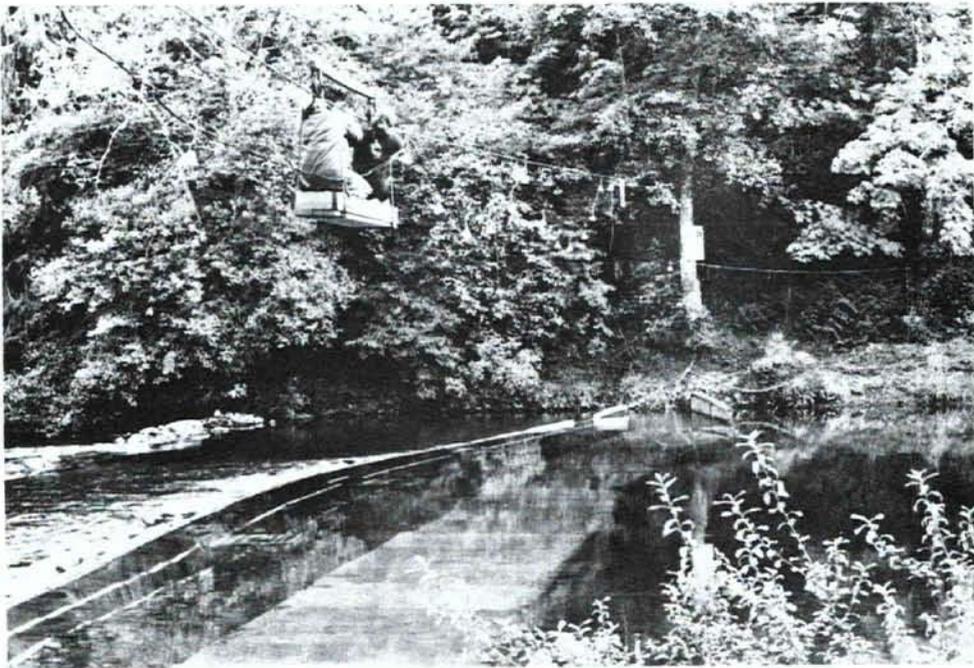
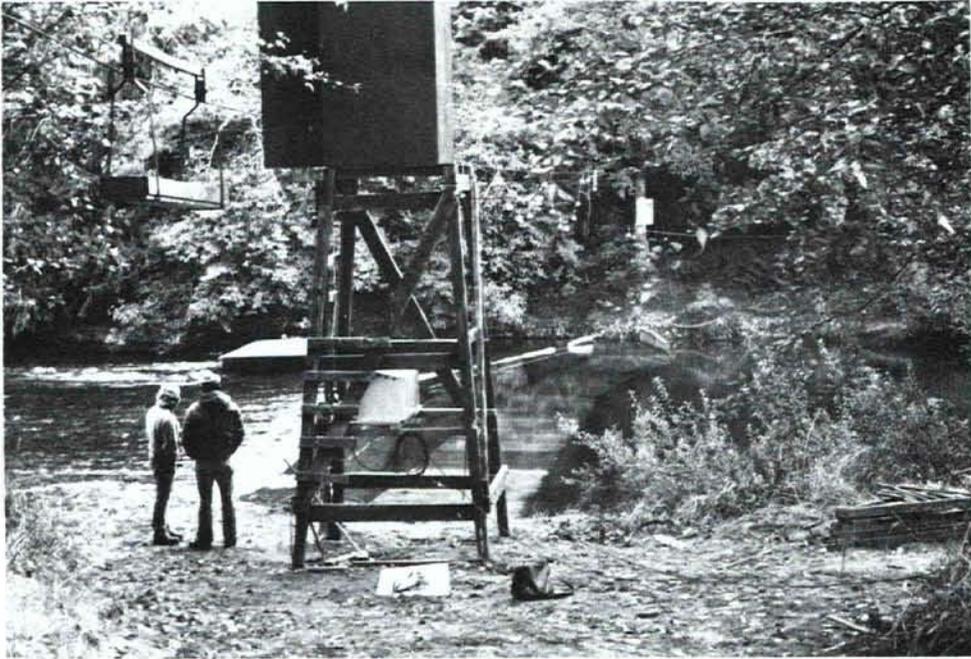


FIG. 19. The 1977 tower count site near the Duncan Water Works auxiliary pumphouse on the Cowichan River, showing counting fence installation for electronic counters immediately downstream.

daily tower counts were generally conducted during the period when the majority of fish were expected to migrate, most commonly for 4 hours at dawn and 4 hours at dusk. Throughout all counting schedules a regime of 15 minutes counting and 15 minutes rest was followed to prevent the observer from losing concentration. During the counting period all species were recorded. Fish which moved downstream past the tower were recorded as a negative count.

24-hour Counts

To estimate the proportion of the total fish migration actually being counted during each 4-hour period, 24-hour continuous counts were undertaken periodically throughout the migration. The percentage of the 24-hour count in each 2-hour interval was calculated. The counts during 4-hour periods were then expanded by the appropriate factor (based on the 24-hour total) to derive estimates of migration for each 24-hour period throughout the run. Since counting only took place half the time, the counts in each period were doubled before calculation of the daily migration.

In 1977, nine 24-hour counts were made during the period September 20 to October 27. In 1976, however, only three 24-hour counts were conducted over the period November 2 - 9. Extremely low river flow and a consequent low rate of upstream movement during the period preceding peak migration in 1976 precluded the conduct of 24-hour counts in that period.

Effects of High River Flows

In 1977 high river discharge and turbid water reduced the visibility of salmon migrants and prevented counts during the later stages of the run. Tower counts were terminated on October 29, prior to conclusion of the coho migration, after high flows had washed the counting background from the river bottom.

RIVER SWIM SURVEYS

Estimates of salmon and trout in the main Cowichan River were also developed from swim survey observations during each of the four study years (Appendix 15). The number and timing of the surveys in each year is summarized below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Surveys</u>	<u>Survey Dates</u>
1976	1	October 25-28
1977	5	August 23-26 September 6-9 September 20-21 October 3-6 October 17-20
1978	3	September 26-28 October 16-18 November 15
1979	3	September 21 October 11 November 6

Equipment and Personnel

In 1976 and 1977 a 2.9 m outboard-powered inflatable boat, with a 1 or 2 person crew, was used to float the river with 2 snorkel-equipped swimmers in wet suits. In 1978 the river was surveyed by 3 swimmers accompanied by a boat. River swim surveys were conducted in 1979 by fishery officers and provincial Fish and Wildlife Branch technicians using a boat and 2 swimmers.

River Sections

The river was divided into the following sections for recording of swim survey data (Fig. 1):

Section 1	Lake Cowichan to Block 51
Section 2	Block 51 to Skutz Falls
Section 3	Skutz Falls to Stoltz Pool
Section 4	Stoltz Pool to Cowichan Bible Camp
Section 5	Cowichan Bible Camp to Cowichan Estates
Section 6	Cowichan Estates to White Bridge (1976) and to Silver Bridge (1977-79), Sections 6 & 7A
Section 7	White Bridge To Indian Reservation (1976)

Fish Counts

Each survey started at the head of a defined river section. The swimmers kept close together, each counting fish on one side of the river. Allowance was made for fish darting from one side of the river to the other. The numbers of fish were counted individually, where possible,

and estimated in large pools where fish tended to school and swim in circles. By watching the swimmer's position in the river the observer in the boat could estimate the number or proportion of fish not seen by the swimmers.

In 1976 several sections were covered per day with aid from provincial Fish and Wildlife Branch personnel. In 1977, 1978 and 1979 only one section was generally surveyed per day.

AGE, SEX AND SIZE COMPOSITION

Length measurements and scale samples were taken from chinook and coho salmon (i) captured by purse seine in the estuary and (ii) recovered as carcasses on the spawning grounds. In the estuary, fork length measurements (tip of snout to fork of tail) to the nearest 1 cm were taken. On the spawning grounds, hypural length (posterior edge of eye socket to posterior edge of hypural plate) measurements were recorded to the nearest 0.5 cm.

All chinook and coho spawning ground dead recoveries and chinook catches in the estuary were identified as to sex. Although a portion of the coho catches in the estuary was also sexed, seine-caught coho were not sufficiently mature to ensure accurate identification of sex.

Scale analysis was carried out by personnel of the Vancouver scale laboratory of the Department of Fisheries & Oceans. Age designation in this report follows the system of Gilbert and Rich (1927) for anadromous fish, where a salmon in its 4th year, which migrated to sea in its 2nd year (ie. having 1 freshwater annulus and 2 ocean annuli), would be designated as 4₂.

MATURITY OF FISH CAUGHT IN THE ESTUARY

Chinook and coho salmon captured by seine in the estuary were classified as to stage of maturity according to the following criteria:

Bright:	Silver.
Medium:	Beginning to turn grey.
Dark:	Reddish sides (nearly black in chinook).

ESTIMATION OF SPAWNING POPULATIONS

Estuary Tagging and Recovery

Estimates of adult chinook and coho salmon populations in the Cowichan

estuary were developed from data on tagging and recovery within the estuary. Daily catch and tagging information is presented in Appendix 3 and summarized for each year in Table 2.

The Schnabel multiple-census method (Ricker, 1975) was used to estimate estuary populations of maturing chinook and coho in 1976 and 1977. The Schnabel formula, modified by Chapman, is expressed as follows:

$$N = \frac{(C_t M_t)}{R + 1}$$

where N = Population estimate.

M_t = Total number of tagged fish at large at the start of the tth interval.

C_t = Total sample examined during the tth interval.

R_t = Total number of tag recaptures during the study.

The input data for each Schnabel estimate are given in Appendix 4.

Estuary Tagging and Spawning Ground Dead Recovery

Chinook and coho salmon population estimates were also developed from data on tagging in the Cowichan estuary and subsequent recovery and examination of carcasses for the tagged-to-untagged ratio on the spawning grounds. The tagging data are presented in Table 2, spawning ground recovery data are listed on a daily basis in Appendices 5 and 6, and tag recoveries by sport and native fisheries are listed in Appendices 7 and 8.

The following table summarizes spawning ground carcass and tag recoveries by year:

Species	Year	Carcasses Examined		No. of Tags Recovered		
		Large	Jack	Floy	Disk	Double
Coho	1976-77	1420	57		26	
	1977-78	5882	81	72		12
Chinook	1976	998	612	14		
	1977	719	54	11		
	1978	1175	413	1		
	1979	657	15	6		

As all tag recoveries were from large, non-jack fish, spawning population estimates based on spawning ground dead recovery were not developed for either chinook or coho jack males, aged 2₁ and 2₂ respectively.

Spawning population estimates were developed using the formula for an adjusted Petersen estimate (Ricker, 1975):

$$N = \frac{(M + 1)(C + 1)}{R + 1}$$

N = Petersen estimate.

M = Number of fish tagged.

C = Number of carcasses examined.

R = Number of tagged fish recovered.

TABLE 2. Summary of tag application and recovery in the Cowichan estuary, 1976 to 1979.

Species	Year	No. of Tags Applied			Total Number		
		Spaghetti	Disk	Double Tagged	Tagged	Examined for Tags	Recovered with Tags
Coho	1976		1103		1103	1229	24
	1977	4233		878	5111	5516	183
Chinook	1976	794			794	1237	61
	1977	1092			1092	1708	115
	1978	48			48	471	0
	1979	239			239	239	0

The number of tags available for recovery was estimated by subtracting sport, native and loose tag recoveries (which would not be available for recovery on the spawning grounds) from the number of tags applied in the estuary. A further reduction in tags available for recovery due to tag shedding was calculated from double-tagging experiments on coho in 1977. Appendix 9 shows the input data for each Petersen-type population estimate.

Tag Loss

A total of 878 coho were double-tagged with Floy spaghetti and Petersen disk tags in the Cowichan estuary to estimate the rate of tag shedding. A tag loss of 25% for Floy spaghetti tags and 55% for Petersen disk tags was calculated for the period from estuary tagging to carcass recovery on the spawning grounds. These tag loss rates were applied in calculating the Petersen-type population estimates of chinook as well as coho (Appendix 9).

Only 18 of 53 double-tagged recoveries were used in estimating tag loss. Recoveries from estuary purse seining, sports and native fishermen were not included in tag loss calculations as they were recovered prior to spawning. As tag shedding is based on only 18 recoveries from a total of 878 double-tagged coho, it is considered that the tag loss estimates are rough approximations.

1976 Tower Counts

In 1976 24-hour counts on November 2 and 3, which indicated the numbers of fish moving in each 2-hour period, were used to establish the diel migration pattern for the peak migration period. The diel migration patterns used to estimate peak chinook and coho migration outside of the counting periods were obtained by averaging the November 2 and 3 counts for each 2-hour period (Appendix 11).

Estimates of daily migration during the period preceding the peak (September 19 to November 1) were based on counts during the known principal period of daily fish movement (1800 - 0600 hours). During the peak of migration (November 2 to 11) counts were made for 8 to 12 hours in each 12-hour period. Following the peak migration counts were conducted for 12 hours daily until the end of the run on November 24.

As some spawning occurred downstream of the Skutz Falls tower site, the total tower counts were adjusted to account for the estimated proportion spawning below the tower (Appendix 14). Carcass distribution indicated that 24% of the large chinook, 18% of the jack chinook and 19% of the coho spawned downstream of the tower. The coho population estimate was increased by a further 4500 to include arrivals observed by field technicians after the tower count was terminated.

1977 Tower Counts

In 1977 diel migration patterns, established from nine 24-hour counts throughout the migration period, were used to develop daily migration estimates from the numbers actually counted in 9 periods (Appendices 12 and 13). As the tower was located downstream of all chinook and most coho spawning in the Cowichan system, only adjustments for coho spawning in the Koksilah system (1.8%) and Rotary Park Pools on the lower Cowichan River (5%) were necessary in 1977.

River Swim Surveys

Population estimates were also obtained from counts of adult salmon by swimmers. The numbers counted by swimmers were expanded to account for the percentage of fish not observed. Expansions were based on the estimated proportion in each stream section which the boat observer judged to have been accounted for in the swimmer's counts.

Swim survey counts closest to the peak spawning period were used to estimate the spawning population of chinook in 1976, 1978 and 1979 (Appendix 15). Swim surveys were concluded before the peak of coho spawning, and therefore only provided an estimate of the population present in the river at the time of the survey. Estimates of chum salmon and trout in the river at the time of the survey are also presented.

ESTIMATION OF ADULT RETURNS BY BROOD YEAR

Returns of 1973 and 1974 brood year coho and 1974 and 1975 brood year chinook were estimated as a step in determining the proportion of returning coded-wire tagged fish from those brood years. The procedures used to estimate adult returns from each brood year are outlined below.

Chinook Salmon

Chinook age and sex composition in each year of return were determined as follows:

- (i) Jack male chinook (age 2) returns were estimated separately from large chinook returns, based on the proportion of jacks observed in swim surveys in 1976 and 1978, at the counting tower in 1977, and in 1979 by the average proportion of large-to-jack chinook in 3 previous years. In 1979 jack chinook abundance was not recorded in the swim surveys. Due to the fact that jack chinook carcasses were probably less available to recovery than large chinook carcasses on the spawning grounds, it was considered that live count methods would provide the least biased estimate of proportion of jack chinook in each year.
- (ii) The sex composition of large chinook was estimated from the average of samples collected in the estuary and on the spawning grounds.
- (iii) For each sex separately, the age composition of large chinook (age 3, 4 and 5) was estimated from the average of estuary and spawning ground samples in 1976 and 1977, and from spawning ground samples alone in 1978 and 1979.

The numbers of chinook of each age in each return year were calculated by applying the percent in each sex and age group sample to the estimated total adult return in each year. The numbers in each age group and each return year were then recombined to provide the total returns in the 1974 and 1975 brood years. As age 5 returns from the 1975 brood year were not available, the number of age 5 fish destined to return from that brood year was estimated by averaging the ratios of age 5-to-age 4 returns from the 1972, 1973 and 1974 brood years.

Coho Salmon

Age composition of the coho salmon escapement in 1976 and 1977 was essentially determined from spawning ground dead sampling. However, in 1977 scale sampling data from large coho taken in the estuary was combined with the spawning ground sampling data to estimate the percentage of age 3 and age 4 coho in the population as a whole.

The escapement estimates for 1976 and 1977 were then apportioned according to the percentages in the populations at ages 2, 3, and 4. This provided an estimate of the number of returns at ages 3 and 4 from the 1973 brood year. The adult return at age 2 from the 1973 brood year was estimated from the ratio of age 2-to-age 3 returns in the 1974 brood year.

Similarly, the adult return at age 4 from the 1974 brood year was estimated from the ratio of age 3-to-age 4 returns in the 1973 brood year. The estimated brood year returns at each age were then summed to arrive at the total return from each brood year.

INCIDENCE OF CODED-WIRE TAGGED FISH

The escapements of coded-wire tagged (CWT) 1973 and 1974 brood year coho and 1974 and 1975 brood year chinook were estimated by the following steps:

- (i) Chinook and coho recoveries from the Cowichan estuary and Cowichan-Koksilah river spawning grounds were organized by sex and age class.
- (ii) The incidence of CWT fish in each age class of returning adults was calculated as: number of CWT returns (by age class) ÷ total number of fish examined (by age class) X 100 (Appendix 16).
- (iii) The overall incidence of CWT fish by brood year was determined by averaging the incidence in each return year.
- (iv) The number of CWT returns in each brood year was calculated as: estimated total adult returns (by age class) X overall CWT incidence in brood.

RESULTS

CHINOOK SALMON

Spawning Population Estimates

Chinook escapements were estimated by several methods during the 4-year study period. The estimates by each method are compared in Table 3. We consider the most reliable escapement estimates to be those derived from tower counts in 1976 and 1977, and from swim surveys in 1978 and 1979. Escapement estimates obtained by these methods were as follows: 7,500 (1976), 8,600 (1977), 10,200 (1978) and 17,100 (1979). Each estimate included both large and jack chinook.

The results obtained by each estimating method are briefly described in the following sections.

Estuary Tagging and Recovery: Schnabel-type population estimates of 8,700 and 8,400 were determined from tagging and recovery of adult chinook in the Cowichan estuary in 1976 and 1977 (Appendix 4). As only 10 jack chinook were captured in the estuary seining during 1976, it appears likely that the tagging operation commenced after jacks had started to enter the Cowichan River. The 1976 Schnabel estimate would therefore not have accounted for jack chinook. In 1977 the tagging operation was initiated 8 days earlier than in 1976, before any major movement

TABLE 3. Estimated escapements of chinook salmon to the Cowichan-Koksilah system, 1976 - 1979.

Method	Escapement Estimate		
	Large	Jack	Rounded Total
<u>1976</u>			
Tag-and-Recovery(Estuary)			8700
Cowichan R. Swim Survey	2643	4052	6700
Tower Count	2500	5000	7500
Adjusted Tower Count ^d	2960	4540	7500 ^a
Tag-and-Recovery(Spawning Grounds)			38200 ^b
<u>1977</u>			
Tag-and-Recovery(Estuary)	6654	1707	8400
Cowichan R. Swim Survey	1642	1184	2800 ^a
Tower Count	3700	4900	8600 ^a
Tag-and-Recovery(Spawning Grounds)			3900 ^b
<u>1978</u>			
Cowichan R. Swim Survey	4170	6001	10200 ^a
Tag-and-Recovery(Spawning Grounds)			21800 ^b
<u>1979</u>			
Cowichan R. Swim Survey	7000	10100 ^c	17100 ^a
Tag-and-Recovery(Spawning Grounds)			16500 ^b

^a Estimate used to calculate total adult return.

^b Jacks not included.

^c Estimated from ratio of large-to-jack in 1976 - 1978.

^d Proportions of large and jack chinook adjusted to reflect proportions observed in 1976 swim surveys.

of jack chinook into the Cowichan River. However, as only 12 tagged jacks were recovered in the estuary an independent estimate of the jack chinook population was not feasible in 1977.

Because no tagged chinook were recovered by purse seining in 1978 and 1979, Schnabel-type population estimates could not be developed in those years.

River Swim Surveys: Swim survey counts of adult chinook in the Cowichan River were conducted in each year of study. The 1978 and 1979 counts were used as best estimates of the chinook escapement (Table 3 and Appendix 15).

In 1976 a swim survey during October 25 - 28 produced an estimate of 6,700 adult chinook spawners. This count is considered to be a low estimate of the total population, as some chinook were still in the estuary when the swim survey was conducted (Appendix 3). The 1977 swim surveys were concluded before the peak upstream migration of chinook and therefore did not provide a population estimate.

In 1978, a total of 4,200 large and 6,000 jack chinook were counted in a river swim survey during October 16 - 18. This estimate of chinook escapement in 1978 did not account for fish which entered the river after October 18 and should therefore be treated as a minimum.

A spawning population of 7,000 large chinook was estimated from a swim survey count on November 6, 1979. A further 10,100 jack chinook, estimated by assuming the same jack-to-large chinook ratio as in 1976 - 1979, was included and resulted in a total escapement estimate of 17,100 adult chinook in 1979.

Tower Counts: In 1976 and 1977 tower counts were considered to provide the most reliable estimates of chinook escapement. In 1976 the tower count estimate of escapement totalled 7,500 (2,500 large and 5,000 jack) chinook. This estimate included an adjustment for an estimated 21% of chinook spawning which occurred downstream of the tower site at Skutz Falls (Appendix 14). The proportion of jack (age 2) chinook in this estimate may have been overestimated, however, due to a tendency to count some age 3 chinook as jacks. The estimates for large versus jack chinook in 1976 were therefore adjusted (Table 3) to reflect a higher proportion of large chinook (2960 large and 4540 jack), as indicated by the 1976 swim survey.

The 1977 tower count, which was conducted downstream of all chinook spawning, provided an escapement estimate totalling 8,600 (3,700 large and 4,900 jack) chinook.

Estuary Tagging with Spawning Ground Recovery: Tag recovery from spawning ground dead pitch produced Petersen-type population estimates of 38,200, 39,000, 21,800 and 16,500 in 1976 through 1979 respectively. These annual estimates were based on respective tag recoveries of 14, 11, 1 and 6 (Appendix 9). Because the numbers of tags recovered were not sufficient to produce a reasonably precise estimate, the Petersen-type estimates based on tag recovery on the spawning grounds were not used to estimate brood year returns.

Chinook Maturity in the Estuary

In the last week of September, 1976, 65% of the adult chinook captured were a dark spawning colour, 30% were medium and 5% were bright. By the first two weeks of October chinook were predominantly a dark spawning colour (Fig. 20). This indicates that most adults matured while still in the estuary (1 male discharged milt while being tagged), and that very few fresh chinook were arriving. Despite their apparently advanced maturity, the majority of large chinook remained in the estuary until river levels increased in late October.

Chinook in the estuary appeared to mature later in 1977 than in 1976. Approximately 80% of the chinook were a medium colour in the last two weeks of September as compared to 23% at the same time in 1976. In the first week of October 73% were still medium, only 24% were dark and 3% were bright. Since the chinook population in the estuary was much larger in 1977 it is likely that new stocks were arriving at a later date than in 1976. Swim survey counts indicated that in 1977 chinook moved into the Cowichan River earlier and over a more protracted period than in 1976.

The majority of chinook (80%) were a medium spawning colour in estuary samples examined during the last week of September and the first week of October in 1978 and 1979.

Upstream Migration Timing in 1976 and 1977

Chinook migration at the tower site in 1976 occurred over the period September 18 to November 12. Though the migration of both large and jack chinook peaked during the same period, October 26 to November 4 (Fig. 21), jacks tended to enter the river earlier. Dates of 50% migration for jack and large chinook were October 22 and October 30 respectively. During the 9-day peak period 73% of the large chinook and 39% of the jack chinook migrated past the counting tower. The peak migration coincided with the first significant increase in river discharge, from 9.8 to 22 m³/sec.

In 1977 chinook migration took place earlier than in 1976, possibly due to an earlier increase in river discharge (Fig. 22). Jacks again migrated earlier than large chinook. Dates of 50% migration for jack and large chinook were October 1 and October 18 respectively. The jack chinook migration peaked during September 24 to October 4, whereas the large chinook migration occurred in 2 peaks, during September 25 to October 3 and October 16 to 27.

The diel migration pattern varied considerably over the migration period. During peak periods the migration was most active during mid-day, whereas during non-peak periods the greatest movement occurred at dusk and dawn (Appendices 11 and 12).

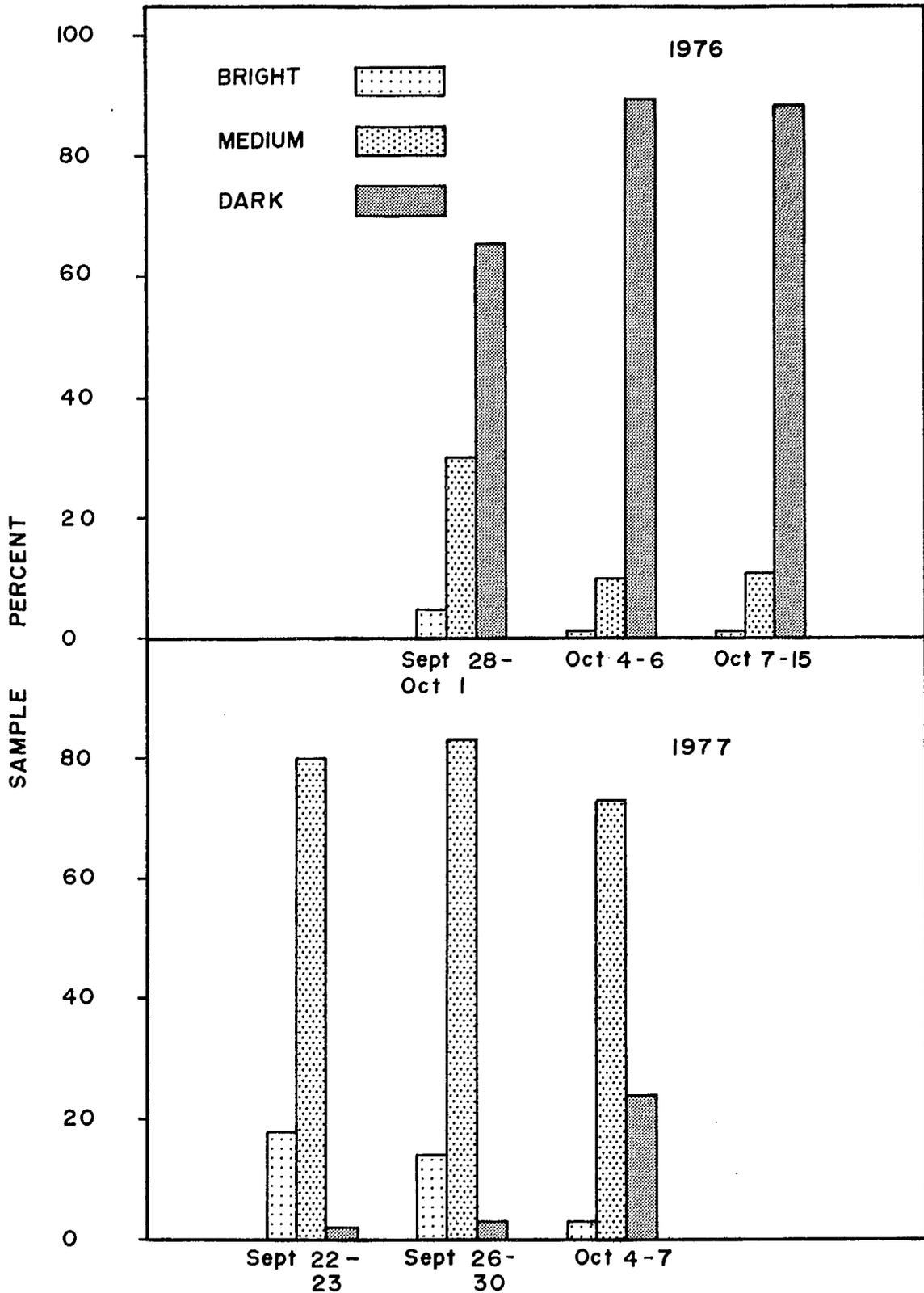


FIG. 20. Seasonal trend in maturity of chinook salmon in the Cowichan estuary during 1976 and 1977.

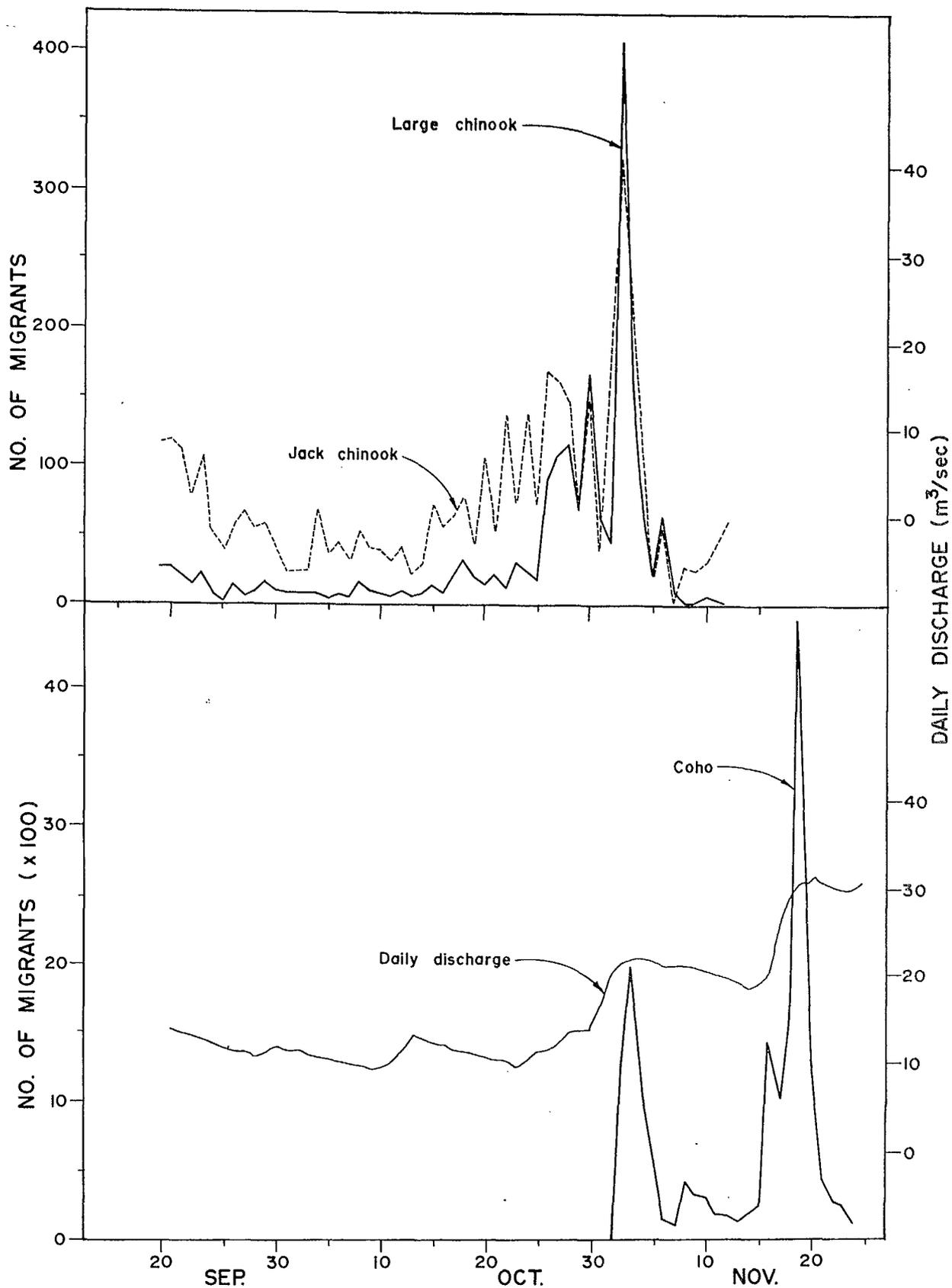


FIG. 21. Chinook and coho upstream migration timing at the Skutz Falls tower site in 1976 relative to discharge of the Cowichan River at Lake Cowichan.

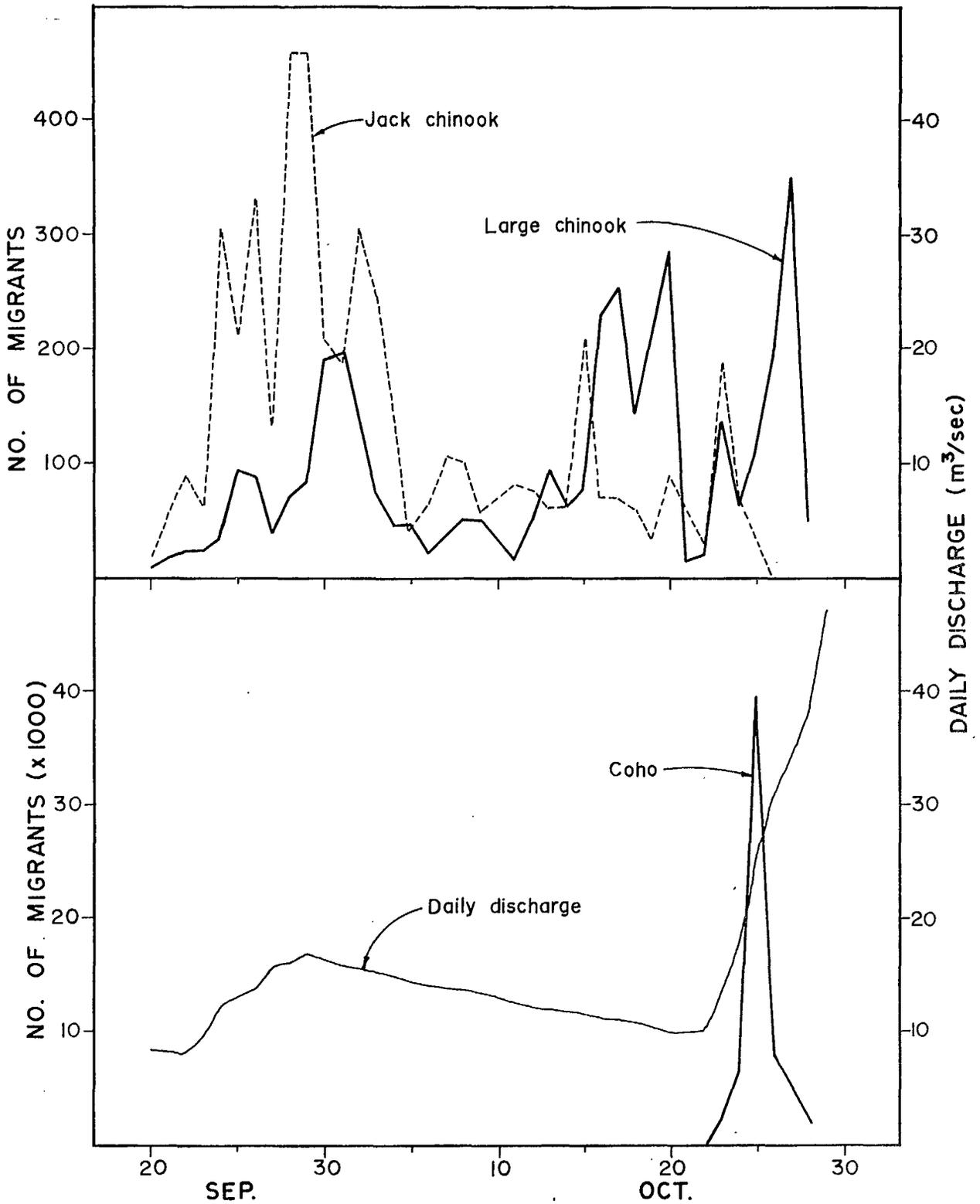


FIG. 22. Chinook and coho upstream migration timing past the counting tower at Duncan waterworks pumphouse in 1977 relative to daily discharge of the Cowichan River at Lake Cowichan.

Spawning Timing

Estimated dates of peak spawning for the years 1977, 1978 and 1979 are shown in Table 4. Chinook spawning timing was inferred from the timing of carcass recovery which was carried out on a regular basis. Based on dates of 50% carcass recovery, and assuming an 11-day average life span on the spawning grounds (Hickey and Lister, MS 1981), peak spawning is estimated to have ranged from October 24 in 1978 to November 11 in 1977.

Spawning Distribution

Live counts of chinook from swim surveys near peak spawning in 1976, 1977 and 1978 indicated that 37-51% of the large chinook and 45-84% of the jack chinook spawned in the upper 7 km (Section 1) of the Cowichan River (Fig. 23). In 1976 the remainder of spawning was scattered over sections 2 - 7. In 1977 and 1978 the remainder of spawning took place in sections 2 - 6, with the major portion in sections 2 and 3 immediately above and below Skutz Falls. Chinook spawning in the study area was almost solely restricted to the main Cowichan River. In 1977, 5 carcass recoveries were made outside the main Cowichan River: 1 in the Robertson River side channel and 4 in Kelvin and Glenora creeks in the Koksilah River system.

Age Composition

The age composition of adult chinook returning to the Cowichan-Koksilah system in each of the 4 study years is shown in Table 5. Detailed age sampling data are given in Appendix 17.

In terms of freshwater age, Cowichan-Koksilah chinook were almost entirely sub-1 fish, i.e. migrating to sea in their first year of life. Only three sub-2 individuals (0.3%), which had reared for 1 year in freshwater as juveniles, were found among 943 estuary and spawning ground scale samples taken in the 4 years of study (Appendix 17).

Male chinook were ages 2, 3, 4 and 5, whereas female chinook returned at ages 3, 4 and 5.

Jack males (Age 2) dominated the adult returns in each year, comprising 76-80% of the males and 57-61% of the total return (Table 6). Among large males, the predominant group was age 3 in 1977 and 1979 and age 4 in 1976 and 1978. Age 4 fish predominated among females, including 61-80% of the female population in each year.

Sex Ratio

Because of the predominance of jack males in each year of study, female chinook comprised only 23-27% of the total escapement (Table 6). Sex ratios of estuary and spawning ground samples are given in Appendices 18 and 19.

TABLE 4. Estimated peak spawning dates of chinook salmon in the Cowichan River, 1977 - 1979.^a

Year	Date 50% of Carcasses Recovered	Estimated Date of Peak Spawning
1977	November 22	November 11
1978	November 4	October 24
1979	November 17	November 6

^aIn 1976 survey frequency was insufficient to define timing.

TABLE 5. Age composition of adult chinook returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system, with breakdown by sex.

Year	Male (%)				Estimated Return	Female (%)			Estimated Return
	2	3	4	5		3	4	5	
1976	78.5	8.8	11.6	1.1	5783	11.0	85.0	4.0	1717
1977	76.8	13.2	10.0	0	6380	10.0	87.5	2.5	2221
1978	80.3	4.9	13.8	1.0	7471	7.0	79.0	14.0	2730
1979	76.2	14.0	9.8	0	13251	30.0	60.5	9.5	3850

TABLE 6. Sex composition of adult chinook returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system.

Year	Male (%)		Female (%)	Estimated Return
	Large	Jack		
1976	16.6	60.5	22.9	7500
1977	17.2	57.0	25.8	8600
1978	14.4	58.8	26.8	10200
1979	18.4	59.1	22.5	17100

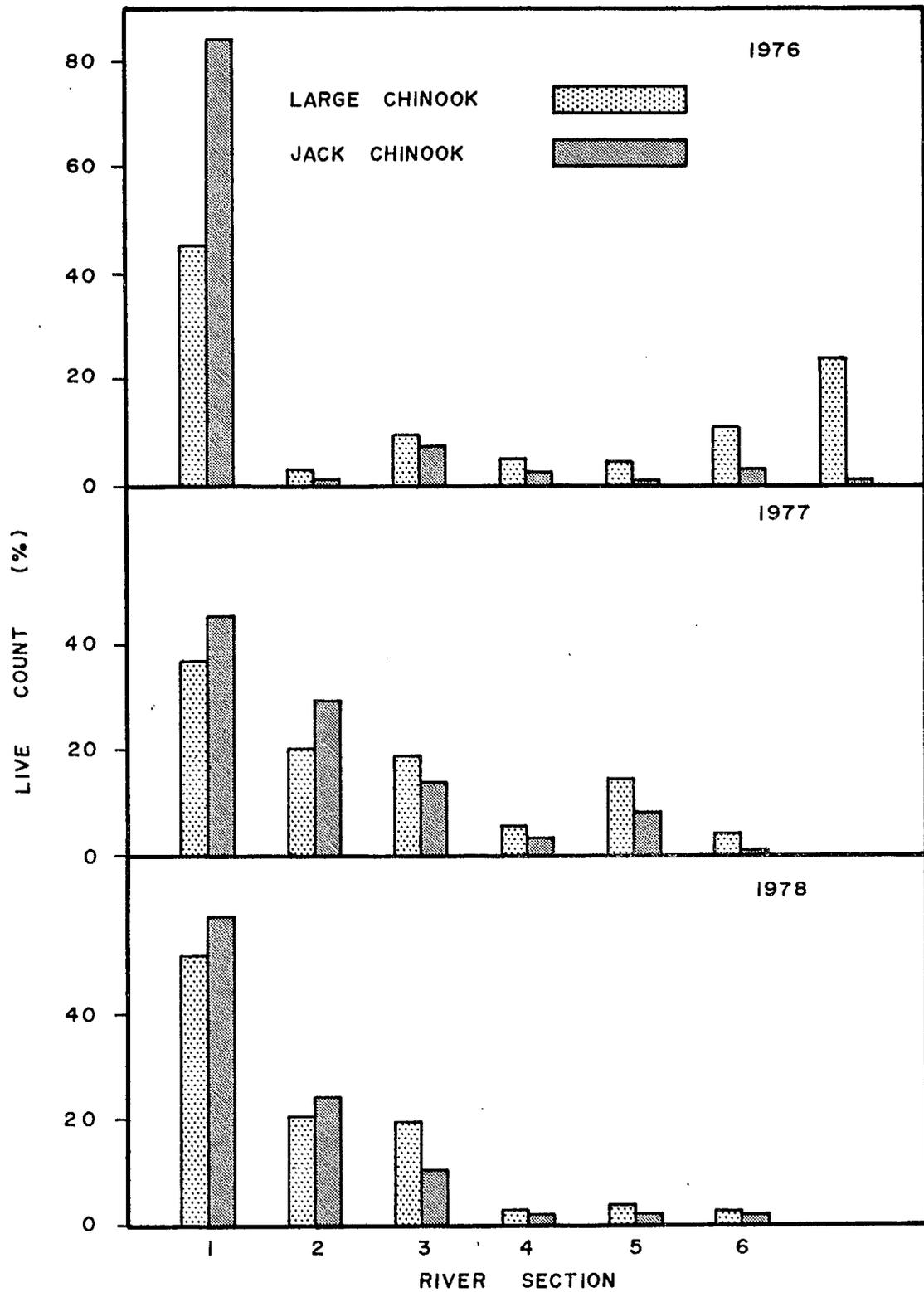


FIG. 23. Chinook spawning distribution in the Cowichan River, based on live counts near peak spawning in 1976 to 1978.

Size Composition

To provide a basis for comparison with other chinook populations, mean lengths of Cowichan chinook by sex, age group and year of return are presented in Table 7. Length frequency distributions of estuary and spawning ground samples are listed by sex and age group in Appendices 20 and 21.

Adult Returns from the 1974 and 1975 Brood Years

Estimated adult chinook returns to the study area are assigned to respective brood years as shown in Table 8. Total returns are given only for the 1974 and 1975 brood years, the 2 groups for which data are complete. The 1974 brood year produced a total return estimated at 9158 fish, consisting of 49.6% age 2, 11.6% age 3, 34.8% age 4 and 4% age 5. The 1975 brood year return is estimated at 9483 fish, with a similar age composition of 51.7% age 2, 5.9% age 3, 38.2% age 4 and 4.2% age 5.

Incidence of Coded-Wire Tagged Fish

The incidence (%) of coded-wire tagged (CWT) chinook in adult returns to the study area is presented by brood and return year in Table 9. Due to the relatively small number of tag returns (17) the incidence varied considerably from year to year. For each brood year the CWT incidence was greater in estuary sampling than in the dead recovery. Wilson et al. (1977) concluded that decomposition of carcasses and removal of eyes and associated musculature (where some coded-wire tags were lodged) by scavengers tended to reduce the CWT incidence among coho salmon recovered on the spawning grounds. Blankenship (pers. comm.) came to the same conclusion in a recent Washington State study, based on comparison of CWT incidence in coho salmon sampled as they entered streams through counting fences and as carcasses on the spawning grounds. From these observations it appears that the CWT incidence in the dead recovery probably underestimates the incidence of CWT chinook in the escapement. We therefore conclude that the CWT incidence in estuary sampling, i.e. 0.53% (1974 brood) and 0.67% (1975 brood), best represents the CWT incidence in chinook returning to the Cowichan-Koksilah study area.

Recovery data pertaining to adipose-marked chinook returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system are listed in Appendices 31 and 32. The number and incidence of chinook containing coded-wire nose tags are given by return year in Appendix 16.

Coded-Wire Tag Loss

Preliberation tag loss in 1975 brood chinook juveniles tagged in the estuary was estimated at 5.9% (Argue et al., 1979). In estuary and spawning ground sampling of adult returns we found that 40% (1974 brood) and 11% (1975 brood) of the adipose-marked fish were without a CWT.

TABLE 7. A comparison of mean postorbital-hypural lengths (cm) of male and female chinook by age class, Cowichan-Koksilah dead recovery, 1977-1979.

Year	Male						Female				
	2 ₁	3 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₁	5 ₁	5 ₂	3 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₁	5 ₁	5 ₂
1977	42.8	59.6		72.5			64.6		71.6		
1978	40.1	58.9	44.0	68.0	70.7	71.6	58.7		67.6	72.1	63.5
1979		60.9		71.9			62.3		70.5	76.5	

TABLE 8. Estimated numbers of chinook salmon from each brood year contributing to 1976-1980 adult returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system.

Return Year	Brood Year							Total
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	
1976	131	2130	699	4540				7500
1977		56	2579	1066	4900			8601
1978			456	3186	559	6000		10201
1979				366	3621	3014	10100 ^b	17101
1980					403 ^a			
TOTALS				9158	9483			

^aEstimated from average ratio of age 4 to age 5 returns from 1972-74 brood years.

^bEstimated by average proportion of jacks from return years 1976-78.

TABLE 9. Incidence of coded-wire tagged (CWT) fish in chinook samples from the Cowichan-Koksilah study area by brood year and year of return.

Return Year	1974 Brood Year			1975 Brood Year		
	Fish Examined	No. with CWT	CWT(%)	Fish Examined	No. with CWT	CWT(%)
<u>Estuary</u>						
1976	16	0				
1977	530	2	.38	320	4	1.25
1978	357	2	.56	62	0	
1979	32	1	3.1	360	1	.28
Totals	935	5	.53	742	5	.67
<u>Dead Recovery</u>						
1976	612	1	.16			
1977	173	0		54	0	
1978	887	2	.23	147	1	.68
1979	19	1	5.26	306	2	.65
Totals	1691	4	.24	507	3	.59

Though this suggests that additional tag loss took place following release, the occurrence of naturally-missing adipose fins must also be taken into account. The incidence of naturally-missing adipose fins among Cowichan-Koksilah chinook, based on examination of returning adults from brood years which were not marked, is estimated at 1 in 1878 or 0.05% (Table 10). Correcting for natural adipose marks, the rate of tag loss among marked 1974 and 1975 brood chinook (from juvenile release to adult return) is estimated to have been 9.7%. The calculations used in deriving this estimate are shown in Table 10.

Survival of Marked Fish

Total returns of marked chinook, including fish which had shed the CWT, are estimated at 54 (1974 brood) and 70 (1975 brood) fish (Table 11). The survival rates of marked fish from juvenile release to adult escapement (excluding fishery contributions) were 0.29% and 0.39% for the 1974 and 1975 broods respectively (Table 12). Based on the comparative incidence of marked and unmarked fish in the juvenile migrant populations and adult returns, marked fish survived at rates that were 18% (1974 brood) and 8%

TABLE 10. Calculation of coded-wire tag (CWT) loss rate for marked chinook returning to the study area.

<u>Brood Years</u>	<u>No. of Fish Examined</u>	<u>No. of Adipose-Marked Fish</u>	<u>Incidence of Marks</u>
1974 & 1975	1677 ^a	12 (with and without CWT)	0.72%
1974 & 1975	1677 ^a	2 (without CWT)	0.12%
1971-73 & 1976	3755	2	0.05% ^b

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Tag Loss Incidence} &= \text{Incidence of Adipose Fin Marks in 1974 \& 1975 Broods} \\
 &\quad - \text{Incidence of Naturally-Missing Adipose Fins} \\
 &= 0.12\% - 0.05\% \\
 &= 0.07\%
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Tag Loss Rate} &= \text{Tag Loss Incidence} + \text{Overall Incidence of Marked Fish} \times 100 \\
 &= 0.07\% + 0.72\% \times 100 \\
 &= 9.7\%
 \end{aligned}$$

^aIncludes only fish captured in the estuary, to avoid the influence of additional tag loss from carcasses recovered on the spawning grounds.

^bIncidence of missing adipose fins among broods which were not marked.

(1975 brood) of those experienced by unmarked fish.

Survival of Unmarked Fish

The survival of unmarked chinook, from estuary residence as juveniles to adult escapement (excluding fishery contributions), is estimated at 1.6% and 5.5% for the 1974 and 1975 broods respectively. These survival rates were calculated as follows, from juvenile population estimates presented by

TABLE 11. Estimated returns of CWT and fin-marked chinook to the Cowichan-Koksilah study area.

<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>Fish Examined</u>	<u>No. with CWT</u>	<u>CWT Incidence (%)</u>	<u>Estimated Adult Return</u>	<u>Estimated CWT Return</u>	<u>Total Mark Return^a</u>
1974	935	5	0.53	9158	49	54
1975	742	5	0.67	9483	64	70

^aCorrected to account for CWT loss (9.7%); includes all adipose fin-marked fish.

TABLE 12. Estimated survival of marked chinook from juvenile release to adult escapement and relative ocean survival of marked versus unmarked fish, Cowichan-Koksilah study area.

Ocean Survival of Marked Fish

<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>No. of Marks Released^a</u>	<u>Mark Returns</u>	<u>Survival to Return^c</u>
1974	18,332	54	0.29%
1975	17,722	70	0.39%

Survival of Marked Fish Relative to Unmarked Fish

<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>Incidence of Marks</u>		<u>Relative Survival^b</u>
	<u>Juvenile Population^a</u>	<u>Adult Return</u>	
1974	3.2%	0.59%	0.18
1975	9.7%	0.74%	0.08

^aFrom Armstrong and Argue (1977) and Argue et al. (1979).

^bRelative Survival = $\frac{\text{Mark Incidence in Adult Return}}{\text{Mark Incidence in Juvenile Population}}$.

^cExcluding contributions to ocean fisheries.

Armstrong and Argue (1977) and Argue et al. (1979):

<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>Juvenile Population</u>	<u>Adult Escapement</u>	<u>Ocean Survival</u>
1974	581,000	9158	1.6%
1975	172,300	9483	5.5%

Evidence of Straying to the Study Area

One jack chinook recovery from purse seining in the Cowichan estuary in 1977 had the tag code 2/2/6, applied at Big Qualicum River in 1975. This recovery may indicate straying to the study area, but it may also have been an interception of an age 3 chinook on its feeding migration.

COHO SALMON

Spawning Population Estimates

Coho escapements in 1976 and 1977 were estimated by two tag-and-recovery methods and by tower counts. The estimates obtained by each method are compared in Table 13. The most reliable escapement estimates are considered to be those derived from tower counts. The escapement estimates by this method were 27,700 in 1976 and 69,400 in 1977.

The results obtained by each estimating method are briefly discussed in the following sections. Observations during river swim surveys, which were concluded prior to peak spawning and did not include tributary spawning areas, were not used to develop population estimates for coho salmon.

Estuary Tagging and Tag Recovery: Schnabel population estimates of 21,800 and 67,900 were determined from tagging and recovery of adult coho in the Cowichan estuary in 1976 and 1977. Detailed calculations and confidence limits are shown in Appendix 4. These population estimates were based on a total of 24 tag recoveries in 1976 and 181 tag recoveries in 1977. The low numbers of jack coho in estuary purse seine catches in the Cowichan estuary (1% in 1976) precluded estimating the jack coho population from the estuary tagging operation.

In both years of study the Schnabel method, based on tag recoveries in the estuary, produced population estimates which were comparable to those obtained from tower counts (Table 13).

TABLE 13. Estimated escapements of coho salmon to the Cowichan-Koksilah River system, 1976 and 1977.

Method	Escapement Estimates		
	Large	Jack	Rounded Total
<u>1976</u>			
Tag-and-Recovery (Estuary)			21,800
Cowichan R. Tower Count	26,502	1,162 ^a	27,660 ^b
Tag-and-Recovery (Spawning Grounds) ^d			24,800 ^c
<u>1977</u>			
Tag-and-Recovery (Estuary)			67,900
Cowichan R. Tower Count	68,380	970 ^a	69,350 ^b
Tag-and-Recovery (Spawning Grounds) ^d			258,300 ^c

^aJacks not included.

^bEstimate used to calculate total adult return. Includes adjustment for spawning downstream of tower and in Koksilah River.

^cMinimum estimate of jacks from proportion of jack coho in the spawning ground dead recovery.

^dTags were applied in estuary and recovered on spawning grounds.

Tower Counts: Tower counts of coho salmon upstream migrations in the Cowichan River produced estimates of 27,700 in 1976 and 69,400 in 1977 (Table 13). The tower count estimates included the following adjustments:

- (i) increased to account for an estimated 19% (1976) and 6.8% (1977) of coho populations spawning downstream of tower site and in Koksilah River, based on distribution of carcass recoveries (Appendix 14 and Table 15);
- (ii) increased by 4,500 coho in 1976, based on field technician's estimates, to account for migration after counting was concluded on November 24; and

- (iii) estimates of the jack coho population (4.2% [1976] and 1.4% [1977] as indicated by carcass recoveries) were added to tower counts, because jack coho were not consistently observed as they passed the tower.

As jack coho are not likely to have been as available for dead recovery as large coho, the jack escapement estimates shown in Table 13 are considered to be minimal. In 1977 high river discharge forced suspension of tower counts on October 29, before conclusion of the coho migration. The estimate of 69,400 is therefore considered to be a minimum estimate of the 1977 coho escapement.

Estuary Tagging and Spawning Ground Recovery: Tagging of coho in the estuary with carcass recovery on the spawning grounds resulted in Petersen-type population estimates of 24,800 in 1976 and 258,300 in 1977. These estimates were based on 26 and 84 tag recoveries in 1976 and 1977 respectively (Appendix 9).

The 1976 estimate was comparable to those obtained by estuary tag recovery and by tower counts, but the 1977 estimate was substantially higher than estimates by the other methods (Table 13). No explanation can be offered other than the possibility that tag loss was much higher than indicated by the double-tagging experiment.

Coho Maturity in the Estuary

In both 1976 and 1977 approximately 80% of the coho captured in the estuary were classified as bright fish, compared to less than 20% in the case of chinook (Fig. 24). No seasonal trend in coloration was evident in either year. On the basis of coloration it is evident that adult coho arrive in Cowichan Bay and migrate into the rivers in a much less advanced state of maturity than chinook salmon.

Migration Timing

In 1976 coho salmon migration past the Skutz Falls tower occurred in two peaks, from November 2 to 4 and again during November 16 to 20 (Fig. 21). The peak periods accounted for 14,000 fish or 78% of the coho migration. Both peaks coincided with an increase in river discharge. Only 3,900 coho (15%) migrated upstream during non-peak periods. River entry of coho appeared to be delayed by extremely low water conditions in 1976. Normally, the coho migration takes place 1-2 weeks earlier, during mid- to late October (Lister et al., 1971).

The coho migration in 1977 took place mainly during October 23 to October 28, with the peak count of 39,500 (58%) occurring on October 25 (Fig. 22). This peak migration accounted for 63,200 fish, 99% of the total run. It is suspected that the peak migration period extended beyond October 28.

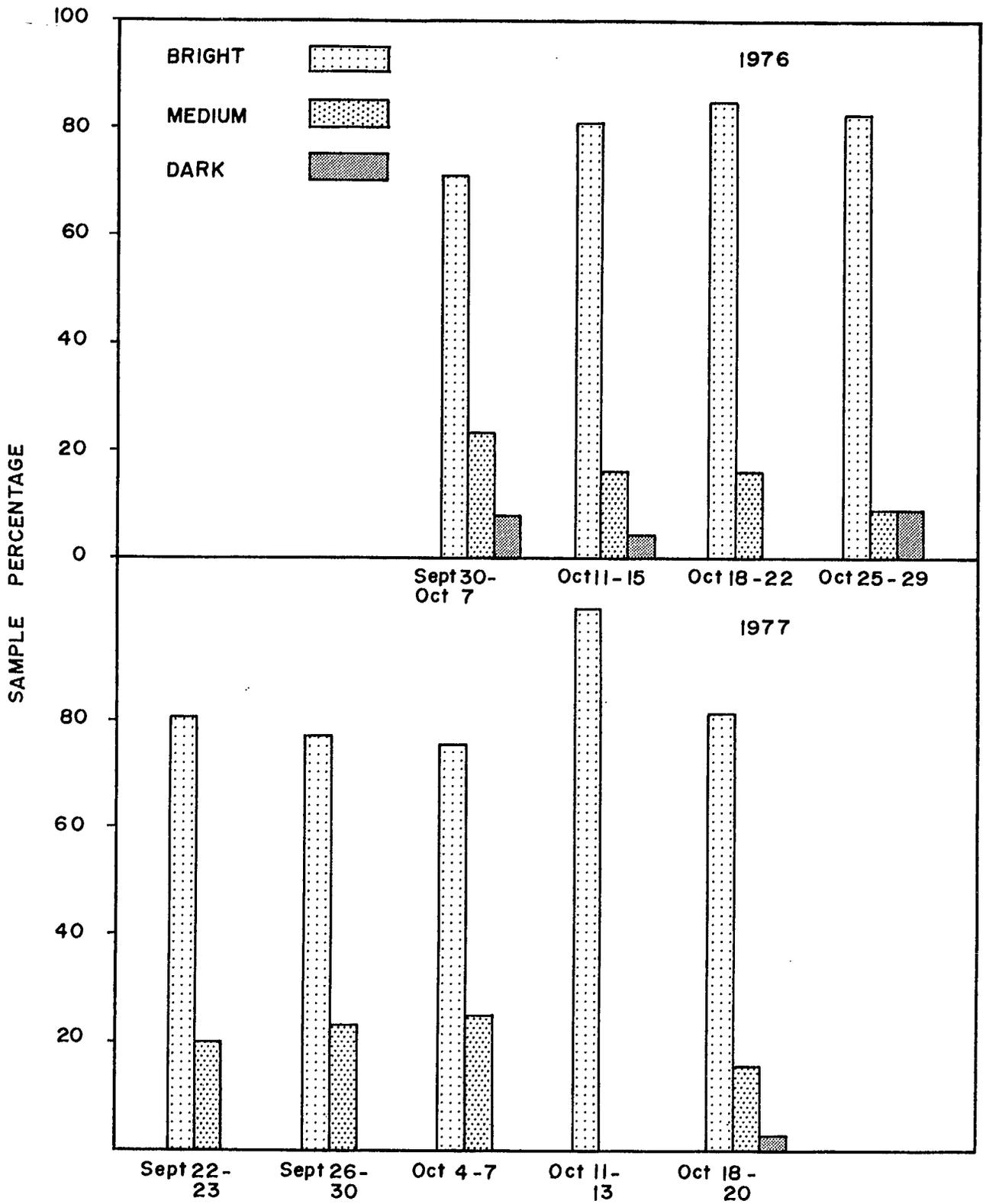


FIG. 24. Seasonal trend in maturity of coho salmon in the Cowichan estuary during 1976 and 1977.

High water levels and reduced visibility caused a premature halt to the counting tower operation on October 29, while the coho run was still in progress.

The peak migration periods in both years were initiated by an increase in river discharge. Throughout the peak migration period coho tended to move during mid-day (Appendices 11 and 12).

Spawning Timing

Coho salmon spawning in study area streams took place from early November to early February (Fig. 25). Spawning timing varied between streams, occurring earliest in the Koksilah River tributaries, Kelvin and Glenora creeks, and latest in the main Cowichan River and Rotary Park Pools (Table 14). Dates of peak spawning in 1977-78 were significantly correlated ($r = 0.86$; $P < .05$) with water temperature. Spawning tended to occur later in the warmer streams (Fig. 26).

Spawning Distribution

Coho spawning distribution within the study area is roughly indicated by the distribution of carcass recoveries on the spawning grounds (Table 15). The majority of carcasses (78%) were recovered in the main Cowichan River upstream of Skutz Falls (recovery sections 1-3). Koksilah River tributaries contributed 0.9% and 1.8% to the total coho carcass recovery in 1976 and 1977 respectively.

Age Composition

The estimated age composition of adult coho returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah study area is presented in Table 16. Age 3₂ fish dominated the escapement, comprising 92.2% and 96.4% of the total return in 1976 and 1977 respectively. The proportions of jack coho (age 2₂), 4.2% in 1976 and 1.4% in 1977, were estimated from spawning ground dead recoveries which are likely to have been selective in favor of females and larger fish (Peterson, 1954). The estimated proportions of jack coho in the escapement should therefore be considered minimal. Age 4₃ coho comprised a minor portion, 3.6% and 2.2%, of the escapement in 1976 and 1977 respectively.

A breakdown of age composition by sex and recovery stream is given in Appendix 22, and age data collected from estuary seine samples in 1977 are listed in Appendix 24.

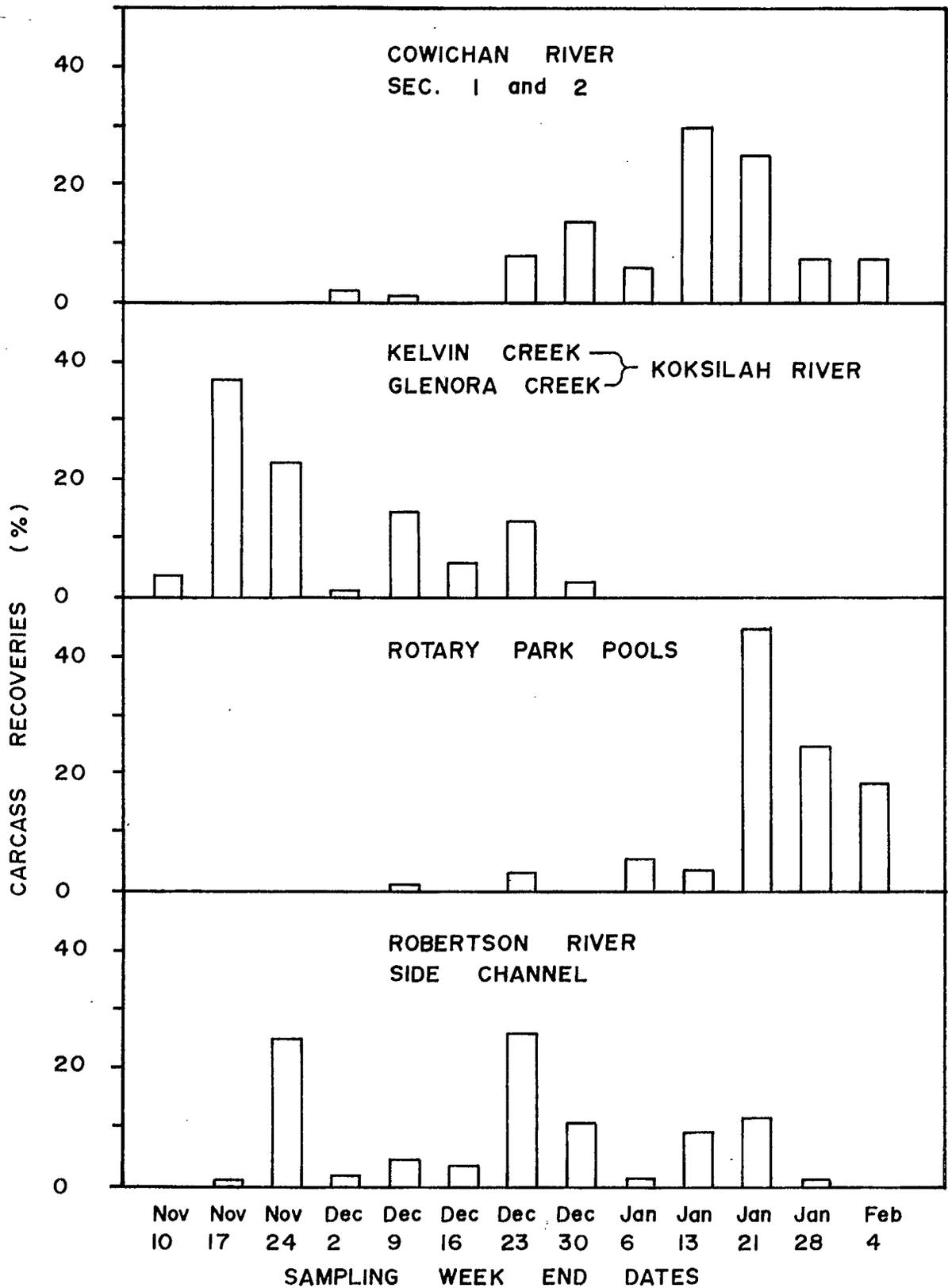


FIG. 25. Comparative timing of coho spawning in the Cowichan River above Skutz Falls and in 3 tributary streams, as indicated by carcass recoveries in 1977-78.

TABLE 14. Coho salmon spawning timing in relation to water temperature in Cowichan-Koksilah study area streams.

Stream	Date of 50% Carcass Recovery	Estimated Date of Peak Spawning ^a	Mean Stream Temperature (°C) ^b
<u>1976-77</u>			
Robertson R.	Dec. 8	Nov. 26	4.2
Mesachie Ck.	Dec. 31	Dec. 19	5.6
Cowichan R. (Mainstem)	Jan. 7	Dec. 27	7.2
Rotary Park Pools	Jan. 24	Jan. 12	7.7
<u>1977-78</u>			
Glenora and Kelvin creeks (Koksilah R.)	Nov. 22	Nov. 10	2.9
Pastuch Ck.	Dec. 17	Dec. 5	3.5
Robertson R. Side Channel	Dec. 20	Dec. 8	6.1
Cowichan R. Side Channel	Dec. 22	Dec. 10	6.6
Mesachie Ck.	Dec. 26	Dec. 14	5.6
Cowichan R. (Mainstem)	Jan. 13	Jan. 1	6.7
Rotary Park Pools	Jan. 18	Jan. 6	7.7

^aBased on an assumed 12-day spawning ground life span (Willis, 1954).

^bMean stream temperature during recovery period (Dec. 28, 1976 - Jan. 21, 1977; Nov. 14, 1977 - Jan. 19, 1978).

Sex Ratio

Detailed information on coho sex composition from spawning ground dead sampling and estuary sampling is shown in Appendices 23 and 25 respectively. On the spawning grounds females comprised 50.4% (1976) and 54.8% (1977) of samples (including jacks), whereas in the estuary females made up only 40% (1976) and 45% (1977) of the seine catch. As noted in the previous section, spawning ground carcass sampling tends to overestimate the proportion of females. The true percentage of females is therefore likely to have been somewhat lower than spawning ground sampling would indicate.

TABLE 15. Distribution of coho salmon spawning as indicated by carcass recoveries on the Cowichan-Koksilah spawning grounds.

		<u>Carcass Recoveries</u>	
		<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>1976</u>			
Cowichan River	Sec. 1	547	35.8
	Sec. 2	338	22.1
	Sec. 3	269	17.6
	Sec. 4-7	38	2.5
	Total	1192	78.0
Rotary Park Pools		138	9.0
Robertson R. ^a		94	6.2
Mesachie Ck.		66	4.3
Pastuch Ck.		19	1.2
Kelvin Ck.		13	0.9
Bible Camp Side Channel		6	0.4
<u>Overall Total</u>		<u>1528</u>	
<u>1977</u>			
Cowichan River	Sec. 1	1629	27.3
	Sec. 2	1347	22.6
	Sec. 3	1358	22.8
	Sec. 4-7	316	5.3
	Total	4650	78.0
Robertson R. ^a		432	7.2
Rotary Park Pools		297	5.0
Mesachie Ck.		276	4.6
Kelvin Ck.- Koksilah R.		46	1.8
Glenora Ck. - Koksilah R.		63	
Pastuch Ck.		101	1.7
Cowichan Side Channel		64	1.1
Half Way Ck.		19	0.3
Bible Camp Side Channel		14	0.2
<u>Overall Total</u>		<u>5962</u>	

^aIncludes Robertson R. Side Channel.

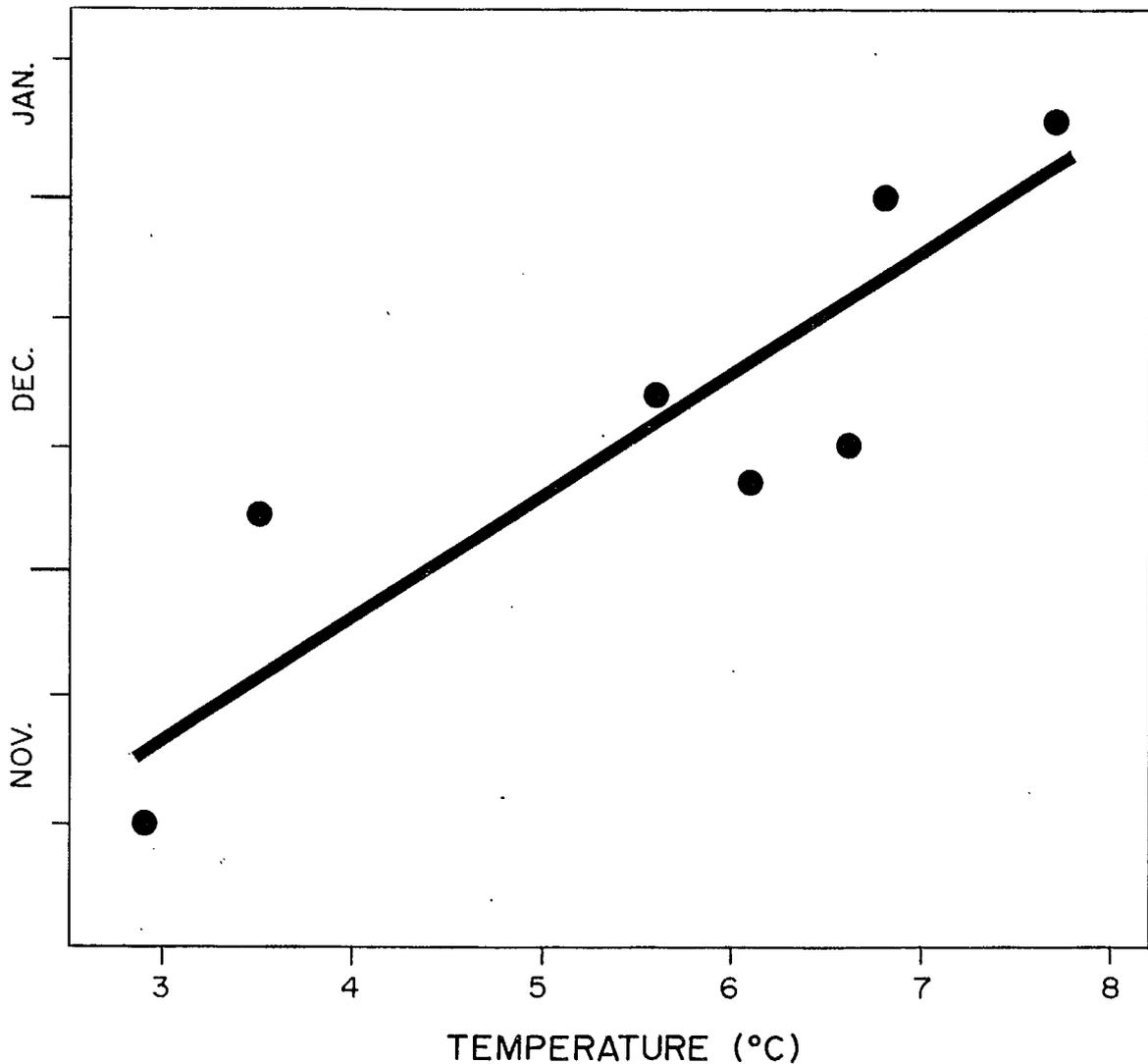


FIG. 26. Relationship between peak date of coho spawning at Cowichan-Koksilah system spawning areas and mean stream temperature during the survey period in 1977-78. Data from Table 14. Line fitted by least squares regression.

Size Composition

Coho length frequency data from the estuary sampling, listed by sampling period (1976) and age class (1977), are given in Appendices 26 and 27. Length frequency data from spawning ground sampling is recorded by age class and recovery location in Appendices 28 and 29.

The mean lengths of coho salmon in each spawning stream or area during 1977 are compared by age class in Table 17. The largest age 3₂ male and female coho were found in the main Cowichan River and the Cowichan Side Channel. Coho sampled in the tributary streams were consistently smaller than main river coho. Age 3₂ fish in Kelvin Creek were the smallest of all age 3₂ coho sampled.

TABLE 16. Age composition of adult coho returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah study area.

Return Year	Age at Return (%)			Estimated Return
	2 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃	
1976	4.2	92.2	3.6	27660
1977	1.4	96.4	2.2	69350

TABLE 17. Comparative mean lengths^a by age class of coho salmon in spawning streams of the Cowichan-Koksilah study area during 1977.

Stream	Male			Sample Size	Female		
	2 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃		3 ₂	4 ₃	Sample Size
Cowichan River	31.7	54.9	56.4	107	53.9	53.2	103
Rotary Park Pools		53.0		40	52		35
Cowichan Side Channel	34.4	54.1		11	53.5		32
Bible Camp Side Channel	30.2	52.5	53.6	5	52.9		3
Pastuch Creek	33.8	53.3	58.6	28	52.4	52.7	40
Robertson R. Side Channel	31.4	52.3		59	52.8		90
Mesachie Creek	31.8	52.7		37	52.3		53
Half Way Creek		51.8		1	51	58.3	7
Kelvin Creek ^b	27.7	52.3		25	50.8		27
Means	32.0	53.6	56.4	288	53.0	53.8	363

^aPost-orbital-hypural length in cm.

^bKelvin Creek is not included in calculation of the overall mean lengths.

Adult Returns from Each Brood Year

The total adult escapement of 1973 brood year coho was estimated at 27,462, consisting of 443 returns at age 2₂, 25,493 at age 3₂, and 1,526 at age 4₃ (Table 18). The total return to escapement of 1974 brood year coho was estimated at 71,765 adults, consisting of 1,162 returns at age 2₂, 66,853 at age 3₂, and 3,750 at age 4₃. In both broods, the majority (93%) of coho returns to escapement were age 3₂.

Incidence of Coded-Wire Tagged Fish

Coded-wire tag recoveries totalled 54 from the 1973 brood and 292 from the 1974 brood (Table 19). In the 1973 brood year CWT incidence was higher in the dead recovery than in the estuary sample, whereas in the 1974 brood year CWT incidence was higher in the estuary. For the reasons discussed in the chinook salmon section, it is considered that estuary samples are more likely to represent CWT incidence in the escapement than are spawning ground recoveries. On this basis the incidence of CWT fish in adult coho returns from the 1973 and 1974 brood years is estimated at 1.39% and 3.35% respectively. Estimates of the total numbers of adipose-marked and CWT coho returning to the study area are presented in Table 20.

Basic recovery data for adipose fin-clipped coho returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system are listed in Appendices 33 and 34. The numbers and incidence of CWT coho are listed by return year and sampling location in Appendix 16.

Coded-Wire Tag Loss

Argue et al. (1979) estimated the preliberation loss of coded-wire tags from coho smolts at 3.7% in 1976 (1974 brood year). Preliberation tag loss was not estimated for the 1975 tagging. Recoveries of CWT and adipose-marked adult coho indicate that some post-release CWT loss also occurred. The rates of CWT loss (from tagging to adult escapement) for coho are calculated in Table 21, using the incidence of naturally-missing adipose fins among coho smolts at tagging in 1976. Tag loss is estimated at 13.1% and 9.3% for the 1973 and 1974 broods respectively.

Survival of Marked Fish

The survival of adipose-marked coho smolts from release to adult escapement is estimated at 1.7% and 3.6% for the 1973 and 1974 broods respectively (Table 22). The comparative incidence of tags in the 1974 brood adult return (3.7%) and the estuary smolt population (4.4%) indicates that marking increased the ocean mortality rate of coho smolts. It is estimated that marked 1974 brood smolts survived from release to adult escapement (excluding fishery contributions) at 84% of the rate experienced by unmarked smolts in that brood (Table 22).

TABLE 18. Estimated numbers of coho salmon from each brood year contributing to 1975 - 1978 adult returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system.

Return Year	Brood Year				Total
	1972	1973	1974	1975	
1975		443 ^a			
1976	1007	25493	1162 ^a		27662
1977		1526	66853	971 ^a	69350
1978			3750 ^b		
Total		27462	71765		

^aMinimum estimate of returns for age 2 (jack) coho.

^bEstimated by ratio of age 3 to age 4 returns from 1973 brood year.

TABLE 19. Incidence of coded-wire tagged fish (CWT) in coho samples from the Cowichan-Koksilah study area by brood year and year of return.

Return year	1973 Brood Year			1974 Brood Year		
	Fish Examined	No. with CWT	CWT(%)	Fish Examined	No. with CWT	CWT(%)
<u>Estuary</u>						
1976	1167	18	1.53			
1977	273	2	.74	5243	176	3.35
Totals	1440	20	1.39	5243	176	3.35
<u>Dead Recovery</u>						
1976	1365	33	2.62			
1977	122	1	.82	5759	116	2.0
Totals	1487	34	2.29	5759	116	2.0

TABLE 20. Estimated returns of CWT and fin-marked coho salmon to the Cowichan-Koksilah study area.

<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>Fish Examined</u>	<u>No. with CWT</u>	<u>CWT Incidence (%)</u>	<u>Estimated Adult Return</u>	<u>Estimated CWT Return</u>	<u>Estimated Total Mark Return^a</u>
1973	1440	20	1.39	27462	382	440
1974	5243	176	3.35	71765	2404	2650

^aCorrected to account for CWT loss of 13.1% (1973 brood) and 9.3% (1974 brood); includes all adipose fin-marked fish.

The relative survival of marked and unmarked 1973 brood coho could not be calculated, as no estimate of mark incidence in the smolt population was available.

Survival of Unmarked Fish

An estimated 71,765 1974 brood adult coho returned to the Cowichan-Koksilah system from an estuary smolt population estimated by Argue et al. (1979) at 1,649,500 fish. This adult return represents an ocean survival of 4.4%, excluding contributions to fisheries.

Spawning Distribution of Coded-Wire Tagged Fish in Relation to Tagging Site

The distribution of CWT recoveries on the spawning grounds is shown for each smolt tagging location in Table 23. The locations of adult spawning were in some cases quite widely separated from the smolt tagging site. Of 65 returns from tagging at Mesachie Creek, a tributary to Cowichan Lake, 27 (42%) were recovered in the tagging stream or its tributary, 25 (38%) were recovered in the nearby Robertson River or its tributaries, and 12 (18%) were recovered in the upper Cowichan River (Fig. 1). Similarly, of 48 returns from smolt tagging at Rotary Park Pools on the lower Cowichan, 17 (35%) were recovered at the tagging stream, 27 (56%) were recovered in the upper Cowichan River above Skutz Falls, and 2 (4%) were recovered in the Robertson River.

Straying of coho between the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers was indicated by the recovery of 1 Mesachie Creek tag in Glenora Creek, a Koksilah River tributary, and 1 Kelvin Creek (Koksilah River) tag in the Cowichan River above Skutz Falls (Table 23).

TABLE 21. Calculation of CWT loss rate for marked coho returning to the study area.

<u>No. of Fish Examined</u>	<u>No. of Adipose-Marked Fish</u>	<u>Incidence of Marks</u>
<u>1973 Brood</u>		
1440 ^a	23 (with and without CWT)	1.60%
1440 ^a	4 (without CWT)	0.28%
75409	54 (natural marks)	0.07% ^b
<u>1974 Brood</u>		
5243 ^a	198 (with and without CWT)	3.78%
5243 ^a	22 (without CWT)	0.42%
75409	54 (natural marks)	0.07% ^b

Tag Loss Incidence = Incidence of Adipose Fin Marks in Each Brood
- Incidence of Naturally-Missing Adipose Fins

- 1973 Brood Tag Loss Incidence = $0.28\% - 0.07\% = \underline{0.21\%}$

- 1974 Brood Tag Loss Incidence = $0.42\% - 0.07\% = \underline{0.35\%}$

Tag Loss Rate = Tag Loss Incidence + Incidence of Marked Fish (with and without CWT)
x 100

- 1973 Brood Tag Loss Rate = $0.21\% + 1.6\% \times 100 = \underline{13.1\%}$

- 1974 Brood Tag Loss Rate = $0.35\% + 3.78\% \times 100 = \underline{9.3\%}$

^aIncludes only fish captured in the estuary, to avoid the influence of additional tag loss from carcasses recovered on the spawning grounds.

^bIncidence of naturally-missing adipose fins among 1974 brood coho smolts (Argue et al., 1979).

TABLE 22. Estimated survival of marked coho from smolt release to adult escapement and relative ocean survival of marked versus unmarked fish, Cowichan-Koksilah study area.

<u>Ocean Survival of Marked Fish</u>			
<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>No. of Marks Released^a</u>	<u>Mark Returns</u>	<u>Survival to Return^c</u>
1973	26,135	440	1.7%
1974	74,483	2650	3.6%

<u>Survival of Marked Fish Relative to Unmarked Fish</u>			
<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>Incidence of Marks</u>		<u>Relative Survival^b</u>
	<u>Juvenile Population^a</u>	<u>Adult Return</u>	
1973	—	1.60%	—
1974	4.37%	3.69%	0.84

^aFrom Armstrong and Argue (1977) and Argue et al.(1979).

^bRelative Survival = $\frac{\text{Mark Incidence in Adult Return}}{\text{Mark Incidence in Juvenile Population}}$.

^cExcluding contributions to ocean fisheries.

Scale Patterns of Marked Coho

Scales of age 3₂ coho adults coded-wire tagged in Mesachie and Pastuch creeks are compared in Fig. 27. To the first freshwater annulus, the Mesachie Creek scale had formed 23 circuli, while the Pastuch Creek scale formed only 11 circuli. The nuclear scale patterns indicate a considerably higher growth rate in Mesachie Creek compared to Pastuch Creek, similar to the results obtained in the juvenile study (Argue et al, 1979).

Scales of 1977 age 4₃ coho adults coded-wire tagged in Mesachie Creek (1976) and Cowichan Side Channel (1975) are compared in Fig. 28. The Mesachie Creek scale has 6-7 circuli to the first freshwater annulus plus 12 circuli to the second freshwater annulus. This pattern shows much less first year growth than is normally found in sub-2 Mesachie Creek smolts, indicating that the fish probably spent its first year in a stream other than Mesachie Creek. The Cowichan River Side Channel scale has 9-11 circuli to the first

TABLE 23. Spawning distribution of coho tagged (CWT) as smolts at various Cowichan-Koksilah study sites.

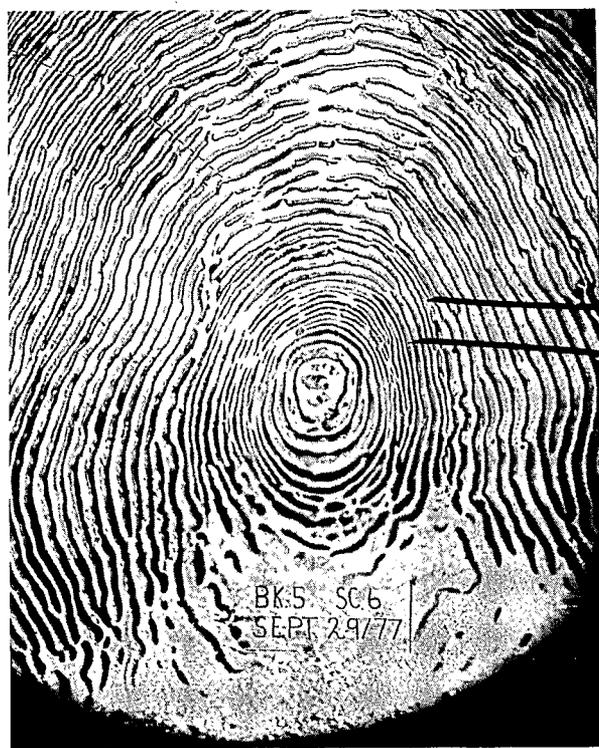
Carcass Recovery Location	Smolt Tagging Location					Total
	Pastuch Creek	Mesachie Creek	Cowichan R. Side Channel	Rotary Park Pools	Kelvin Creek	
Robertson R.	2					2
Robertson R. Side Channel		23	2	2		27
Pastuch Creek		2				2
Half Way Creek		6				6
Mesachie Creek		21				21
Cowichan R. Above Skutz Falls	2	12	7	27	1	49
Cowichan R. Below Skutz Falls			2	2		4
Cowichan R. Side Channel			1			1
Rotary Park Pools			1	17		18
Kelvin Creek					4	4
Glenora Creek		1			15	16
TOTAL	4	65	13	48	20	150



Spring Growth
(5 circuli after freshwater
annulus).

Freshwater Annulus
(after 23 circuli).

Stress check
attributed to changes
in feeding, tempera-
ture or rearing area.

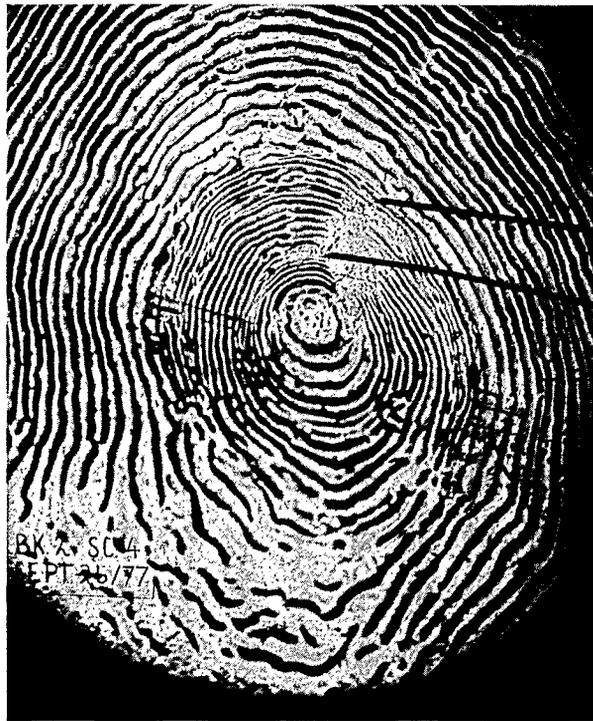


Spring Growth
(7 circuli after freshwater
annulus).

Freshwater Annulus
(after 11 circuli).

Magnification 350 x.

FIG. 27. Differences in freshwater growth related to rearing site, as shown in scales of adult coho, age 3₂, tagged at Mesachie Creek (upper) and Pastuch Creek (lower) in the spring of 1976 and recovered during Cowichan Bay purse seining in September, 1977.



2nd Freshwater Annulus
(12 circuli).

1st Freshwater Annulus
(6-7 circuli). Probably
reared outside Mesachie
Creek in first year.



2nd Annulus indistinct;
possibly formed in estuary
or similar condition
(approx. 12 circuli).

1st Freshwater Annulus
(9-11 circuli).

Magnification 350 x.

FIG. 28. Scales of adult coho, age 4_3 , tagged at Mesachie Creek in the spring of 1976 (upper) and at Cowichan River Side Channel in the spring of 1975 (lower). Both fish were recovered during Cowichan Bay purse seining in the fall of 1977.

freshwater annulus, while the second annulus is indistinct and not easily recognized for age determination. This fish, which was tagged in 1975, probably moved to another rearing area after its first year.

CHUM SALMON

Very little incidental information was obtained on chum salmon over the course of this study. Significant numbers of chums did enter the Cowichan estuary during the last week of tagging, October 25-29, in 1976. A sample of 150 chums captured by seine was found to be 93.2% age 4₁, 5.9% age 3₁ and 0.8% age 5₁. Females comprised 42% of the sample.

Small numbers of chum salmon were also observed in swim surveys in the main Cowichan River. The largest count (340) was made in Sections 6 and 7 of the lower Cowichan River during October 25-28, 1976.

TROUT

Appendix 15 shows the number and distribution of rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout observed during river swim surveys. The majority of all three species (80%) were observed in Section 1 near Lake Cowichan during the October, 1976 survey.

DISCUSSION

SPAWNING POPULATION ESTIMATES

Several approaches to estimating adult chinook and coho salmon returns to the Cowichan-Koksilah system were examined in this study. The reliability of each approach is discussed below.

Schnabel-type estimates, based on tagging and recovery within the Cowichan estuary, did not provide estimates of jack male populations for either chinook or coho. Insufficient numbers of tags were applied to and recovered from jacks. Jack chinook (age 2) migrated into the Cowichan River earlier than large chinook (age 3, 4, and 5) and were thus available to purse seining over a shorter time period. This bias may have resulted from the fact that no correction was made for tag loss in the estuary. The measured rate of tag loss in the estuary (56%) was judged to be excessive in comparison to the rate determined for spawning ground tag recoveries (25%) which had been at large for a longer period.

For large (non-jack) coho, Schnabel-type estimates based on estuary tagging and recovery compared well with those obtained from tower counts, being respectively 18% and 1% less than tower counts in 1976 and 1977 (Table 13).

Inadequate tag recoveries on the spawning grounds precluded development of reliable Petersen-type estimates for chinook. The results obtained with coho salmon were varied. The Petersen estimate was comparable to the Schnabel and tower count estimates in 1976, but was almost 4 times these other estimates in 1977 (Table 13).

The Petersen-type estimates tended to be high in relation to those obtained by other methods. Tag shedding may have been underestimated by the double-tagging experiment which produced few recoveries. Other sources of tag loss, such as the native spear fishery in the Cowichan River and the tagging of coho in the estuary which were actually destined for streams outside the study area, may not have been adequately taken into account in developing the estimates. The tendency for positive bias in Petersen-type tag-and-recovery estimates, increasing with distance and time between tagging and recovery, was also frequently observed in the estimation of pink salmon (Oncorhynchus gorbuscha) escapements (Vernon et al., 1964).

Swim surveys of the Cowichan River were valuable only in estimating chinook populations, as the survey timing generally preceded coho spawning. Swim surveys were also conducted before peak chinook spawning in 1976 and 1977 and did not account for a portion of the population which was still in the estuary at the time of the survey. The swim survey method did provide good discrimination of large and jack chinook, and was used to estimate chinook escapements in 1978 and 1979 when the counting tower was not used. However the estimate obtained from the 1979 swim survey, which covered only the first river section below Cowichan Lake, must be considered less reliable than estimates in the 3 previous years.

Tower counts were used to estimate chinook and coho escapements to the Cowichan River in 1976 and 1977. The method enabled discrimination of large and jack chinook, but not large and jack coho. Though tower counts are considered to have less inherent bias than the other enumeration methods, they are likely to underestimate the population, particularly in the case of late-migrating coho. High water levels and reduced visibility resulted in termination of tower counts when coho migration was declining, but before it could be considered complete. In 1976 the tower count included an adjustment for coho arriving after suspension of counting, based on visual observations by the field crew.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION

This study confirmed that the majority of chinook salmon spawned in the main Cowichan River upstream of Skutz Falls. In 1976 chinook carcass recoveries and spawner counts documented respective proportions of 79%

and 78% spawning above Skutz Falls. Swim surveys in 1977 and 1978 also indicated that 83% and 91% of chinook spawned in this area. Earlier studies reported lower proportions, 65% in 1965 and 47% in 1966, of chinook spawning in the section between Cowichan Lake and Skutz Falls (Lister et al., 1971).

Four chinook carcasses were recovered in Glenora and Kelvin creeks, tributaries of the Koksilah River. The main Koksilah River, where chinook are reported to spawn, was not surveyed. Concentration of surveys in the Cowichan River, particularly the tower counts and swim surveys, may have resulted in underestimation of the chinook escapement to the overall study area.

Carcass recovery data indicated that the majority of study area coho salmon (73-76%) also spawn in the main Cowichan River upstream of Skutz Falls. Only 0.9% and 1.8% of the total coho carcass recoveries were made in Koksilah River tributaries in 1976 and 1977, suggesting respective coho escapements of 250 and 1250 fish. However, the lack of surveys in the main Koksilah River probably resulted in underestimation of the coho escapement to this system.

COHO SPAWNING TIMING

Differences between streams in the timing of coho spawning were correlated with temperature regimes. Coho spawning occurred earliest in the coldest streams, Kelvin and Glenora creeks of the Koksilah system, and latest in the main Cowichan River and Rotary Park Pools, the warmest of the study area streams. A similar relationship between stream temperature and spawning timing has been reported for southeast Alaska pink salmon populations (Sheridan, 1962).

SURVIVAL OF MARKED AND UNMARKED JUVENILES

In this study 1974 and 1975 brood juvenile chinook, marked by an adipose fin clip and coded-wire tag, survived from release to adult escapement at rates of 0.29% and 0.39% respectively. The survival estimate does not include fishery contributions. Ocean survival of marked chinook was significantly lower than that of unmarked chinook, 1.6% (1974 brood) and 5.5% (1975 brood), based on estimates of total brood year returns in this study and previously reported estimates of juvenile chinook populations in the Cowichan estuary (Armstrong and Argue, 1977; Argue et al. 1979).

Marked coho smolts of the 1973 and 1974 brood years survived from release to adult escapement at rates of 1.7% and 3.6% respectively. The survival of 1974 brood unmarked coho smolts, calculated from the estuary smolt population estimate (Argue et al. 1979) and adult return data in this report, is estimated at 4.4%.

These results indicate that marked juveniles experienced lower ocean survival rates than unmarked juveniles. The relative survival of marked versus unmarked fish may be calculated from the comparative incidence of marked fish in juvenile populations and adult returns. On this basis, relative survival of marked chinook is estimated at 0.18 and 0.08 in the 1974 and 1975 broods respectively. For 1974 brood coho smolts the relative survival of marked fish is estimated at 0.84. By comparison, preliminary data from marking (adipose clip + CWT) of coho smolts at Oregon hatcheries indicates that relative survival of marked smolts approximates 0.70 (R. Garrison, pers. comm.).

Though the coded-wire tag appears to have no effect on salmon growth or survival, the handling of smolts at tagging can cause stress and mortalities (Bergman et al., 1968). At the time of tagging in the Cowichan estuary chinook juveniles were observed to be especially susceptible to the holding and marking procedures. Short-term mortalities of up to 14%, attributable to high water temperatures (to 22°C) and scale loss, were observed (Armstrong and Argue, 1977). It would appear from this experience that marking of chinook at the smolt stage in the estuary severely reduces their survival rate and is therefore not a feasible approach to obtaining information on ocean migration and exploitation.

The ocean survival of Cowichan-Koksilah chinook and coho smolts, from seaward migration to adult return (excluding fishery contributions), can be compared with ocean survival rates of chinook and coho smolts from the Big Qualicum River, another east coast of Vancouver Island stream (E.A. Perry, pers. comm.). The average ocean survival of 1974 and 1975 brood chinook in this study (3.6%) compared favourably with the average survival of 1962 to 1968 brood Big Qualicum chinook (2.4%). A similar comparison of coho smolt ocean survival rates indicates that 1974 brood Cowichan-Koksilah coho survived at a lower rate (4.4%) than the average experienced at Big Qualicum (10.4%). It should be noted, however, that due to year-to-year variation a single year of observation is unlikely to reflect the long-term survival rate.

SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION OF CODED-WIRE TAGGED COHO

A large percentage (61%) of coded-wire tagged adult coho salmon returned to spawn in locations which differed from the smolt tagging sites. This is apparent from the distribution of coho returns originally tagged at Mesachie Creek, Cowichan River Side Channel and Rotary Park Pools (Table 23). Eighteen percent of coho returns tagged at Mesachie Creek were recovered in the upper 5 km of the main Cowichan River and a further 38% were recovered in Lake Cowichan tributaries other than the original tagging stream. It is believed that following emergence juvenile coho move into the Mesachie Creek-Lake complex for summer rearing and overwintering. During the 1976 tagging program, 13 coho smolts tagged as yearlings at Pastuch Creek in 1975 were recaptured in Mesachie Creek (Argue et al., 1979). Adult recoveries of coho tagged at Rotary Park Pools were similarly dispersed, with 65% recovered as carcasses in the main Cowichan River upstream of the smolt tagging site.

A general explanation for the above behavior is that adult coho salmon return to spawn in the area from which they emerge as fry rather than the area which they utilize for summer rearing or overwintering. Peterson (1979) documented fall and winter movements of coho up to 33 km downstream to overwinter in side channels or ponds. Gray et al. (1978) observed that rearing coho juveniles tagged in one tributary of the Berners River, southeast Alaska, returned to spawn in another tributary of that system.

Straying of coho between the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers was also observed. One of 20 recoveries (5%) from coho originally tagged in Kelvin Creek, a Koksilah River tributary, was recovered in the Cowichan River. One of 130 recoveries (0.8%) from coho smolts tagged in the Cowichan system was recovered in Glenora Creek, another Koksilah River tributary. These rates of apparent straying appear low in comparison to those observed in northern California streams (Taft and Shapovalov, 1938). Over a 6-year period an average of 15% of the coho juveniles tagged in Waddell Creek returned to Scott Creek, 8 km to the south.

SUMMARY

1. During 1976 to 1979 the returns of adult chinook and coho salmon to the Cowichan and Koksilah River systems were assessed to estimate, for each brood year and species, the total adult return to escapement and the incidence of coded-wire tagged fish in that return. The purpose of the study was to document returns of coho from the 1973 and 1974 brood years and chinook from the 1974 and 1975 brood years which had been marked as juveniles by coded-wire tagging. Additional information was obtained on salmon migration timing, spawning distribution and timing, age and size composition, and subsequent spawning distribution of fish tagged at various sites in the two river systems.
2. Four different approaches were utilized to estimate chinook and coho escapements to the study area: (i) tagging and recovery of tags by purse seine in the estuary; (ii) tagging in the estuary with recovery of tags on the spawning grounds; (iii) tower counts of adult migrants in the Cowichan River; and (iv) swim survey counts of spawners in the Cowichan River.
3. A portion of the adult coho salmon population tagged in Cowichan Bay may have been destined for spawning streams outside the study area. In 1976 and 1977 saltwater sport fishery recoveries of tagged coho outside the Cowichan Bay - Saanich Inlet area, mainly in the San Juan Islands, comprised 25% and 6% respectively of all saltwater sport fishery recoveries. In 1977 two of 86 freshwater tag recoveries of coho by anglers were taken in southeast Vancouver Island streams outside Cowichan Bay.

4. Chinook migration into the Cowichan River commenced with the first significant increase in river discharge in October and peaked during mid-October to early November. Jack chinook tended to enter the river earlier than large chinook. Coho entered the river later than chinook, during periods of increased river discharge from late October to mid-November.
5. Chinook salmon spawning took place in the main Cowichan River; the majority (78-91%) spawned in the upper 18 km of the river above Skutz Falls. Coho salmon spawned in the main Cowichan River and its side channels, and in tributaries to Cowichan Lake and the Koksilah River. As in the case of chinook, the major portion of coho spawning (73-76%) occurred in the Cowichan River above Skutz Falls.
6. Chinook salmon spawned during the period October 15 to November 30, with the estimated peak date in a given year ranging from October 24 to November 11. Coho salmon spawning took place from late October to early February. Timing differed greatly between streams and was correlated with temperature, taking place earlier in the colder streams and later in warmer streams. Estimated dates of peak coho spawning in individual streams ranged from November 10 to January 12.
7. Chinook salmon were almost entirely (99.7%) sub-1 fish, i.e. migrating to sea in the first year of life. Male chinook were ages 2₁, 3₁, 4₁, and 5₁. Jack males (age 2₁) dominated adult returns in each year, comprising 76-80% of the males and 57-61% of the total return. Among females, the predominant age 4₁ group included 61-80% of the return in each year.
8. Age 3₂ fish dominated the coho escapement in each year, comprising 92.2% and 96.4% of the total return in the two years of coho study (1976 and 1977). Jack male coho (age 2₂) comprised an estimated 4.2% and 1.4% of the escapement, and age 4₃ fish made up the remaining 3.6% and 2.2% in each year.
9. Chinook salmon escapement estimates obtained by tower counts (1976 and 1977) and swim surveys (1978 and 1979) were considered to be the most reliable estimates. Chinook escapements estimated by these methods were 7,500 (1976), 8,600 (1977), 10,200 (1978) and 17,100 (1979). Schnabel-type estimates, involving tagging and recovery within the estuary, did not provide estimates of jack chinook (due to inadequate recoveries) and tended to produce a higher estimate of large chinook than tower counts. Petersen-type estimates, obtained by estuary tagging and recovery on the spawning grounds, were consistently much higher than estimates by other methods.
10. Tower counts were considered to provide the most reliable, though somewhat conservative, estimates of coho escapement. Escapement estimates by this method were 27,700 in 1976 and 69,400 in 1977. For large (non-jack) coho, Schnabel-type estimates based on estuary tagging and recovery compared well with those obtained by tower counts. Petersen-type estimates, using tag recoveries on the spawning grounds, were comparable to those obtained by other methods in 1976, but almost 4 times greater than the other estimates in 1977.

11. The estimated adult return of 1974 brood year chinook totalled 9158 fish, consisting of 49.6% age 2, 11.6% age 3, 34.8% age 4, and 4% age 5. The 1975 brood year return was estimated at 9483 fish, with a similar age composition of 51.7% age 2, 5.9% age 3, 38.2% age 4 and 4.2% age 5.
12. The total adult return of 1973 brood year coho was estimated at 27,462, consisting of 1.6% age 2₂, 92.8% age 3₂, and 5.6% age 4₃. The total return to escapement of 1974 brood year coho was estimated at 71,765 adults, consisting of 1.6% age 2₂, 93.1% age 3₂ and 5.2% age 4₃.
13. Incidence of coded-wire tagged fish among 1974 and 1975 brood year chinook was estimated at 0.53% and 0.67% respectively. Ocean survival of marked chinook, from tagging to adult return, was significantly lower than unmarked chinook, 0.29% versus 1.6% (1974 brood) and 0.39% versus 5.5% (1975 brood), based on estimates of total brood year returns in this study and previously reported estimates of juvenile chinook populations in the Cowichan estuary. The survival of marked fish relative to unmarked fish was 0.18 (1974 brood) and 0.08 (1975 brood). Shedding or loss of coded-wire tags from marking to adult return, including the pre-release tag loss, was calculated to be 9.7%.
14. Incidence of coded-wire tagged fish among 1973 and 1974 brood coho was estimated at 1.39% and 3.35% respectively. Coded-wire tagged coho smolts survived from tagging to adult return at rates of 1.7% (1973 brood) and 3.6% (1974 brood). The ocean survival rate of 1974 brood unmarked coho smolts was estimated at 4.4%. The survival of marked smolts relative to unmarked smolts was estimated at 0.84. Shedding or loss of coded-wire tags from marking to adult return, including the pre-release tag loss, was calculated at 13.1% and 9.3% for the 1973 and 1974 broods respectively.
15. A large percentage (61%) of coded-wire tagged adult coho salmon returned to spawn in locations which differed from the smolt tagging sites. Evidence indicating dispersal of juvenile coho both downstream and upstream of spawning areas to rear or overwinter was reviewed. It was postulated that returning adult coho home to the area from which they emerge as fry rather than the area they utilize for summer rearing or overwintering.
16. Straying of coho between the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers was also observed. Indicated rates of straying, based on 1 adult recovery in each system, amounted to 5% and 0.8%.

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A P P E N D I C E S

APPENDIX 1 DESCRIPTION OF SET LOCATIONS FOR PURSE SEINING IN COWICHAN BAY
DURING 1976 AND 1977.

1976

Date	Set no.	Description	Remarks
Sep 30	1	N.A. ^a	
30	2	"	
30	3	"	
Oct 5	4	"	
6	5	Blind set on North Side	
6	6	N.A.	
7	7	Middle 25 F	
7	8	Middle	
7	9	Off Westcan	
8	10	Off Westcan	
8	11	N.A.	too many to retain
12	12	Off boundary buoy	
12	13	"	
12	14	North of Westcan	
13	15	Off Texaco dock	
13	16	Off Westcan	released approx 200 (mixed chinook & coho)
14	17	North of Westcan	
14	18	Off Westcan	
14	19	"	released approx 400 (mixed chinook & coho)
14	20	Blind set north of Westcan	no fish
14	21	Off Westcan	released approx.350
14	22	Blind set north of Westcan	no fish
15	23	Off Westcan	released approx.350 chinook
15	24	"	
15	25	"	
15	26	"	released approx.150 chinook
19	27	On boundary line	
19	28	Just inside boundary	
19	29	Outside boundary	
19	30	Off Westcan	
20	31	N.A.	
20	32	"	
20	33	"	
20	34	"	
20	35	"	
21	36	Off boundary buoy	
21	37	"	
21	38	Boundary buoy	
21	39	Off Westcan	
21	40	North side	
22	41	Boundary buoy	
22	42	N.A.	
22	43	"	back lash
25	44	Off main channel	
26	45	Off Westcan	
26	46	"	
26	47	North shore	
27	48	North of Westcan	dumped set
27	49	Off boundary buoy	
27	50	N.A.	
28	51	Blind set east of gov't dock	19 chinook grilse, mended large hole in net
28	52	Off north channel	

^aNot available.

APPENDIX 1 (cont.)

1977

Date	Set No.	Description	Remarks
Sep 22	1	Westcan dock	20 chinook grilse.
	2	"	One sockeye in catch.
23	3	"	Released approx.30 chinook and 40 coho without checking for tags or marks(3 chinook dead).
	4	"	
	5		
26	6	30 F mid estuary	
	7		Set released,large no. of grilse
28	8	Boundary buoy	
	9	Just outside drop-off	One pink in catch.
29	10	Off Westcan	
	11		
	12		One pink in catch.
30	13	Off Westcan	Released approx.85 adult and 20 jack chinook without checking for tags or marks.
	14	"	
	15	"	
Oct 4	16	"	
	17	"	
	18	"	
5	19	"	10,000 herring (age 0+).
	20	"	
	21	"	
6	22	"	
	23	"	Set released(approx.50 chinook and 20 coho).
	24	Along sport boundary	
	25	Blind set	No catch.
7	26	Off Westcan	
	27	Blind set off Westcan	
11	28	Off Westcan	
12	29	"	On edge of main chinook school.
13	31	Blind set north shore near Skinner Pt.	No catch.
13	32	North shore near Skinner Pt.	
13	33	Westcan dock on edge of chinooks	Approx.20 chinook grilse; a few jumpers.
13	34		
18	35	Off Westcan	
18	36		
18	37		
19	38	Off Westcan	
19	39	"	
20	40	"	
20	41	"	
21	42	Off North Arm	
21	43	"	
22	44	"	
22	45	"	
25	46		

APPENDIX 1 (cont.)

1977

Date	Set No.	Description	Remarks
Oct 26	47	Off Westcan	
26	48	Off Genoa Bay	
27	49	Off north shore	
27	50	Off Genoa Bay	
27	51	Off North shore	No catch.
27	52	"	
28	53	Off Genoa Bay	
28	54	"	Occasional jumper; held set open 15 minutes.

APPENDIX 2

TAG SERIES USED TO TAG CHINOOK AND COHO DURING THE PURSE SEINING
IN COWICHAN BAY.

1976

	Date	Type	Tag Series	Total Tagged
Chinook	Sep 28-30	Spaghetti	06000-06199	199
	Oct 5	"	06400-06599	199
	Oct 7-15	"	07400-07799	396
				<u>794</u>
Coho	Sep 30-Oct 19	disk	X0000-X0563	560
	Oct 20-26	"	X2000-X2551	543
				<u>1103</u>

1977

Chinook	Sep 22-23	spaghetti	06200-06399	199
	Sep 23-28	"	06600-06999	394
	Sep 28-Oct 7	"	10000-10499	499
				<u>1092</u>
Coho	Sep 22-29	spaghetti	08000-08499	497
	Sep 29-Oct 4	"	08500-08999	498
	Oct 4- 5	"	09000-09499	498
	Oct 5- 7	"	09500-09999	497
	Oct 7-11	"	10500-10705	204
	Oct 13	"	10717-10811	95
	Oct 18	"	10881-10999	119
	Oct 13-18	"	18625-18823	198
	Oct 13	"	B08137+B08138	2
	Oct 18-21	"	B28500-B29499	962
	Oct 21	"	B26500-B26999	467
	Oct 21	"	B27500-B27724	196
	Oct 13	Spaghetti/disk ^a	10706-10716/X10000-X10010	11
	Oct 18	" "	10812-10880/X10011-X10078	68
Oct 19-20	" "	X07050-X07397/X10079-X10424	345	
Oct 23-27	" "	B27725-B28237/X10425-X10882	454	
			<u>5111</u>	

^aCoho double tagged with spaghetti and disk tags.

1978

Chinook	Sep 21	Spaghetti	19525-19535	11
	Sep 28	"	19536-19540	5
	Oct 6	"	19541-19573	32
				<u>48</u>

1979

Chinook	Sep 21	Spaghetti	B19575-19674	76
		"	B19975-19999	23
		"	B12101-12270	59
	Oct 2	"	B19675-19874	81
				<u>239</u>

APPENDIX 3

CATCH AND TAGGING INFORMATION FOR CHINOOK AND COHO SALMON
CAUGHT BY PURSE SEINING IN COWICHAN BAY, 1976-1979.

1976

Date	Set	Catch Checked		Catch Tagged			Tags Recaptured		Mark Recoveries	
		Chinook	Coho ^a	Chinook		Coho	Chinook	Coho	Chinook	Coho
				Large	Jack					
Sep 30	1-3	200	21	196	3	8	-	-	0	1
Oct 05	4	200	2	198	1	2	1	0	0	0
06	5	0	1	0	0	0	0 _b	0	0	0
06	6	29	136	0	0	114	1 _b	0	0	1
07	7	27	14	21	2	0	2	0	0	0
07	8	10	49	4		47	2	0	0	2
07	9	7	17	0		15	0	0	0	0
08	10	89	5	66		0	3	0	0	0
08	11	-	-	0		0	-	-	-	-
12	12	8	14	6		13	2	0	0	1
12	13	3	1	0		0	0	0	0	0
12	14	134	177	0		173	11	1	0	0
13	15	55	23	47	2	21	5	2	0	0
13	16	37	61	32		61	1	0	0	0
14	17-22	159	39	80		34	6	1	0	0
15	23-26	153	24	134	2	17	8	0	0	0
19	27	1	38	0		36	1	0	0	1
19	28	2	21	0		19	1	0	0	2
19	29	0	3	0		0	-	1	0	0
19	30	-	2	0		0	-	-	-	1
20	31	5	23	0		21	2	1	0	1
20	32	0	27	0		26	0	0	0	0
20	33	0	27	0		26	0	0	0	1
20	34	5	121	0		111	1	3	0	7
20	35	2	19	0		19	0	0	0	0
21	36	7	55	0		53	1	1	0	1
21	37	0	79	0		73	0	4 _b	0	2
21	38	0	25	0		21	0 _b	3 _b	0	1
21	39	1	0	0		0	1 _b	0	0	0
21	40	0	0	0		0	-	-	-	-
22	41	2	76	0		71	0	4	0	0
22	42	3	63	0		62	3	0	0	1
22	43	-	-	0		0	-	-	-	-
25	44	7	10	0		10	0	0	0	0
26	45	1	7	0		7	0	0	0	0
26	46	90	45	0		43	9	2 _b	0	0
26	47	0	4	0		0	0	1 _b	0	0
TOTAL		1237	1229	784	10	1103	61	24	0	23

^aCatch checked includes adipose clipped fish (CWT) recaptured.^bTag number not recorded.

APPENDIX 3 (cont.)

1977

Date	Set	Catch Checked			Catch Tagged			Tags Recaptured			Mark Recoveries			
		Chinook		Coho	Chinook		Coho	Chinook		Coho	Chinook		Coho	
		Large	Jack		Large	Jack		Large	Jack		Large	Jack		
Sep 22	1	3	64	32	3	63	24	-	-	-	0	1	2	
	2	72	42	39	72	42	39	-	-	-	0	0	0	
	23	3	242	27	4	229	27	3	1	0	-	2	0	1
	4	3	15	2	2	15	2	1	0	-	0	0	0	
	5	30	33	25	28	32	24	2	0	-	1	0	1	
	26	6-7	59	7	183	53	7	175	6	0	-	0	0	7
	28	8	81	5	44	74	3	41	5	2	2	0	1	1
	9	233	10	108	226	8	95	5	2	1	0	0	0	11
	29	10	78	3	20	66	2	18	11	0	1	0	1	1
	11	7	4	4	6	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	12	56	12	229	36	212	638	12	0	2	0	0	0	13
	30	13	8	4	17	6	4	16	2	0	0	0	0	1
	14	4	6	23	2	6	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15	101	22	226	0	0	207	18	2	4	0	0	0	15
Oct 4	16	3	0	12	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	17	35	9	347	0	0	321	8	2	10	0	0	0	16
	18	0	0	93	0	0	87	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
	5	19	4	2	85	0	0	79	1	0	2	0	0	4
	20	6	0	154	0	0	144	1	0	3	0	0	0	7
	21	27	2	92	22	0	90	5	0	2	0	1	0	0
	6	22-23	55	6	139	25	0	134	8	0	2	0	1	3
		24-25	3	0	109	0	0	93	0	0	10	0	0	6
	7	26-27	6	1	166	17	0	158	0	0	3	0	0	5
	11	28	5	11	213	0	0	194	2	1	8	0	0	11
	12-13	29-31	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 13	32	0	0	12	0	0	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	34	137	20	210	0	0	192	2	1	6	0	0	0	12
Oct 18	35	3	1	75	0	0	68	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
	36	10	4	251	0	0	234	3	0	9	0	0	0	8
	37	68	4	304	0	0	281	4	0	15	0	1	0	8
Oct 19	38	23	1	273	0	0	262	2	0	4	0	0	0	8
	39	2	1	240	0	0	217	0	0	16	0	0	0	7
Oct 20	40	0	1	137	0	0	128	0	0	5	0	0	0	3
	41	4	1	381	0	0	360	1	0	12	0	0	0	9
Oct 21	42	4	0	269	0	0	246	0	0	16	0	0	0	7
	43	0	0	506	0	0	464	0	0	32	0	0	0	10
Oct 22	44	3	0	106	0	0	97	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
	45	0	0	61	0	0	57	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Oct 25	46	1	0	61	0	0	57	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Oct 26	47	9	1	7	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
	48	0	0	124	0	0	117	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Oct 27	49	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50-51	0	0	16	0	0	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	52	3	1	99	0	0	96	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Oct 28	53-54	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		1388	320	5516	870	222	511	103	12	183	3	6	204	

APPENDIX 3 (cont.)

1978

Date	Set	Catch Checked		Catch Tagged		Tags Recaptured		Mark Recoveries	
		Chinook		Coho		Chinook		Coho	
		Large	Jack	Large	Jack	Large	Jack	Large	Jack
Sep 21	1								
	2	11		11					
28	3	5		5					
29	4	240	1	0	0			1	0
Oct 6	5	215		7	32			2	0
TOTAL		471	1	7	48	0		3	0

1979

Sep 21	1-2	158		50	158				1
Oct 2		81		5	81				1
Oct 12		0		30	0				
TOTAL		239		85	239		0	0	2

APPENDIX 4

SCHNABEL-TYPE ESTIMATES OF CHINOOK AND COHO SALMON
POPULATIONS IN COWICHAN BAY.Coho (1976)

Date	Catch Checked C_t	Tags Available M_t	$C_t \times M_t$	Tags Recaptured R_t	Population Estimate
Oct 12	192	186	35712	1	35712
13	84	372	31248	2	15624
14	39	454	17706	1	17706
19	64	505	32320	1	32320
20	217	560	121520	4	30380
21	159	763	121317	8	15165
22	139	910	126490	4	31623
26	56	1053	58968	3	19656
TOTAL				24	
				Average	<u>24773</u>
					Schnabel population estimate <u>21811</u>
					95% confidence limits (15317, <u>35408</u>)

Chinook (1976)

Date	Catch Checked C_t	Tags Available M_t	$C_t \times M_t$	Tags Recaptured R_t	Population Estimate
Oct 7	44	398	17512	4	4378
8	89	425	37825	3	12608
12	145	491	71195	13	5477
13	92	497	45724	6	7621
14	159	578	91902	6	15317
15	153	658	100674	8	12584
26	91	794	72254	9	8028
TOTAL				49	
				Average	<u>9430</u>
					Schnabel population estimate <u>8742</u>
					95% confidence limits (6745, <u>12108</u>)

APPENDIX 4 (cont.)

Large Chinook (1977)

Date	Catch Checked C_t	Tags Available M_t	$C_t \times M_t$	Tags Recaptured R_t	Population Estimate
Sep 23	275	75	20625	4	5156
26	59	334	19706	6	3284
28	314	387	121518	10	12152
29	141	687	96867	24	4036
30	113	795	89835	20	4492
Oct 4	38	803	30514	8	3814
5	37	806	37882	7	5412
6	58	828	48024	8	6003
11	5	870	4350	2	} 14192
13	137	870	119190	2	
18	81	870	70470	7	
19	25	870	21750	2	
20	4	870	3480	1	
26	9	870	7830	2	

TOTAL

103
Average 6505

Schnabel population estimate 6654
95% confidence limits (5540, 8148)

Jack Chinook (1977)

Date	Catch Checked C_t	Tags Available M_t	$C_t \times M_t$	Tags Recaptured R_t	Population Estimate
Sep 28	15	186	2790	4	698
29	19	197	3743	2	1872
30	32	212	6784	2	3392
Oct 4	9	222	1998	2	} 2220
11	11	222	2442	1	
13	20	222	4440	1	

TOTAL

12
Average 2046

Schnabel population estimate 1707
95% confidence limits (1057, 3580)

Combined Estimate: Large Chinook 6654
Jack Chinook 1707
TOTAL 8361

95% confidence limits (6597, 11728)

APPENDIX 4 (cont.)

Coho Salmon (1977)

Date	Catch Checked C_t	Tags Available M_t	$C_t \times M_t$	Tags Recaptured R_t	Population Estimate
Sep 28	152	267	40584	3	13528
29	253	403	101959	3	33986
30	266	638	169708	4	42427
Oct 4	452	884	399568	12	33297
5	331	1302	430962	7	61566
6	248	1615	400520	12	33377
7	166	1842	305772	3	101924
11	213	2000	426000	8	53250
13	222	2194	487068	7	69581
18	630	2397	1510110	26	58081
19	513	2980	1528740	20	76437
20	518	3459	1791762	17	105398
21	775	3947	3058925	48	63728
22	167	4657	777719	4	194430
25	61	4811	293471	4	73368
26	131	4868	637708	3	212569
TOTAL				181 Average	<u>76684</u>
				Schnabel population estimate	<u>67915</u>
				95% confidence limits	(59961, 80422)

APPENDIX 5 SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY AND LIVE COUNTS OF CHINOOK SALMON FROM THE COWICHAN RIVER, 1976 - 1979.

1976

Section	Date	Live Count ^a		Dead Recovery				Floy Tag Recoveries	
		Actual	Estimate	Unmarked			Marked		
				Large	Jack	Combined	Large		Jack
1	Oct. 25	3621	4260			60			
2		74	87			10			
3	26	420	568			24			
4		174	236			-			
5	28	97	129			7			
6	27	289	482			8			
7		451	693			67		2	
1	Nov. 5-15			330	230			1	
2				190	148			4	
3				61	48		0	1	
4				125	68			1	
5				31	6				
6				31	9				
7				18	2				
1	Nov. 17			57	27			4	
2				17	4				
4	Nov. 17 & 19			25	8				
1	Nov. 18			57	37			2	
1	Nov. 22			30	18				
3	23			1	5				
5	24			2	0				
6				6	1				
1	Dec. 2			4	0			1	
2				10	0				
3				3	0				
TOTAL				998	611	176	0	1	16

^aLive counts are from the swim survey, Oct. 25 - 28, 1976.

APPENDIX 5 (cont.)

1977

Section	Date	Live Count		Dead Recovery						Floy Tag Recovery	
				Unmarked			Marked				
		Actual	Estimate	Male	Jack	Female	Unsexed	Male	Jack		Female
1	Nov. 14	30	-	-	4	-	79				1
2	15	30	-	17	4	19					-
3	15	-	-	4	-	8					-
4	16	-	-	5	-	6					-
5	16	-	-	7	-	2					-
1	17	-	-	17	3	54					1
4	19	-	-	6	-	4					-
5	19	-	-	1	-	2					-
1	21	-	-	13	5	52					3
2	22	-	-	10	2	4					-
3	22	-	-	5	2	6					-
4	23	-	-	1	1	-					-
5	23	-	-	1	2	1					-
1	25	-	-	84	8	87					3
2	28	-	-	46	8	45					3
3	28	-	-	15	14	31					-
1	Dec. 1	-	-	-	-	2			1		-
2	2	-	-	3	1	20					-
4	5	-	-	8	-	13					-
1	6	-	-	1	-	3					-
1	12	-	-	1	-	6					-
1	19	-	-	2	-	3					-
2	20	-	-	9	-	12					-
1	27	-	-	1	-	2					-
TOTAL				257	54	382	79		1		11

APPENDIX 5 (cont.)

1978

Section	Date	Live Count	Dead Recovery				Floy Tag Recovery
			Unmarked		Marked		
			Large	Jack	Large	Jack	
1	Oct. 26 ^b		101		1		
1	Nov. 1	310	96	27	1		
1	2	780	167	64			
1	3	410	206	76	1		
1	6		210	73			
4,5,6	7		9	6			
1	8		135	44	2		
2	8		44	8			
1	9		133	55	1		
2	9		22	7			
4	14		39	11	1		
1	21		107	42			1
TOTAL		1500	1269	413	7		1

^b102 fish taken for disease analysis on Oct. 26.

1979

Section	Date	Live Count	Dead Recovery				Floy Tag Recovery
			Unmarked		Marked		
			Female	Male	Female	Male	
1	Nov. 14		95	34		1	1
	15		85	54	2		1
	22		82	45	1		
	23		32	21	1		1
	26		45	30			1
	29		36	15	1		2
	Dec. 3		49	43			
TOTAL			424	242	5	1	6

APPENDIX 6

COHO SALMON SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY DATA FROM THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH SYSTEM, 1976 AND 1977.

Stream	Section	Date	Live Count		Dead Recovery						Disk Tag Recovery	Water			Weather
			Actual	Estimate	Unmarked				Marked			Visibility	Level	Temp. °C	
					Male	Jack	Female	Unsexed	Male	Female					
Cowichan River	1	Oct 25	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	25	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	26	47	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	26	29	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	28	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	27	13	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7	27	140	233	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	Nov 5 to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	Nov 15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	"	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	"	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	"	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	"	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7	"	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	Nov 17	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	4	Nov 17 & 19	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	3	Poor	Rising	-	-
	1	18	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	22	-	5000	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	2	23	-	2000	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	23	-	1000	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	24	-	0	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	24	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	Dec 2	947	5000	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	Poor	Stable	7.5	Cold, foggy
	2	2	184	700	-	-	-	21	-	-	5	"	"	7.5	"
	3	2	140	400	-	-	-	20	-	2	1	"	"	7.5	"
	1	7	1248	4000	32	3	14	-	-	-	4	Good	"	9	Rain
	1	14	1358	4000	42	2	24	-	1	1	1	"	Rising	9	Overcast
	1	20	736	4000	24	-	14	-	-	-	2	Medium	"	8	Rain
	2	21	268	700	20	3	19	-	-	-	-	Good	"	8.5	L. rain
	3	21	192	500	8	2	6	-	-	1	-	"	"	8.5	"
	3 side	21	107	200	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	"	"	8.5	"
	1	29	107	3000	18	-	18	-	-	-	2	"	"	8	Clear
	2	29	83	800	12	-	5	-	-	1	-	"	"	8	"
	3	29	50	300	9	-	4	-	-	-	1	"	"	8	"
	1	Jan 3	518	2500	32	1	43	-	-	1	-	"	Stable	7	L. overcast
	2	3	71	500	14	1	17	-	-	-	-	"	"	7	"
	3 ^a	3	88	500	12	2	11	-	-	2	-	"	"	7	"
	3 ^a	7	144	350	16	6	23	-	-	2	-	"	"	7	"
	1	13	494	1500	48	-	65	-	3	-	1	"	Dropping	6	"
	2	13	36	150	64	-	56	-	-	2	-	"	"	6	"
	3	13	30	150	20	-	21	-	1	1	-	"	"	6	"
	3	16	26	70	19	1	23	-	-	-	-	"	Stable	7	L. rain
	1	18	186	500	10	1	8	-	-	1	-	Medium	Rising	7	Rain
	2	18	11	150	8	-	18	-	-	1	-	"	"	7	"
	1	21	102	300	19	-	27	-	1	-	-	Good	Stable	7	Clear
	2	21	6	75	8	1	7	-	2	-	-	"	"	7	"
	3	21	17	75	7	-	13	-	-	1	-	"	"	7	"
	1	26	99	300	13	-	14	-	1	-	-	"	"	6	"
	2	26	0	25	9	3	12	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	3	26	16	50	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	1	31	40	100	3	1	3	-	-	1	-	Medium	Dropping	6	Rain
	2	31	3	20	4	1	8	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	3	31	3	20	4	-	6	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	1	Feb 4	78	125	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	Good	"	6	Overcast
	2	4	3	20	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	3	4	0	0	0	-	3	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	1	7	14	75	6	-	9	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	Clear
	2	7	5	20	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	3	7	6	20	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"
	1,2,3	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
		Totals			514	28	513	87	9	17 ^b	24				

^aIncludes side channels 1,2, and 3.

^bDoes not include 1 mark recovery Dec. 3 in Sec. 4.

APPENDIX 6 (cont.)

1976

Stream	Section	Date	Live Count		Dead Recovery				Disc Tag Recovery	Visibility	Water		Weather		
			Actual	Estimate	Unmarked			Marked			Level	Temp. °C			
					Male	Jack	Female	Unsexed						Male	Female
Pastuch Creek		Nov 30	3	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	Good	Stable	5	Clear	
		Dec 7	3	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	6	Rain	
		15	14	20	1	-	Unknown	-	-	-	"	Rising	7	"	
		19	23	40	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	Stable	5	Clear	
		22	9	15	1	-	5	-	-	-	"	"	6.5	Overcast	
		30	21	40	-	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	5	Clear	
		Jan 4	6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	Dropping	3.5	Overcast	
		6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	Stable	3	Clear	
		10	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	3.5	Overcast	
		14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	4	"	
		17	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	Medium	Rising	4	Rain	
		19	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	5	Overcast	
		TOTALS				7	-	11	0	0	0				
	Rebertson River	A	Nov 30	58	70	1	-	1	-	-	-	Good	Stable	3.5	Clear
B		30	16	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	3.5	"	
C		Dec 1	36	50	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	3.5	"	
O		6	33	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	5	L. rain	
A		7	89	120	8	-	10	-	-	-	"	"	7	"	
B		7	62	72	-	-	2	-	-	1	"	"	7	"	
C		7	41	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	7	"	
A		15	21	100	1	-	2	-	-	-	Poor	Rising	7.5	Rain	
A		19	48	100	1	-	3	-	-	-	Good	Stable	5	Clear	
B		19	129	150	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	5	"	
C		19	36	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	5	"	
A side		19	76	80	4	1	6	-	-	-	"	"	5	"	
A		22	123	150	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	8	"	
B		22	149	200	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	6	Overcast	
C		22	36	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"	
A side		22	18	25	2	-	4	-	1	-	"	"	8.5	"	
A		30	8	10	-	-	3	-	-	-	"	"	5	Clear	
B		30	18	35	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	5	"	
C		30	0	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	5	"	
A side		30	45	50	8	2	6	-	-	-	"	Dropping	8	"	
A	Jan 4	13	20	1	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	4	Overcast		
B	4	1	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	4	"		
C	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	4	"		
A side	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	7	"		
A	6	11	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	3.5	Clear		
A side	10	0	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	Stable	7	Overcast		
A	10	7	10	-	-	3	-	-	-	"	"	4	"		
A	14	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	4.5	"		
A side	19	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	"	Rising	7	"		
	TOTALS				36	3	54	-	0	1					
Mesachie Creek		Dec 1	8	15	1	-	3	-	-	-	"	Stable	7	Clear	
		7	2	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	7.5	Rain	
		15	18	20	5	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	7.5	"	
		19	34	40	1	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	7	Clear	
		22	26	30	2	1	3	-	-	-	"	"	7	Overcast	
		30	83	100	2	-	4	-	-	-	"	Rising	6.5	Clear	
		Jan 4	26	35	7	-	11	-	-	-	"	Dropping	6	Overcast	
		6	7	16	3	-	10	-	-	-	"	Stable	6	Clear	
		10	0	0	1	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	5	Overcast	
		14	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	5	"	
	17	0	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	5	Rain		
	TOTALS				26	1	39	0	0	0					

APPENDIX 6 (cont.)

1976

Stream	Section	Date	Live Count		Dead Recovery				Disk Tag Recovery	Visibility	Water		Weather		
			Actual	Estimate	Unmarked			Marked			Level	Temp. °C			
					Male	Jack	Female	Unsexed						Male	Female
Rotary Park	Slough	Dec 20	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	Good	Stable	6	Overcast	
	"	27	7	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	10.5	Clear	
	Creek	28	6	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	6	"	
	Slough	29	12	15	-	-	2	-	-	-	"	"	10.5	"	
	Creek	30	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	"	9	"	
	Slough	30	14	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	9	"	
	Creek	Jan 5	2	10	1	1	4	-	-	1	-	"	"	7	"
	Slough	6	0	5	0	1	3	-	-	-	-	"	"	7	"
	Creek	10	2	2	11	8	9	-	-	-	-	"	"	8	Overcast
	"	17	0	0	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	"	"	9	Rain
	"	19	10	15	1	2	1	-	-	-	Medium	Rising	7	Clear	
	"	24	1	1	8	1	4	-	-	1	Good	Stable	7.5	Overcast	
	"	31	3	5	5	2	9	-	-	2	"	Dropping	7.5	Rain	
	"	Feb 2	2	5	7	8	7	-	-	1	1	"	Stable	7.5	Cloudy
	"	4	2	5	3	2	5	-	-	1	-	"	"	8	"
	"	7	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	1	-	"	"	7.5	Clear
	"	11	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	"	"	7.5	Rain
	TOTALS				46	28	53	0	5	6					
Cowichan Side Channel (IR #5)		Dec 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Good	Stable	-	"	
		15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	"	
		23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	Clear	
		30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	Clear	
		Jan 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	"	
Bible Camp Side Channel		Dec 6	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	"	"	7.5	Rain	
		15	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	Rising	9	"	
		23	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	Stable	8	Clear	
		30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	"	
		Jan 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	7	"	
		14	-	-	0	1	2	-	-	-	"	"	6.5	Overcast	
	TOTALS				0	1	3	2	0	0					
Kelvin Creek		Nov 24	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	Good	Stable	7	Clear	
		Dec 8	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	8	Rain	
		16	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Poor	Rising	8	Overcast	
		23	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	1	Good	Stable	6	Clear	
		31	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	Rising	6.5	"	
		Jan 5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	Stable	2	"	
		10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	2.5	Overcast	
		17	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	Rising	5	Rain	
		19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Poor	"	-	"	
	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-		
	TOTALS				7	0	5	0	0	0					

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				Actual	Estimate	Unmarked			Marked			Floy	Double				
						Male	Jack	Female	Male	Jack	Female						
Cowlchan River	1	Nov 14	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	9.5	rain
	3	15	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	poor	stable	9.5	rain
	4	16	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	9.5	sunny
	5	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	9.5	sunny
	1	17	2	100	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	medium	stable	9.5	cloudy
	4	19	2	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	poor	dropping	7.5	sunny,clear
	5	19	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	poor	dropping	7.5	sunny,clear
	1	21	3	73	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	dropping	8	sunny,cold
	2	22	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	7	sunny
	3	22	3	-	-	3	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	7	sunny
	4	23	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	7	cloudy
	5	23	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	7	snowing
	1	25	3	18	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	7	heavy rain
	2	28	4	33	-	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	7	rain
	3	28	4	18	-	5	-	8	-	-	-	2	-	poor	rising	7	rain
	1	Dec 1	4	211	-	17	-	18	-	-	-	3	-	medium	rising	7	rain
	2	2	4	18	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	7.5	rain
	3	2	4	17	-	3	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	medium	rising	7.5	rain
	4	5	5	-	-	7	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	6	frosty
	1	6	5	97	-	13	-	9	-	-	-	2	-	medium	rising	7	rain
	2	7	5	22	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	medium	stable	6	frosty
	3	7	5	21	-	6	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	medium	stable	6	frosty
	4	8	5	-	-	5	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	5.5	frosty
	5	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	-
	1	12	6	358	-	15	-	18	-	-	-	2	-	medium	rising	6	rain
	1	19	7	105	-	36	2	22	1	-	1	-	-	medium	dropping	6	frosty
	2	20	7	40	-	34	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	medium	dropping	6	frosty
	3	20	7	71	-	26	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	medium	dropping	6	-
	4	21	7	-	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	poor	dropping	5	frosty
	5	21	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	dropping	5	frosty
	1	21	7	140	-	11	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	6	clear, cool
	2	22	7	266	-	39	-	31	-	-	-	1	1	good	dropping	6	clear, cool
	3	22	7	197	-	18	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	6	clear, cool
	1	27	8	709	1500	75	3	123	-	-	-	2	1	good	dropping	6	clear, sunny
	2	28	8	138	-	93	3	101	4	-	2	2	1	medium	stable	5.5	rainy, cold
	4	29	8	39	-	40	1	49	-	-	1	-	-	good	stable	5	rain
	1	Jan 3	9	188	500	16	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	5	snow, rain
	1	4	9	260	500	11	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	rain, warm
	2	4	9	93	500	40	-	60	-	-	2	1	1 ^b	good	rising	-	rain, warm
	3	4	9	50	200	16	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	rain, warm
	4	5	9	-	-	11	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	4	rain
	5	5	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	rain
	1	10	10	299	2000	152	5	237	4	-	4	5	-	good	rising	5	overcast
	1	11	10	73	150	64	-	58	2	-	1	3	-	good	stable	5	light rain
	2	12	10	102	500	171	4	190	-	-	1	6	-	good	stable	5	rain
	3	13	10	66	200	122	2	112	3	-	-	1	-	good	stable	-	overcast, mild
	3	16	11	129	300	88	-	102	-	-	2	2	-	medium	stable	5	rain
	4	17	11	5	-	30	2	32	-	-	1	1	-	poor	stable	5	overcast
	5	17	11	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	5	overcast
	1	18	11	203	1000	98	4	124	1	-	-	1	-	good	stable	5.5	overcast
	1	19	11	-	1600	129	1	107	-	-	-	2	1 ^b	-	stable	-	overcast, mild
	2	19	11	-	200	27	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	stable	-	overcast, mild
	2	20	11	86	200	93	4	129	-	-	2	3	-	good	stable	5.5	rain
	3	23	12	257	500	102	-	97	-	-	1	1	-	good	stable	-	light rain
	3	24	12	120	200	92	-	102	-	-	-	1	-	good	stable	5	overcast
	1	25	12	583	700	43	-	60	-	-	2	-	-	good	stable	5	overcast
	2	26	12	136	250	39	2	73	-	-	1	-	-	good	stable	5	overcast
	3	26	12	28	75	25	2	31	1	-	1	2	1	good	stable	5	overcast
	7	26	12	106	150	14	-	21	-	-	1	-	-	good	stable	5	overcast
	3	27	12	-	-	52	-	69	-	-	-	2	1 ^b	good	stable	6	overcast
	1	30	13	235	500	35	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	4.5	overcast, cold
	2	31	13	24	40	48	-	82	-	-	-	1	-	good	dropping	5	snowing
	3	31	13	-	-	31	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	5	snowing
	3	Feb 2	13	-	-	53	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	rising	-	raining
	7	3	13	13	20	14	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	3	13	4	-	6	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	No date	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL						2113	40	2455	17	0	25	51	8			

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				Actual	Estimate	Unmarked			Marked			Floy	Double				
						Male	Jack	Female	Male	Jack	Female						
Robertson River	1,2	Nov 8	1	41	55	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	good	-	-	overcast
	1A	8	1	6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	-	-	overcast
	1	15	2	28	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	7.5	occasional rain
	1A	15	2	321	340	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	good	stable	7.5	occasional rain
	1,2,3	21	3	81	110	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	3	-
	1A	22	3	106	106	6	2	18	-	-	-	1	-	good	stable	6.5	-
	1A	24	3	2	2	20	-	54	-	-	7	1	-	good	stable	7	cloudy
	1A	29	4	355	400	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	medium	rising	4.5	clear, sunny
	1A	30	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,2,3	Dec 5	5	140	185	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	6	snowing
	1A	5	5	203	203	6	-	16	1	-	3	1	-	good	dropping	7.5	snowing
	1	8	5	30	30	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	3	frosty
	1A	8	5	142	150	8	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	6.5	frosty
	1A	12	6	121	350	2	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	poor	rising	5	raining
	1A	15	6	527	550	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	6	raining
	1A	19	7	218	225	14	3	36	1	-	1	2	-	good	low,stable	6.5	frosty
	1,2,3	19	7	254	280	6	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	good	low,stable	4.5	frosty
	1A	22	7	134	134	12	-	31	1	-	2	-	-	good	low,stable	6	frosty
	-	23	7	2	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	7	sunny, warm
	1A	28	8	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	2	clear
	1A	28	8	6	10	18	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	5	-
	1A	Jan 3	9	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	good	low,stable	5	snowing
	1,2,3	3	9	12	12	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	good	low,stable	3	snowing
	1A	9	10	121	121	2	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	light rain
	1A	12	10	97	97	18	2	5	3	-	-	-	-	good	stable	6	raining
	1A	18	11	3	3	11	-	29	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	overcast
	1A	23	12	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	good	low,stable	5	light rain
	TOTAL						135	12	254	9	0	22	9	0			
Mesachie Creek	ME	Nov 8	1	12	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	-	overcast
	ME	15	2	160	200	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	-	overcast
	ME	22	3	154	160	3	1	4	-	-	1	2 ^c	-	good	stable	8	occasional rain
	ME	24	3	-	-	8	1	8	2	-	1	-	-	good	stable	-	cloudy
	ME	28	4	185	250	3	2	3	1	1	5	-	-	good	stable	6	rain
	ME	30	4	180	200	7	-	7	1	-	2	-	-	good	stable	6.5	light rain
	ME	Dec 6	5	72	150	4	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	good	rising	5.5	heavy rain
	ME	8	5	155	155	2	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	good	stable	5	-
	ME	12	6	31	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	poor	rising	5	heavy rain
	ME	19	7	159	200	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	5	frosty
	ME	23	7	165	225	6	1	13	-	-	2	2	1 ^b	good	low,stable	-	clear, cool
	ME	28	8	194	250	11	-	19	-	-	1	-	-	medium	stable	4	clear, cool
	ME	Jan 3	9	9	9	32	-	38	1	-	-	-	-	good	low,stable	2	snowing
	ME	9	10	26	26	9	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	light rain
	ME	12	10	5	5	5	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	good	stable	4	rain
	ME	18	11	9	-	2	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	overcast
	ME	23	12	13	13	1	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	good	low,stable	-	light rain
	TOTAL						148	7	99	6	1	15	5	3			
Half Way Creek	HW	Dec 6	6	28	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	good	rising	-	heavy rain
	HW	13	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	rain
	HW	14	6	16	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	heavy rain
	HW	20	7	7	-	2	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	good	dropping	-	frosty, cold
	HW	23	7	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	-	warm, sunny
	HW	Jan 9	10	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	light rain
TOTAL						3	0	10	1	0	5						

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				Actual	Estimate	Unmarked			Marked			Floy	Double					
						Male	Jack	Female	Male	Jack	Female							
Covichan Side Channel	C Sch	Nov 16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	9	overcast	
		Dec 1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	7.5	-
		12	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	6.5	heavy rain
		14	6	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	-	heavy rain
		20	7	43	50	2	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	6.5	frosty, cold
		23	7	15	20	6	1	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	6	sunny, warm
		29	8	1	1	4	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	4	rain
		Jan 9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	rain
		18	11	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	overcast
		24	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	overcast
		TOTAL						13	4	46	1	0	0					
		Bible Camp Side Channel	BC	Nov 16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	9
25	3			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	7	rain
29	4			1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	stable	7	clear, sunny
Dec 1	4			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	medium	rising	7	light rain
12	6			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	-	-
14	6			-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	7	heavy rain
20	7			2	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	medium	stable	5	frosty, cold
23	7			17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	-	6	sunny, warm
28	8			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	3.5	rain
Jan 4	9			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	medium	drop	6	light rain
18	11			8	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	overcast
24	-			5	5	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	low, stable	6	overcast
TOTAL						6	1	7	0	0	0							
Rotary Park	RP	Nov 16	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	9.5	overcast	
		22	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	7	sunny, clear
		Dec 5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		8	5	14	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		16	6	20	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		21	7	18	25	4	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Jan 4	7	11	25	5	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		5	9	52	100	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		13	10	100	200	7	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		19	11	198	300	54	5	69	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		25	12	80	150	26	1	41	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Feb 1	13	-	-	5	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		3	13	35	40	16	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		No Date							5						-	-	-	-
		TOTAL						123	6	155	9	0	4					
Kelvin Creek	K	Nov 9	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	poor	rising	5	heavy rain	
		X1 ^e	9	1	41	60	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
		X	17	2	31	50	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		X1	17	2	124	150	9	1	17	3	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
		X1	21	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		X	22	3	2	2	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		K1	22	3	6	15	5	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		K1	30	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
		X	Dec 6	5	5	15	4	2	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		X1	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
		K	16	6	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
		KJ	16	6	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
		X	21	7	2	5	4	2	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
		X	30	8	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		TOTAL						29	5	55	7	1	12	4	1			
Pastuch	PA	Nov 8	1	10	20	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	good	-	-	-	
		15	2	110	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	medium	stable	-	occasional rain
		21	3	55	55	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	dropping	3	sunny, clear
		26	3	52	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	3	overcast
		29	4	70	70	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	4	clear, sunny
		Dec 5	5	38	45	3	1	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	good	stable	4	snowing
		8	5	13	13	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	good	stable	2	frosty
		12	6	76	100	2	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	good	rising	4	heavy rain
		15	6	62	75	8	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	good	stable	5.5	rain
		19	7	112	115	9	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	3.5	frosty
		22	7	73	75	5	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	good	low, stable	4	clear, cool
		28	8	3	5	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	low, stable	2	clear, cool
		Jan 3	9	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	low, stable	5	snowing
		9	10	34	34	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	rising	-	light rain
		12	10	23	23	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	stable	4	raining
		17	11	8	8	1	2	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	good	stable	5	overcast
		23	12	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	good	low, stable	4	light rain
TOTAL						38	4	53	2	0	4	3	0					

^a Does not include loose tags.

^b Disk tag not attached.

^c One recovery with disk tag only; one recovery with floy tag only.

^d Robertson River side channel.

^e Glenora Creek.

APPENDIX 7 RECOVERY DATA FOR CHINOOK SALMON TAGGED IN COWICHAN BAY, 1976 - 1979.

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location Recovered	Sex
<u>1976</u>				
<u>Dead Recovery</u> ^a				
06132	Sep 30	Nov 17	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
06154	"	Nov 13	" " " 4	M
06591	Oct 5	Nov 17	" " " 1	F
07405	Oct 7	Nov 10	" " " 2	F
07421	"	"	" " " 2	M
07518	Oct 13	Nov 11	" " " 3	F
07566	"	Nov 18	" " " 1	F
07623	Oct 14	Nov 6	" " " 2	F
07626	"	Nov 17	" " " 1	F
07654	"	Nov 6	Cowichan R. Skutz Falls	F
07671	Oct 15	Nov 18	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
07690	"	Nov 8	" " " 1	F
07737	"	Nov 24	" " " 6	F
07756	"	Nov 10	" " " 2	F

Total = 14 recoveries

Sports Fishery

07498	Oct 12	Oct 30	Cowichan Bay	M
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Indian Spear Fishery

06067	Sep 30	Oct 20	Lower Cowichan R.	F
06088	"	Oct 25	" " "	M
06174	"	-	" " "	M
06401	Oct 5	Oct 25	" " "	F
06407	"	-	" " "	F
06526	"	Oct 25	" " "	M
06587	"	-	" " "	M
07423	Oct 7	Oct 14	" " "	M
07424	"	Oct 25	" " "	M
07466	Oct 8	-	" " "	F
07485	"	Oct 25	" " "	M
07543	Oct 13	-	" " "	F
07619	Oct 14	Oct 28	" " "	M
07698	Oct 15	Oct 25	" " "	M
07704	"	Oct 20	" " "	M
07746	"	Nov 7	" " "	F
07747	"	Oct 25	" " "	F

Total = 17 recoveries

1977

Dead Recovery

06309	Sep 22	Nov 22	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
06321	"	Nov 28	" " " 2	F
06335	"	"	" " " 2	F
06662	Sep 23	"	" " " 2	M
06785	"	Nov 14	" " " 1	F

^a 2 carcasses recovered in the Oct 25-28 swim survey are not included.

APPENDIX 7 (cont.)

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location Recovered	Sex
06945	Sep 26	Nov 17	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
10074	Sep 28	Nov 22	" " " 1	F
10134	"	Nov 21	" " " 1	F
10138	"	"	" " " 1	F
10379	Sep 29	Nov 22	" " " 1	F
10392	"	Nov 21	" " " 1	F
				Total = 11 recoveries
<u>Sports Fishery</u>				
06222	Sep 22	Oct 23	Cowichan R. Skutz Falls	M(J)
06256	"	Oct 5	" " " "	M(J)
X06687	Sep 23	-	" " " "	F
X06717	"	Oct 10	Cowichan R. Bible Camp Slough	M
10046	Sep 28	"	Cowichan Bay	M
				Total = 5 recoveries
<u>1978</u>				
<u>Dead Recovery</u>				
B19545	Oct 6	Nov 21	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	M
<u>Sports Fishery</u>				
B19529	Sep 21	Oct 4	Cowichan R. bridge	F
<u>1979</u>				
<u>Dead Recovery</u>				
19625	Sep 21	Nov 14	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
19653	"	Nov 26	" " " 1	M
19766	Oct 2	Nov 14	" " " 1	F
19816	"	Nov 29	" " " 1	M
19976	Sep 21	Nov 29	" " " 1	F
19986	"	Nov 15	" " " 1	F
				Total = 6 recoveries
<u>Adult Collection</u>				
19644	Sep 21	Oct 28	Road Pool, L. Cowichan	F
19674	"	Oct 26	" " " "	F
19782	Oct 2	Oct 29	" " " "	F
19788	"	Oct 29	" " " "	F
19805	"	Oct 28	" " " "	F
19850	"	Oct 29	" " " "	F
				Total = 6 recoveries
<u>Sport Fishery</u>				
12114	Sep 21	Oct 7	Separation Point	F

APPENDIX 8 RECOVERY DATA FOR COHO SALMON TAGGED IN COWICHAN BAY, 1976 and 1977.

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location Recovered	Sex
<u>Spawning Ground Dead, 1976</u>				
X0024	Oct 6	Dec 7	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	M
X0099	"	"	" " " 1	M
X0150	"	Nov 17	" " " 4	M
X0205	Oct 12	Dec 2	" " " 2	M
X0423	Oct 15	"	" " " 1	F
X0500	"	Nov 17	" " " 1	M
X0504	"	Dec 7	" " " 1	M
X0529	Oct 19	Jan 13	" " " 1	M
X2032	Oct 20	Dec 2	" " " 2	M
X2117	"	Dec 2	" " " 2	M
X2149	"	Dec 2	" " " 2	F
X2174	"	Dec 7	" " " 1	F
X2223	"	Nov 22	" " " 1	M
X2232	"	Dec 20	" " " 1	M
X2245	"	Dec 2	" " " 3	M
X2257	"	Nov 19	" " " 4	F
X2281	Oct 21	Dec 2	" " " 1	M
X2285	"	Dec 20	" " " 1	M
X2298	"	Dec 29	" " " 3	F
X2301	"	Dec 7	Robertson R.	F
X2372	"	Dec 29	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
X2388	"	Dec 23	Kelvin Ck.	M
X2460	Oct 22	Nov 19	Cowichan R. Sec. 4	M
X2462	"	Dec 14	" " " 1	M
X2463	"	Dec 2	" " " 2	M
X2509	Oct 26	Dec 29	" " " 1	F

Total = 26 recoveries

Sport Fishery, 1976

X0033	Oct 6	Oct 16	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay, Whiskey Point	F
X0056	"	Oct 13	San Juan Islands	M
X0096	"	Nov 10	Area 7A, Salmon Banks	F
X0294	Oct 12	Oct 17	Saanich Inlet, Bamberton Shore	F
X0331	"	Oct 20	Washington	F
X0369	"	Oct 28	"	F
X0481	Oct 15	Oct 22	Cowichan Bay	F
X0483	"	Oct 16	Cowichan Bay	F
X0486	"	Oct 22	Cowichan Bay	M
X0489	"	Oct 20	Cowichan Bay	F
X2013	Oct 20	Oct 31	Cowichan Bay	F
X2033	"	Oct 24	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	M
X2091	"	Nov 2	Area 7A, Salmon Banks	F
X2153	"	Nov 7	Cowichan Bay, Cherry Point	M
X2178	"	"	"	F
X2259	Oct 21	Oct 22	Cowichan Bay	M

APPENDIX 8 (Cont.)

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location Recovered	Sex
X2264	Oct 21	Nov 11	Cowichan River, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below Skultz Falls	F
X2322	"	"	Cowichan R., Stoltz pool	F
X2397	Oct 22	Nov/76	Lake Cowichan	M
X2506	Oct 26	Nov 20	Cowichan Bay	M

Total = 20 recoveries

Native Fishery, 1976

X0053	Oct 6	-	Lower Cowichan R.	M(J)
X0089	"	-	" " "	M
X0109	"	Oct 25	" " "	M
X0110	"	-	" " "	M
X0129	Oct 7	Nov 1	" " "	F
X0134	"	-	" " "	F
X0195	Oct 12	-	" " "	F
X0242	"	-	" " "	M
X0247	"	-	" " "	M
X0271	"	-	" " "	M
X0273	"	-	" " "	M
X0302	"	-	" " "	F
X0325	"	-	" " "	M
X0396	Oct 13	Nov 15	" " "	M
X0440	"	-	" " "	M
X0472	Oct 14	-	" " "	M
X0503	Oct 15	-	" " "	F
X0507	"	Oct 30	" " "	F
X0558	Oct 19	-	" " "	M
X2061	Oct 20	-	" " "	M
X2082	"	-	" " "	F
X2088	"	-	" " "	F
X2142	"	-	" " "	F
X2152	Oct 21	-	" " "	M
X2210	"	-	" " "	M
X2258	"	-	" " "	M
X2269	"	-	" " "	F
X2315	"	-	" " "	M
X2390	Oct 22	-	" " "	M
X2412	"	-	" " "	M
X2416	"	-	" " "	M
X2448	"	-	" " "	F
X2474	"	-	" " "	M
X2526	Oct 26	-	" " "	M

Total = 34 recoveries

Spawning Ground Dead, 1977

08179	Sep 26	Nov 17	Glenora Ck.	-
08375	Sep 28	Nov 23	Robertson R., Sec.1A	-
08390	"	Dec 1	Cowichan R. Sec.1	F

APPENDIX 8 (cont.)

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location Recovered	Sex
18687	Oct 13	Dec 12	Cowichan R. Sec.1	-
18726	Oct 18	"	" " " 1	-
18737	"	Jan 12	" " " 2	F
18762	"	Dec 1	" " " 1	F
18781	"	Dec 6	" " " 1	-
08644	Sep 30	Nov 24	Robertson R. Sec. 1A	-
08997	Oct 4	Nov 29	" " "	F
09083	"	Dec 6	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
09123	"	Dec 19	Robertson R. Sec. 1	F
09322	Oct 5	Dec 12	Pastuch Creek	-
09477	"	"	Robertson R. Sec. 1A	-
09487	"	Nov 28	Cowichan R. Sec. 3	-
09530	"	Dec 15	Pastuch Creek	-
09603	"	Dec 8	" "	-
09622	Oct 6	Nov 22	Kelvin Creek	M
09640	"	Dec 27	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	-
09688	"	Nov 23	Mesachie Creek	-
09748	"	Dec 5	Robertson R. Sec. 1A	-
10522	Oct 11	Dec 29	Cowichan R. Sec. 2	-
10549	"	Dec 19	Robertson R. Sec. 1A	-
10586	"	Dec 12	" " "	F
10607	"	Jan 11	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	M
10686	"	Dec 12	Mesachie Creek	-
10914	Oct 18	Jan 12	Cowichan R. Sec. 2	F
10964	"	Dec 28	" " " 2	-
10970	"	Nov 28	" " " 3	-
B26505	Oct 21	Jan 26	" " " 3	F
B26507	"	Nov 17	" " " 1	-
B26520	"	Jan 16	" " " 3	M
B26567	"	Jan 24	" " " 3	M
B26593	"	Jan 12	" " " 2	-
B26604	"	Jan 11	" " " 1	F
B26613	"	"	" " " 1	F
B26629	"	Jan 4	" " " 2	-
B26649	"	Jan 20	" " " 2	M
B26672	"	Jan 16	" " " 3	M
B26695	"	Dec 19	Robertson R. Sec. 1A	-
B26700	"	Jan 31	Cowichan R. Sec. 2	M
B26754	"	Dec 22	Mesachie Creek	-
B26833	"	Jan 10	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
B26895	"	Jan 19	" " " 1	F
B26924	"	Nov 15	" " " 3	-
B26958	"	Dec 1	" " " 1	F
B26999	"	Dec 22	Mesachie Creek	-
B26529	"	Nov 17	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	-
B27595	"	Jan 20	" " " 2	F
B27671	"	Jan 19	" " " 1	F
B27700	"	Jan 20	" " " 2	F
B28505	Oct 18	Jan 10	" " " 1	F

APPENDIX 8 (cont.)

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location	Sex
B28506	Oct 18	Dec 21	Kelvin Creek	-
B28532	"	Nov 19	Cowichan R. Sec. 5	-
B28547	"	Jan 12	" " " 2	F
B28556	Oct 18	Jan 10	" " " 1	F
B28660	Oct 18	Jan 18	" " " 1	F
B28673	"	Dec 28	" " " 2	-
B28680	"	Nov 9	Glenora Creek	-
B28698	"	Jan 10	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	M
B28771	"	Jan 12	" " " 2	F
B28810	Oct 19	"	" " " 2	M
B28817	"	Jan 26	" " " 3	M
B28852	"	Jan 27	" " " 3	F
B28898	"	Dec 27	" " " 1	-
B28927	"	Jan 27	" " " 3	-
B29014	"	Nov 15	" " " 3	-
B29132	Oct 20	Jan 13	" " " 3	M
B29152	"	Jan 12	Mesachie Creek	-
B29155	"	Jan 10	Cowichan R. Sec. 1	F
B29234	"	Jan 23	" " " 3	F
B29483	Oct 21	Jan 17	" " " 4	M

Total = 72 recoveries

Spawning Ground Dead, Double Tagged, 1977

X07053/ /X10101	Oct 19	Jan 4	Cowichan R. Sec. 2	-
	"	Nov 23	Mesachie Creek	F
X07276/X10306	Oct 20	Nov 17	Glenora Creek	-
X07309/ X07391/X10418	"	Jan 27	Cowichan R. Sec. 3	-
	"	Dec 27	" " " 1	-
B27753/X10451	Oct 23	Dec 7	" " " 3	-
B27920/ B27923/ B27926/ B27931/X10605	Oct 25	Jan 19	" " " 1	-
	"	Nov 23	Mesachie Creek	F
	"	Dec 22	" "	F
	"	"	Cowichan R. Sec. 2	-
B27947/ B28061/X10719	"	Jan 26	" " " 3	-
	Oct 26	Dec 28	" " " 2	-

Total = 12 recoveries

Sport Fishery, 1977

08028	Sep 22	Oct 14	Cowichan R., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile below Silver Bridge	F
08087	Sep 23	Oct /77		-
08204	Sep 26	Oct 14	Cowichan Bay	-
08259	"	Oct 10	Cowichan R., Stone Church	-
08471	Sep 29	Dec 22	Buckam's Creek	-
08528	"	Oct 13	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay, Whiskey Point	-
08623	"	Nov 19	Cowichan River	-

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Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location	Sex
08741	Sep 30	Dec 10	Sooke; Donaldson Is.	-
08757	"	Oct 14	San Juan Is., Pile Point	-
08768	"	Oct 12	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	-
08783	"	Fall/77	Cowichan Bay	-
08798	Sep 29	Oct 4	Friday Harbour, Wa.	-
08822	Sep 30	-	Separation Pt., Cowichan Bay	M
08837	"	Oct 22	Cowichan R., Rotary Park	-
09006	Oct 4	Oct 16	Saanich Inlet, Mill bay	-
09008	"	Oct 10	Saanich Inlet, Brentwood	M
09109	"	Oct 8	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	-
09233	"	Sep 8/78	Cowichan River	M
09241	"	Oct 9	Hatch Point	-
09382	Oct 5	Oct 10	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	-
09388	Oct 5	Nov 9	Cowichan R., Riverbottom Road	-
09503	"	Oct 12	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	F
09566	"	Oct 11	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay, Whiskey Point	F
09647	Oct 6	-	Cowichan Bay	-
09765	"	Oct 9	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	F
09888	Oct 7	Oct 12	Saanich Inlet, Mill Bay	-
09920	"	Oct 22	Cowichan River, Rotary Park	-
10552	Oct 11	Oct 19	Sandheads, troll	-
10556	"	Nov 27	Mesachie Creek	M
10660	"	Oct 21	Cowichan R., Quamichan area	-
10673	"	Nov 29		F
18703	Oct 13	Nov 16	Robertson River	M
18750	Oct 18	Oct/77	Koksilah River	-
B26563	Oct 21	Nov 5/78	Cowichan River, Stoltz Pool	F
B26583	Oct 21	Nov 7	Cowichan River, Sawdust Pool	M
B26584	"	Oct 21	Cowichan Bay	-
B26587	"	-	Torrey Point	-
B26670	"	Nov 6	Cowichan R., BCFP pumphouse	F
B26742	"	Nov 7	Cowichan R., Riverbottom Road	-
B26750	"	Jan 1	Cowichan R., Silver Bridge	M
B26810	"	Nov 2	Cowichan R., 3 miles below Skutz Falls	-
B26816	"	Oct 15		-
B26822	"	Nov 16	Sutton Ck., Honeymoon Bay	-
B26890	"	Oct 30	Cowichan R., Stoltz Pool	-
B27609	"	Nov 13	Cowichan River	F
B27673	"	Dec 21	Robertson. 1A	M
B27705	"	Nov 11	Cowichan R., Black Bridge	-
B28534	Oct 18	Dec 26	Cowichan R., 1 mile below Skutz Falls	-
B28548	"	Oct 27	Cowichan Bay	-
B28593	"	Oct 20	Cowichan Bay	-
B28610	"	Nov 27	Cowichan River	F
B28679	"	Nov 8	Cowichan River	F

APPENDIX 8 (cont.)

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location	Sex
B28710	Oct 18	Nov 4	Lake Cowichan weir	-
B28752	"	Nov 12	Lake Cowichan weir	-
B28884	Oct 19	Oct/77	Cowichan R., Near L. Cowichan	-
B28904	"	Nov 29	Cowichan R., Skutz Falls	-
B29027	"	Nov 27	Sutton Creek	M
B29061	"	Oct 23	Cowichan Bay	-
B29067	"	Nov 30	Robertson 1A	-
B29160	Oct 20	Nov 14	Cowichan River	F
B29164	"	Dec 1	Cowichan R., Riverbottom road	-
B29260	"	Nov 12	Cowichan R., Skutz Falls	F
B29263	"	Oct 22	Satellite Channel, Cherry Pt.	M
B29300	"	Oct 29	Cowichan River	M
B29314	"	Nov 15	Cowichan River	F
B29349	"	Dec 26	Cowichan River, 1 mile below Skutz Falls	-
B29479	Oct 21	Nov 2	Cowichan River	M

Total = 67 recoveries

Sport Fishery Double Tagged, 1977

X07129/X10158	Oct 19	Oct 27	Cowichan R., Riverbottom Road	-
X07240/ /X10269	"	Nov 8	Cowichan River	F
	"	Nov 11	" "	M
X07329/ X07338/	Oct 20	Nov 21	" "	M
X07342/X10371	"	Oct 30	Cowichan River, Stoltz pool	-
X07366/X10394	"	Oct/77	Koksilah River	-
X07379/X10406	"	Oct 30	Cowichan River, Skutz Falls	-
B27756/X10454	"	Nov 15	Cowichan River Section 3	-
B27795/ B27865/X10554	Oct 23	Nov 10	Cowichan River	-
	"	Oct 31	Cowichan River, Stoltz pool	-
B28001/X10666	Oct 23	Nov 7	Cowichan R., Riverbottom road	-
B28014/X10677	Oct 26	Dec 3	Cowichan River	-
B28077/X10732	"	-	" "	-
B28196/X10842	"	Oct/77	Cowichan R., near L. Cowichan	-
	Oct 27	Nov 9	Cowichan River	-

Total = 15 recoveries

Angler Carcass, 1977

08993	Oct 4	Nov/77	Lake Cowichan	-
09596	Oct 5	-	Lake Cowichan, Creek	-
09733	Oct 6	Nov 16/77	Richard Creek	-
10745	Oct 13	Dec 7/77	Nixon Creek, L. Cowichan	-
10567	Oct 11	Nov/77	Solly Creek, Westholme	-
B26572	Oct 21	-	Koksilah River	M
B26846	"	Nov/77	Lake Cowichan, Creek	-
B26887	"	Nov 24/77	Goldstream River, Victoria	-
B29143	Oct 20	Feb 26/78	Cowichan River, Skutz Falls	-
B29222	"	Oct/77	Lake Cowichan, Creek	-
B29265	Oct 20	Nov 16/77		

Total = 11 recoveries

APPENDIX 8 (cont.)

Tag Number	Date Tagged	Date Recovered	Location	Sex
<u>Angler Carcass, Double Tagged, 1977</u>				
10875/	Oct 18	Nov/77	Lake Cowichan, Creek	-
X07067/	Oct 19	"	" " "	-
/X10329	Oct 20	Jan/78	Cowichan River	-
/X10599	Oct 25	Oct/77	Lake Cowichan	-
B27925/	"	Nov/77	Mesachie Lake	-
B28062/X10720	Oct 26	Jan 4/78	Cowichan River, near Duncan	-

Total = 6 recoveries

Native Fishery, 1977

08092	Sep 23	Feb 10	Qualicum	
09678	Oct 6	-	Lower Cowichan River	
10514	Oct 11	-	" " "	
10667	Oct 11	-	" " "	
10718	Oct 13	Oct 22	Cowichan River	
10957	Oct 18	Oct 25	Cowichan River	
B28790	Oct 18	Oct 20	Cowichan River	
B29198	Oct 20	Oct 22	Cowichan River	
B26996	Oct 21	Nov 16	Cowichan River, Silver Bridge	
X07282/X10312	Oct 20	Nov 16	Cowichan River, Silver Bridge	
/X10239	Oct 19	-	Lower Cowichan River	
/X10068	Oct 18	-	Lower Cowichan River	
/X10669	Oct 26	-	Lower Cowichan River	

Total = 13 recoveries

APPENDIX 9

PETERSEN-TYPE POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR RECOVERY OF LARGE TAGGED CHINOOK AND COHO ON THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH SPAWNING GROUNDS.

Chinook Recovery Period	No. of fish tagged in estuary	Tags Unavailable for Recovery				Tag ^a Loss	Tags Available for Recovery ^b (M)	Tags Recovered ^c (R)	Carcasses Examined (C)	Petersen Estimate
		Sport Fishery	Native Fishery	Loose Tags	Other Tags					
Nov 5 - Dec 2, 1976	784	1	17		2 ^e	25%	573	14	998	38228
Nov 14 - Dec 27, 1977	870	5				25%	649	11	719	39000
Nov 1 - Nov 21, 1978	48					25%	36	1	1175	21756
Nov 14 - Dec 3, 1979	239	1			6 ^d	25%	174 ^d	6	657	16450
<u>Coho</u>										
Oct 25, 1976 - Feb 6, 1977	1097	20	33	1		55%	470	26	1420	24789
Nov 8, 1977 - Feb 3, 1978	5111	99	13	20		25%	3734	84	5878	258330

^aTag loss calculation from Appendix 10.

^bNo. tagged in estuary with corrections for tags not available for recovery on spawning grounds and tag loss.

^cSwim survey tag recoveries not included.

^dRecoveries during collection of chinook for egg takes.

^eRecoveries during river float counts.

APPENDIX 10 CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE TAG LOSS FROM SPAWNING GROUND RECOVERIES OF COWICHAN ESTUARY DOUBLE-TAGGED COHO.

Source of Tags	Total Recaptures	No. of Recoveries		
		Both Tags	Spaghetti Only	Disk Only
Estuary Purse Seining	16	6	1	9
Sport Fishermen	15	10	4	1
Native Fishermen	4	1	0	3
Angler Carcass Recovery	6	1	3	2
Spawning Ground Dead Recovery	12	5	6	1
TOTAL	53	23	14	16
TOTAL ^a	18	6	9	3
Percentage Retention		33	50	17
Percentage Loss			17	50
Adjusted percentage tag loss ^b			25%	55%

^aIncludes only angler and spawning ground carcass recoveries.

^bAdjustment for percentage which lose both tags.

APPENDIX 11

CHINOOK AND COHO SALMON DIEL MIGRATION PATTERN AT THE
SKUTZ FALLS COUNTING TOWER, BASED ON 24-HOUR COUNTS,
DURING PEAK MIGRATION IN THE GOWICHAN RIVER IN 1976.

Time (hrs)	Oct. 26 - Nov. 4		Nov. 2 - 11
	<u>Chinook</u>		<u>Coho</u>
	Large	Jack	
0 - 2	2.5	3.5	4.0
2 - 4	3.5	2.0	2.5
4 - 6	4.5	2.0	2.5
6 - 8	5.0	3.0	6.5
8 - 10	8.5	5.5	7.5
10 - 12	15.0	13.5	13.0
12 - 14	24.5	17.5	15.5
14 - 16	14.0	13.0	15.5
16 - 18	9.5	10.5	11.5
18 - 20	7.5	13.5	9.0
20 - 22	4.0	10.5	8.0
22 - 24	2.0	5.5	4.5

CHINOOK AND COHO SALMON DIEL MIGRATION PATTERNS BASED ON 24-HR COUNTS FROM A TOWER LOCATED AT DUNCAN WATERWORKS PUMPHOUSE, COWICHAN RIVER, 1977.

Chinook

Time	Sep 20-27		Sep 28-Oct 4		Oct 5-10		Oct 11-15		Oct 16-18	
	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)
0-2	8.3	18.2	24.5	24.0	26.9	16.7	33.3	12.5	14.4	17.5
2-4	0	24.2	16.3	19.0	30.8	13.0	27.1	15.6	13.6	15.0
4-6	25.0	9.1	8.2	17.4	7.7	9.3	25.0	28.1	14.4	15.0
6-8	33.3	21.2	8.2	3.3	0	7.4	4.2	3.1	9.8	7.5
8-10	0	6.1	5.1	2.5	15.4	1.9	2.1	0	2.3	0
10-12	0	9.1	0	0	7.7	0	0	0	2.3	2.5
12-14	8.3	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	0	2.3	15.0
14-16	16.7	0	11.2	14.9	3.8	3.7	2.1	3.1	0	0
16-18	0	3.0	3.1	5.8	0	0	0	0	21.2	10.0
18-20	0	0	0	0	0	3.7	2.1	0	0	0
20-22	8.3	3.0	6.1	2.5	7.7	9.3	0	6.3	9.8	7.5
22-24	0	6.1	17.3	10.7	0	35.2	0	31.3	9.8	10.0
Actual Count	12	33	98	121	26	54	48	32	132	40

Time	Oct 19-20		Oct 21-22		Oct 23-25		Oct 26-27	
	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)	Large (%)	Jack (%)
0-2	2.0	26.7	40.0	0	20.0	43.2	23.1	0
2-4	0	20.0	10.0	18.8	13.3	5.4	27.7	0
4-6	4.1	20.0	20.0	31.3	13.3	2.7	10.8	0
6-8	4.1	6.7	0	0	6.7	10.8	3.1	0
8-10	2.0	0	0	0	20.0	5.4	1.5	0
10-12	18.4	13.3	10.0	0	0	0	4.6	0
12-14	28.6	0	0	12.5	0	0	6.2	0
14-16	36.7	0	0	0	6.7	0	7.7	0
16-18	0	0	0	0	6.7	5.4	9.2	0
18-20	2.0	0	0	6.3	0 ^a	0 ^a	4.6	0
20-22	0	6.7	10.0	6.3	0	16.2	1.5	0
22-24	2.0	6.7	10.0	25.0	13.3	10.8	0	0
Actual Count	49	15	10	16	30	37	130 ^b	0

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Coho

Time	Oct5-10 (%)	Oct11-15 (%)	Oct16-18 (%)	Oct19-20 (%)	Oct21-22 (%)	Oct23-24 (%)	Oct26-27 (%)	Adjusted Mean(%) ^c
0-2	75	11.1	26.2	13	21.4	1.6	4.1	2.9
2-4	25	22.2	4.3	8.7	21.4	6.8	2.9	4.5
4-6		44.5	4.3	0	7.1	12.8	2.4	7.1
6-8			4.3	10.9	0	33.7	2.1	16.2
8-10			0	26.0	0	23.7	2.6	12.0
10-12			0	2.2	0	3.8	15.8	10.4
12-14			26.2	2.2	7.1	1.2	22.9	13.2
14-16			0	0	14.3	3.5	13.6	9.1
16-18			21.7	0	0	7.0	11.8	9.7
18-20			0	10.9	0	4.2 ^a	6.4	5.5
20-22			8.7	19.6	17.9	1.0	8.2	5.0
22-24		22.2	4.3	6.5	10.8	0.7	7.2	4.4
Actual Count	12	9	23	46	28	3236	3990 ^b	7226

^aAveraged value.

^bAdjusted count due to poor visibility.

^cMean percent of daily migration, obtained from 24-hour counts prior to and following peak migration, used to estimate the peak coho migration on October 25.

APPENDIX 13 DAILY MIGRATION OF CHINOOK AND COHO SALMON PAST THE COUNTING TOWER LOCATIONS.

1976

Date	Chinook								Coho				Mean Water Temp.	Visibility	Weather
	Hours Counted		Actual Count				Daily Estimate ^d		Actual Count		Daily Estimate ^d				
			Large		Jack		Large	Jack	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.			
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.					
Sep 18	-	19-22	-	-	-	10	-	100	-	-	4	-	100%	-	
19	00-07	15-24	6	5	18	38	26	118	1	1	4	-	"	-	
20	00-07	19-24	8	-	29	18	27	120	1	-	6	-	"	-	
21	00-03	17-24	3	2	7	28	22	112	-	-	4	-	"	showers	
22	00-07	-	1	-	25	-	15	80	-	-	8	-	"	overcast	
23	-	17-24	-	-	-	25	23	108	-	1	0	15.5	"	"	
24	00-12	12-24	4	-	10	16	8	52	-	-	0	"	"	clear	
25	00-07	17-24	-	-1	4	13	2	39	-	-	0	"	"	clear	
26	00-07	17-24	4	2	18	10	14	58	-	-	3	16.5	"	clear	
27	00-05	18-24	-	1	12	12	6	68	1	-1	4	16	"	"	
28	00-06	-	1	-	11	-	8	56	2	-	0	16.5	"	"	
29	00-06	19-24	3	3	6	10	16	59	-	-	0	17	"	"	
30	00-06	18-24	3	2	6	8	10	40	-	-	0	18	"	"	
Oct 1	00-06	-	2	-	4	-	8	24	-	-	0	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	25	-	-	0	17	100%	overcast	
3	-	18-24	-	2	-	6	8	26	-	-	0	17	"	"	
4	00-06	18-24	-	1	12	15	7	68	-	-	0	17	"	"	
5	00-06	-	-	-	9	-	4	36	-	-	0	17	"	"	
6	-	18-24	-	1	-	13	8	46	-	-	0	17	"	clear	
7	00-06	-	-1	-	5	-	5	32	-	-	0	17	"	"	
8	-	18-24	-	5	-	18	16	55	-	-	0	16	"	rain	
9	00-05	-	2	-	4	-	10	42	-	-	0	16	"	overcast	
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	39	-	-	0	-	-	-	
11	-	18-24	-	-1	-	7	6	32	-	-	0	16	100%	overcast	
12	00-06	-	2	-	9	-	10	42	-	-	0	16	"	-	
13	-	18-24	-	1	-	5	6	22	-	-	0	16	"	clear	
14	00-06	-	2	-	7	-	8	30	-	-	0	16	"	"	
15	-	18-24	-	4	-	23	14	74	-	-	0	16	"	"	
16	00-06	-	-	-	14	-	8	56	-	-	0	15.5	"	"	
17	-	18-24	-	4	-	20	20	63	-	-	0	15	"	"	
18	-	18-24	-	6	-	17	32	78	-	-	0	14	"	"	

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1976

Date	Hours Counted		Chinook						Coho				Mean Water Temp.	Visibility	Weather
			Actual Count				Daily Estimate ^d		Actual Count		Daily Estimate ^d				
	A.M.	P.M.	Large		Jack		Large	Jack	A.M.	P.M.	Large	Jack			
Oct 19	00-06	-	4	-	8	-	20	42	1	-	6	14	100%	-	
20	-	18-24	-	1	-	33	14	106	-	-	0	14	"	clear	
21	00-06	-	3	-	7	-	22	50	-	-	0	14	"	-	
22	-	18-22	-	-	-	37	12	140	-	2	10	13.5	"	cloudy	
23	-	12-24	-	8	-	12	30	72	-	2	10	13	"	"	
24	00-12	19-24	3	6	60	11	24	141	-1	-	2	13	"	rain	
25	00-06	-	2	-	14	-	18	70	2	-	10	12	"	"	
26	-	18-24	-	22	-	36	90	168	-	-	6	13	"	cloudy	
27	00-07	18-24	11	39	22	50	108	162	-	-	0	12.5	"	"	
28	00-05	17-24	38	26	19	14	116	146	-	-	0	12.5	"	"	
29	00-06	17-24	11	16	7	23	66	72	-1	1	6	12	"	clear	
30	00-12	12-24	24	59	30	46	166	152	-	4	6	11.5	95-80	rain	
31	00-07	19-24	11	16	8	6	64	34	-	-	0	12	95-80	"	
Nov 1	00-07	17-24	4	16	25	55	46	178	-	2	8	12	100	clear	
2	00-12	12-24	72	134	53	107	408	320	58	581	1212	11.5	70-100	"	
3	00-12	12-24	40	40	29	48	170	160	344	630	1966	12	75-100	"	
4	00-12	12-14	21	12	15	18	74	84	177	213	1040	12	100	"	
		16-24													
5	00-12	12-14	-8	15	6	2	22	18	121	96	530	12	"	cloudy	
		16-22													
6	00-06	08-12	17	14	16	15	66	66	23	46	142	10.5	"	clear	
7	00-12	12-14	-2	3	3	0	9	2	20	18	99	11.5	"	cloudy	
		16-22													
8	00-06	12-14													
		16-22	-3	2	5	5	-5	28	58	94	428	12	"	cloudy	
9	00-12	12-24	-6	7	10	2	2	24	73	88	324	12.5	"	clear	
10	00-06	12-14													
		16-22	3	-1	8	5	6	30	61	48	302	12.5	100	"	
11	00-06	08-12	-1	-2	6	-3	-6	6	45	15	184	11.5	100	"	
12	00-04	16-20	0	-3	2	16	-6	58	17	35	170	11	80	foggy	
		16-20												clear	
13	00-04	08-12	-3	-2	1	-2	-	-	9	17	128	10.5	60-100	foggy	

1976

Date	Hours Counted		Chinook						Coho			Mean Water Temp.	Visibility	Weather
			Actual Count			Daily Estimate ^d			Actual Count		Daily Estimate ^d			
	A.M.	P.M.	Large	Jack	Large	Jack	Large	Jack	A.M.	P.M.				
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.						
Nov 14	00-04	16-20	0	-2	0	2	-	-	16	12	198	10.5	80-100	overcast
15	00-04													
	08-12	20-24	-3	2	9	2	-	-	44	21	244	11.5	100	rain
16	-	16-20	-	0	-	3	-	-	-	92	1401	11	100	"
17	00-04													
	08-12	14-18	1	4	1	1	-	-	188	90	1014	10.5	80-20	heavy rain
18														
	-	13-20	-	-3	-	1	-	-	-	354	1600	11.5	0-90	heavy rain clear
19		12-14												
	08-12	16-20	-1	9	0	-1	-	-	613	586	4500	10.25	100	cloudy
20	00-06	12-14												
	08-12	16-22	4	-2	-1	0	-	-	274	155	1256	10	100	cloudy
21	00-06	12-14												
	08-12	16-22	3	5	-1	0	-	-	95	27	434	10	100	-
22	08-12	16-20	-1	6	0	0	-	-	52	10	270	10	100	cloudy
23	08-12	16-20	4	1	0	0	-	-	29	11	240	10.5	100	cloudy
24	08-12	16-20	-1	2	0	0	-	-	10	11	110	10.25	80-100	rain
Total			774		1428	1900 ^e	4100 ^e		5598		17900 ^e			

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1977

Date	Chinook								Coho		% Visibility	Weather	Remarks	
	Actual Count				Daily Estimate ^d				Actual Count	Daily Estimate ^d				
	Large		Jack		Large		Jack							
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.				
Sep 20	04-08		5		5		9		17			100	rain	Continuous counts
21							17 ^a		54 ^a					No counts
22	04-12	12-24	7	4	15	4	24		90	1	2	50-100	clear/rain	Diel counts begin; rain started
23	00-04	17-19	1	0	14	0	24		64			40-100	rainy periods	
24	05-07	17-19	5	0	25	0	34		301			100	overcast	Flow increased by 100 cfs at Lake Cowichan
25	05-07		14		16		96		212			100	heavy overcast	Fish moving on far side
26	05-07		13		25		89		331			100	clear	
27	05-07	18-20	6		18	1	41		131			100	mist rising	
28	05-07		1		16							60	rain	
		10-12	1	1	4	4	73		462			100	overcast rain	
29	05-07		2		25							100	misty	Continuous counts
		10-12	0	5	6	17	85		462			100	sunny	Continuous counts
30	05-07		11		17							100	overcast	Continuous counts
		08-12	5	37	3	41	188		208			100	overcast	
Oct 1	00-08		56		60		196		188			100	rain	
2	00-03	12-13	23	0	51	0	141		305			100	cloudy	
3	00-03		12		41		74		245 ^a			100	mist rising	Poor visibility on far side
4		18-19		0		0	48 ^a		144 ^a			100	overcast	
5	00-03		0		5		48 ^a		43					
6	00-03		0		6							100	clear	
	06-07		1		2							100	drizzle misty	Continuous counts
		11-12	0	4	0	2						100		
		17-19		0		0	22		67			100		
7	00-03		5		12							100	mist rising	
		08-12	6	3	1	28	36		107			100	rain	
8	00-04	12-24	15		16		52		101	12	24	100	overcast	
9	04-08	23-24	2	0	9	1	52		58			100	clear	
10		12-14		0		0	35 ^a		71 ^a			100	clear	Water level down
11	00-03	23-24	3	1	11	4	17		83			100	overcast clear	
12	00-01		3		5					3		100	clear	
	05-08	12-13	2	2	4	0				1	1	100	rain	
		16-24		1		12	51		78	2	21	100		
13	00-12	12-16	44	3	19	1	96		64	7	0	100	clear	
14	00-04	23-24	17	2	10	4	63		64	3	0	100	clear	
15	00-04		24		30					13		100	overcast	

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1977

Date	Hours Counted		Chinook				Daily Estimate ^d		Coho		% Visibility	Weather	Remarks	
			Actual Count		Daily Estimate ^d		Actual	Daily	Count	Estimate ^d				
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Large	Jack	A.M.	P.M.				
Oct 15	11-12		0		1		79	221	2		91	100		
16	00-04	13-24	27	57	13	11	231	71	6	14	50	100	clear	Water 12°C, visibility poor 1530-1630
17	00-12	12-13	75		23		256	71	10		38	100	clear	Water 11°C
18	01-04	12-13	27	1	13	0			2	0		100	overcast	
		16-17		0		0	146	61		0	5	100	rain	
19	00-04		10		8		216 ^a	34	1		9	98	overcast	One chinook downstream
20	00-04		72		25				15			90-100	clear	
	11-12	12-24	9	34	2	4	286	93	0	18	92	30-100	sunny	Visibility poor 1300-1500
21	00-12	12-24	6	2	11	8	16	38	28	14	84	10-100	rain	Visibility poor 0000-0200
22	00-11		8		8		21	32	15		60	70-100	overcast	Visibility poor 0400
23	00-04	21-24	28	4	57	7	137	190	66	39	2079	30-100	rain	One chinook downstream, water silty
24	00-12	12-18	22	4	25	2	64	74	2664	378	6465	60-100	overcast	Visibility poor
25 ^b		14-15		0		0	111 ^a	37 ^a		539	39,495 ^c	30	overcast	Water silty
26 ^b	10-11	12-24	1	11	0	0	194	0	141	1341	7,991 ^c	80-85	overcast	Water silty
27 ^b	00-12	12-16	46	9	0	0			515	280			overcast	Two coho downstream
		20-24		5		0	350	0		73	5,068 ^c	80	overcast	
28 ^b	00-12	12-24	3	10	0	0	52	0	82	343	2,124 ^c	80	rain	Three coho downstream
29	00-01		0		0				6				rain	Water rising, heavy silt, counts terminated
TOTAL			818		808		3700 ^e	4900 ^e	6635		64,000 ^e			

^aInterpolated counts.

^bCounts made once per hour.

^cDaily estimates adjusted according to % visibility for Oct. 25-28.

^dDaily estimates obtained from % migration counted from 24 hour tower counts.

^eRounded total.

CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE SPAWNING ABOVE AND BELOW THE TOWER LOCATION (SKUTZ FALLS) FROM DEAD RECOVERIES.

	Dead Recovery					
	Above Skutz Falls			Below Skutz Falls		
<u>Chinook</u>						
	<u>Large</u>	<u>Jack</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Jack</u>	<u>Total</u>
No.	760	517	1277	238	94	332
%	76%	82%	79%	24%	18%	21%
<u>Coho</u>						
Main River			1133			82 ^a
Tributaries and side channels			145			178
			<u>1278</u>			<u>292</u>
			TOTAL			
						81%
						19%

^aFigure obtained from proportion in dead recovery below Skutz Falls in 1977 due to limited coverage of sections in 1976.

APPENDIX 15 FLOAT COUNTS OF ADULT SALMON AND TROUT IN THE COWICHAN RIVER, 1976 TO 1979.

1976

Date	Section	Estimated % Observed ^a	Chinook						Coho		Chum	Rainbow/Cutthroat	Brown Trout
			Count			Estimate			Count	Estimate	Estimate	Trout Estimate	Estimate
			Large	Jack	Carcasses	Large	Jack	Carcasses					
Oct25	1	85	805	2816	60	947	3313	71	6	7	0	1625	192
-28	2	85	42	32	10	49	38	12	0	0	0	51	13
	3	74	165	255	24	223	345	32	47	55	0	26	8
	4	74	87	87	-	118	118	-	29	39	3	27	18
	5	75	76	21	7	101	28	9	1	1	0	16	0
	6	60	190	99	8	317	165	13	14	23	15	17	0
	7	65	426	25	67	655	38	103	142	236	325	238	2
Total			<u>1791</u>	<u>3335</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>2410</u>	<u>4045</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>239^b</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>233</u>
Total Chinook			<u>5302</u>			<u>6695</u>							

^aIndicate the proportion of the fish represented by the count for each section.

^bIncludes 3 coho carcasses.

1977

Oct 3	1		244	192					10		0		19
- 6	2		297	392					19		1		6
	3,4		127	234					41		0		0
	5		72	52					2		0		0
	6		4	3					2		0		0
Total			<u>744^b</u>	<u>873</u>									<u>25</u>
Total Chinook			<u>1617</u>										

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1977

Date	Section	Estimated % Observed	Chinook						Coho		Chum	Rainbow/Cutthroat	Brown Trout
			Count			Estimate			Count	Estimate	Estimate	Trout Estimate	Estimate
			Large	Jack	Carcasses	Large	Jack	Carcasses					
Oct17	1		598	532					92		0		14
-20	2 ^a		332	347					79		0		-
	3 ^a		313	163					71		0		-
	4		95	41					23		0		-
	5		238	98					744		2		-
	6		66	3					147		1		-
Total			1642 ^c	1184 ^d					1156		3		-
Total Chinook			2826										

^aActual counts adjusted, depending on percentage visibility.

^bIncludes 1 large chinook carcass.

^cIncludes 8 large chinook carcasses.

^dIncludes 1 jack chinook carcass.

1978

Sep 26	1	75	922	524	0	1229	699	0	160	213	-		45
- 28	2	75	630	640	0	840	853	0	194	259	-		4
	3	50	108	56	0	216	112	0	59	118	-		0
	4	35	90	135	2	257	386	6	117	334	-		0
Total			1750	1355	2	2542	2050	6	530	924	-		49
Total Chinook			3106				4598						
Oct16	1	60	1414	2294	11	2357	3823	18	1528	2547	0		0
- 18	2	75	564	957	0	752	1276	0	484	645	2		27
	3	75	533	414	5	711	552	6	848	1131	0		0
	4	75	85	81	3	113	108	4	552	736	1		0
	5	80	107	102	1	134	128	1	1364	1705	2		1
	6	80	65	82	3	81	103	4	475	594	0		0
Total			2768	3930	23	4148	5990	33	5251	7358	5		28
Total Chinook			6721				10171						

APPENDIX 15 (cont.)

1978

Date	Section	Estimated % Observed	Chinook						Coho		Chum	Rainbow/Cutthroat	Brown Trout
			Count			Estimate			Count	Estimate	Estimate	Trout	Estimate
			Large	Jack	Carcasses	Large	Jack	Carcasses					
Nov 15	1	75	689	524	100	919	133	699	1648	2197	5		-
Combined Total			<u>1313</u>		<u>100</u>		<u>1751</u>						

1979

Sep 21	1 ^a		6	6									
	2		150	400									
	3 ^b		30	41									
	5		48	22									
Total			<u>234</u>	<u>469</u>		<u>1150</u>	<u>1950</u>						
Oct 11	1		914	903		2750	-		362	1750			
Nov 6	1		-	-		7000	-						

^a Only 15% of Section 1 was floated.

^b 47% of Section 3 was floated.

APPENDIX 16 INCIDENCE OF CWT (%) IN COHO AND CHINOOK RETURNS TO THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH STUDY AREA

Coho (1976-1977)

Sampling Location	Fish Examined				Tagging Location	CWT Code	No. of CWT Returns					CWT(%)				
	Male		Female				Male		Female		Unsexed	Male		Female		Total
	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃			3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂
Estuary	689		478		Rotary Park	10/2/5	2		4					.29	.84	.51
						9/2/5	3		3				.44	.63	.51	
						6/2/5	0		3		1	0		.63	.34	
						14/2/5			2					.42	.17	
						Total	5		12		1		.73	2.52	1.53	
Dead Recovery 639			726		Rotary Park	10/2/5	4		7		1		.63	.96	.88	
						9/2/5	4		11				.63	1.5	1.1	
						6/2/5			1			0		.14	.07	
						14/2/5	2		2		1		.31	.28	.37	
						Total	10		21		2		1.57	2.88	2.42	
Overall	15		33		3		1.13	2.74	2.01							

Coho (1977-1978)

Estuary	2907	127	2336	146	Rotary Park	5/2/7	2		5				.07	.21	.13
						6/2/7	5		6			.17	.26	.21	
					Pastuch Ck.	9/2/7	10		5			.34	.21	.29	
					C.S.Channel	14/2/7			1			.04		.02	
						10/2/7	4		4			.14	.17	.15	
					Mesachie Ck.	7/2/7	10		6			.34	.26	.31	
						8/2/7	8	1	18			.28	.79	.77	.50
						13/2/7	8		13			.28	.56	.40	
						11/2/5	9		11			.31	.47	.38	

APPENDIX 16 (cont.)

Sampling Location	Fish Examined				Tagging Location	CWT Code	No. of CWT Returns					CWT(%)							
	Male		Female				Male		Female		Unsexed	Male		Female		Total			
	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃			3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃		
					Kelvin Ck.	3/2/7	12		14	1		1		.41		.60	.68	.50	.37
						4/2/7	11		12					.38		.51		.44	
						Total	79	1	95	1		1		2.78	.79	4.02	.68	3.33	.74
Dead Recovery	2541	70	3218	52	Rotary Park	5/2/7	4		6					.16		.19		.17	
						6/2/7	4		7					.16		.22		.19	
					Pastuch Ck	9/2/7	2		2					.08		.06		.07	
					C.S. Channel	14/2/5	1							.04				.02	
						10/2/7	3		4					.12		.12		.12	
					Mesachie Ck.	7/2/7	3		3					.12		.09		.10	
						8/2/7	11		17			1		.43		.53		.50	
						13/2/7	4	1	5				1.4	.16		.16		.15	.82
						11/2/5	3		15			1		.12		.47		.33	
					Kelvin Ck.	3/2/7	3		9			1		.12		.28		.23	
						4/2/7	2		4			1		.08		.12		.12	
						Total	40	1	72			4		1.59	1.4	2.24		2.0	.82
					Overall		119	2	167	1		5		2.18	1.01	3.01	.51	2.65	.76

APPENDIX 16 (cont.)

Chinook

Sampling Location	Fish Examined						CWT Code	No. of CWT Recoveries						CWT (%)									
	Large			Female				Jack	Large			Female			Jack	Large			Female				
	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁			3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁		3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁		
1976																							
Estuary							16	7/2/5							0								
Dead recovery							612								1								
								Overall															
1977																							
Estuary	402					128	-	7/2/5	2							.5							
Dead recovery	148					25	320	1/2/7							4								
							54																
								Overall	2							4	.36						
1978																							
Estuary	41	117			21	240	7/2/5	0	1			0	1				.85				.42		
Dead recovery	96	279			51	608	7/2/5			1			1				.36				.16		
								1/2/7							1				1.04				
								Overall	1	2			0	2				.73	.51			0	.24
1979																							
Estuary			153	0			207	32	7/2/5							1							3.1
Dead recovery			185	0			121	19	7/2/5			1							5.26				
								1/2/7							2				1.65				
								Overall			1			2	2				.30	.61			3.9

APPENDIX 17 AGE COMPOSITION OF CHINOOK SALMON IN THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH STUDY AREA.

1976

Sampling Location	Date	Male(%)				Sample Size	Female(%)			Sample Size
		2 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁		3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	
Cowichan Estuary	Sept. 30	3.6	45.5	43.6	7.3	55	12.8	83	4.2	47
	Oct. 5 - 13		23.1	76.9		13	7.7	92.3		26
	Overall	2.9	41.2	50	5.9	68	11	86.3	2.7	73
Spawning Ground Dead Recovery ^a	Nov. 5 - 19		39.1	56.5	4.4	46	10.6	83	6.4	47

^aJacks not included in sample; jacks represented 38.3% of total recovery over this time period.

APPENDIX 17 (cont.)

1978

Sampling Location	Date	Male(%)						Female(%)					
		2 ₁	3 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₁	5 ₁	5 ₂	Sample Size	3 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₁	5 ₁	Sample Size
Spawning Ground	Nov. 1		20		80			10			92.9	7.1	14
Dead Recovery	2		8.3		83.4	8.3		12	9.1		75.8	15.1	33
	3	15.4	23.1	7.7	38.5	7.7	7.7	13	4.4		73.9	21.7	23
	6	28.3	19.6		50	2.2		46	3.5		77.2	19.3	57
	9	14.3	28.6		57.1			21	17.2	3.4	75.9	3.4	29
	14	57.1			42.9			7			100		11
	Overall	20.2	19.3	1.0	56.0	2.8	1.0	109	6.6	.6	79.0	13.8	167

1979

Sampling Location	Date	Male(%)				Female(%)			
		3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	Sample Size	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	Sample Size
Spawning Ground	Nov.14-15	50	50		16	10.3	75.9	13.8	29
Dead Recovery	Nov.22-26	61.9	39.1		21	44.4	52.8	2.8	36
	Nov.29 -	100	0		2	31.6	52.6	15.8	19
	Dec.3								
	Overall	59	41		39	29.8	60.7	9.5	84

APPENDIX 18 SEX COMPOSITION OF ADULT CHINOOK (JACKS NOT INCLUDED)
 RETURNS TO THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH STUDY AREA.

	Male	Female	Sample Size
<u>1976</u>			
Cowichan Estuary	41.4	58.6	768
Cowichan R. dead recovery	48.0	52.0	102
Overall	42	58	870
<u>1977</u>			
Cowichan Estuary	39.9	60.1	865
Cowichan R. dead recovery	40.2	59.8	639
Overall	40	60	1504
<u>1978</u>			
Cowichan Estuary	35.5	64.5	470
Cowichan R. dead recovery	34.1	65.9	273
Overall	35	65	743
<u>1979</u>			
Cowichan Estuary	52.2	47.8	253
Cowichan R. dead recovery	30.7	69.3	127
Overall	45	55	380

APPENDIX 19 PERCENT BY TAGGING WEEK IN THE COWICHAN ESTUARY OF MALE,
FEMALE AND JACK CHINOOK DETERMINED EXTERNALLY.

1976

Period	Male		Female		Jack		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	101	54.9	80	43.5	3	1.6	184
Oct. 5 - Oct. 8	97	33.3	191	65.7	3	1.0	291
Oct. 12 - Oct. 15	120	39.6	179	59.1	4	1.3	303
Overall	318	40.9	450	57.8	10	1.3	778

1977

Period	Male		Female		Jack		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Sept. 22 - 23	95	18.6	236	46.2	180	35.2	511
Sept. 26 - 30	222	43.5	247	48.5	41	8.0	510
Oct. 4 - 7	28	42.4	37	56.1	1	1.5	66
Overall	345	31.8	520	47.8	222	20.4	1087

1978

Period	Male		Female		Jack		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Sept. 21	2	18.2	9	81.8	0	0	11
Sept. 28 - 29	99	40.4	145	59.2	1	.4	245
Oct. 6	66	30.7	149	69.3	0	0	215
Overall	167	35.5	303	64.3	1	.2	471

1979

Period	Male		Female		Jack		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Sept. 21	85	53.8	73	46.2			158
Oct. 2	41	50.6	40	49.4			81
Oct. 12	6	42.9	8	57.1			14
Overall	132	52.2	121	47.8			253

APPENDIX 20

NOSE-FORK LENGTH FREQUENCY BY AGE CLASS OF
CHINOOK SEINED IN THE COWICHAN ESTUARY.

1976

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male		Female	
	3 ₁	4 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁
66.0 - 67.9	1			1
68.0 - 69.9				0
70.0 - 71.9			1	0
72.0 - 73.9		1		2
74.0 - 75.9				0
76.0 - 77.9	1		1	0
78.0 - 79.9	1	1		1
80.0 - 81.9				2
82.0 - 83.9		1		1
84.0 - 85.9				5
86.0 - 87.9				4
88.0 - 89.9		1		3
90.0 - 91.9		4		2
92.0 - 93.9				2
94.0 - 95.9				1
96.0 - 97.9		1		0
98.0 - 99.9		1		0
Sample Size	3	10	2	24
Mean	74.0	88.3	74.4	84.7
S.D.	5.67	7.91	4.03	6.8

APPENDIX 20 (cont.)

1977

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male				Female		
	<u>2</u> ₁	<u>3</u> ₁	<u>4</u> ₁	<u>5</u> ₁	<u>3</u> ₁	<u>4</u> ₁	<u>5</u> ₁
42.0 - 43.9	1						
44.0 - 45.9	7						
46.0 - 47.9	2						
48.0 - 49.9	2						
50.0 - 51.9	5						
52.0 - 53.9	4	1					
54.0 - 55.9	3						
56.0 - 57.9	2						
58.0 - 59.9		1	1				
60.0 - 61.9		1					
62.0 - 63.9		2			1		
64.0 - 65.9					3		
66.0 - 67.9		3	1				
68.0 - 69.9		9	1		1		
70.0 - 71.9		2			1	1	
72.0 - 73.9		1	2		2		
74.0 - 75.9		4					
76.0 - 77.9		3				2	
78.0 - 79.9		1	1			2	
80.0 - 81.9			1			4	
82.0 - 83.9		1	1			8	
84.0 - 85.9			1			3	
86.0 - 87.9						6	
88.0 - 89.9						4	1
90.0 - 91.9			2			5	
92.0 - 93.9						1	
94.0 - 95.9						2	
96.0 - 97.9							
98.0 - 99.9						1	
100.0 - 101.9						1	
102.0 - 103.9							1
104.0 - 105.9							
106.0 - 107.9							
108.0 - 109.9							
110.0 - 111.9							
112.0 - 113.9							1
114.0 - 115.9							
116.0 - 117.9							
118.0 - 119.9							
120.0 - 121.9						1	
Sample Size	26	29	11		8	41	3
Mean	49.6	69.8	77.0		67.9	85.0	101.1
S.D.	4.10	6.32	9.95		4.09	14.61	11.32

APPENDIX 20 (cont.)

1978

Frequency Interval	Age 3 ₁ ^a	Age 4 ₁ ^a	Total ^b
68.0 - 69.9	1		1
70.0 - 71.9			0
72.0 - 73.9			0
74.0 - 75.9			0
76.0 - 77.9			0
78.0 - 79.9		0	1
80.0 - 81.9		1	3
82.0 - 83.9		3	3
84.0 - 85.9		2	3
86.0 - 87.9		3	4
88.0 - 89.9		8	13
90.0 - 91.9		5	9
92.0 - 93.9		2	3
94.0 - 95.9		2	3
96.0 - 97.9		2	6
98.0 - 99.9		0	1
Sample Size	1	28	50
Mean	69.3	89.1	89.2
S.D.	-	4.1	5.5

^a Male and Female are combined.

^b Includes lengths of chinook with scale samples where age could not be determined.

APPENDIX 21

LENGTH FREQUENCY BY AGE CLASS OF CHINOOK FROM THE
COWICHAN RIVER SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY.

1976

Frequency Interval(cm) ^a	Male				Female		
	2 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁
36.0 - 37.9	2						
38.0 - 39.9	1						
40.0 - 41.9	3						
42.0 - 43.9	5						
44.0 - 45.9	8						
46.0 - 47.9	5						
48.0 - 49.9	8						
50.0 - 51.9	4						
52.0 - 53.9	1						
54.0 - 55.9	2						
56.0 - 57.9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
58.0 - 59.9		1	0	0	0	0	0
60.0 - 61.9		0	0	0	0	0	0
62.0 - 63.9		1	0	0	0	0	0
64.0 - 65.9		0	0	0	0	0	0
66.0 - 67.9		0	0	0	0	0	0
68.9 - 69.9		3	0	0	0	0	0
70.0 - 71.9		1	0	0	0	1	0
72.0 - 73.9		2	1	0	1	0	0
74.0 - 75.9		4	0	0	0	2	0
76.0 - 77.9		2	0	0	1	1	0
78.0 - 79.9		2	1	0	1	2	0
80.0 - 81.9		1	2	0	1	3	0
82.0 - 83.9		0	1	0	0	2	0
84.0 - 85.9		0	0	0	0	3	0
86.0 - 87.9		0	2	0	1	5	1
88.0 - 89.9		0	2	0	0	5	0
90.0 - 91.9		0	3	0	0	5	2
92.0 - 93.9		0	2	0	0	6	0
94.0 - 95.9		0	2	0	0	3	0
96.0 - 97.9		0	5	0	0	0	0
98.0 - 99.9		0	2	1	0	1	0
100.0 - 101.9		0	1	1	0	0	0
102.0 - 103.9		0	2	0	0	0	0
Sample Size	40	18	26	2	5	39	3
Mean	46.4	71.9	91.6	100.6	79.4	87.2	89.2
S.D.	4.43	6.66	7.62	1.7	5.47	6.39	1.76

^aNose-fork length.

APPENDIX 21 (cont.)

1977

Frequency Interval(cm) ^b	Male			Female	
	2 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁
38.0 - 39.9	1	1	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	3	0	0	0	0
42.0 - 43.9	1	0	0	0	0
44.0 - 45.9	1	0	0	0	0
46.0 - 47.9	0	0	0	0	0
48.0 - 49.9	1	0	0	0	0
50.0 - 51.9	0	1	0	0	0
52.0 - 53.9	0	0	0	0	0
54.0 - 55.9	0	0	0	0	0
56.0 - 57.9	0	3	0	0	1
58.0 - 59.9	0	3	1	0	0
60.0 - 61.9	0	3	0	2	1
62.0 - 63.9	0	4	0	1	1
64.0 - 65.9	0	2	1	0	3
66.0 - 67.9	0	0	2	1	6
68.0 - 69.9	0	0	1	0	12
70.0 - 71.9	0	1	5	1	14
72.0 - 73.9	0	0	3	0	13
74.0 - 75.9	0	0	5	0	9
76.0 - 77.9	0	0	4	0	6
78.0 - 79.9	0	0	1	0	4
80.0 - 81.9	0	0	1	0	1
Sample Size	7	18	24	5	71
Mean	42.8	59.6	72.5	64.6	71.6
S.D.	3.57	6.41	4.57	5.03	4.32

^bPostorbital-hypural length.

APPENDIX 21 (cont.)

1979

Frequency Interval(cm) ^b	Male		Female		
	3 ₁	4 ₁	3 ₁	4 ₁	5 ₁
50.0 - 51.9					
52.0 - 53.9	1				
54.0 - 55.9	3				
56.0 - 57.9	1				
58.0 - 59.9	6		5	1	
60.0 - 61.9	4		9	1	
62.0 - 63.9	1		5	3	
64.0 - 65.9	3	2	1	4	
66.0 - 67.9	2	1	4	6	1
68.0 - 69.9	2	3	1	6	
70.0 - 71.9		2		11	1
72.0 - 73.9		3		7	
74.0 - 75.9		2		5	1
76.0 - 77.9		1		2	
78.0 - 79.9		1		1	2
80.0 - 81.9				1	3
82.0 - 83.9		1		2	
84.0 - 85.9					
Sample Size	23	16	25	50	8
Mean	60.9	71.9	62.3	70.5	76.5
S.D.	4.77	4.54	2.98	4.94	4.93

^bPostorbital-hypural length.

APPENDIX 21 (cont.)

1978

Frequency Interval(cm) ^b	Male						Female				
	2 ₁	3 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₁	5 ₁	5 ₂	3 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₁	5 ₁	5 ₂
30.0 - 31.9											
32.0 - 33.9	2										
34.0 - 35.9	2										
36.0 - 37.9											
38.0 - 39.9	3										
40.0 - 41.9	10										
42.0 - 43.9	3										
44.0 - 45.9	1		1								
46.0 - 47.9	1										
48.0 - 49.9		1									
50.0 - 51.9		1									
52.0 - 53.9		1					1				
54.0 - 55.9		1					1	1			
56.0 - 57.9		5					3	1			
58.0 - 59.9		2		3			1	4			
60.0 - 61.9		4		4			4	15			
62.0 - 63.9		4		4			1	17	1	1	
64.0 - 65.9		1		14				20	2		
66.0 - 67.9				9	1			20	2		
68.0 - 69.9		1		7				15	2		
70.0 - 71.9				7	1	1		16	3		
72.0 - 73.9				4				12	5		
74.0 - 75.9				6	1			6	4		
76.0 - 77.9				3				5	2		
78.0 - 79.9				1					2		
80.0 - 81.9											
Sample Size	22	21	1	62	3	1	11	132	23	1	
Mean	40.1	58.9	44.0	68.0	70.7	71.6	58.7	67.6	72.1	63.5	
S.D.	3.49	4.75		4.84	3.51		2.96	4.79	4.57		

^bPostorbital-hypural length.

APPENDIX 22 AGE COMPOSITION OF COHO SALMON IN THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH STUDY AREA

Spawning Ground Dead Recovery

1976

Stream	Male(%)				Female(%)		
	2 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃	Sample Size	3 ₂	4 ₃	Sample Size
Cowichan River	6.1	93.9		33	100		28
Rotary Park	18.8	81.2		16	100		11
Cowichan R. Side Channel ^a	100			1	100		1
Pastuch Creek		75	25	4	100		4
Robertson River ^b		100		1	87.5	12.5	8
Mesachie Creek		75	25	8	94.7	5.3	19
Kelvin Creek ^c		100		3	100		1
Overall	9.1	86.4	4.5	66	97.2	2.8	72

1977

	Male(%)				Female(%)		
	2 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃	Sample Size	3 ₂	4 ₃	Sample Size
Cowichan River	0.9	93.5	5.6	107	98.1	1.9	103
Rotary Park		100		40	100		35
Cowichan R. Side Channel ^a	18.8	75	6.2	16	100		35
Pastuch Creek	7.1	89.3	3.6	28	92.5	7.5	40
Robertson River ^b	11.9	88.1		59	100		90
Mesachie Creek	16.2	83.8		37	100		53
Half Way Creek		100		1	85.7	14.3	7
Kelvin Creek ^c	8	92		25	100		27
Overall	6.7	90.7	2.6	313	98.4	1.6	390

^aIncludes Bible Camp Side Channel.

^bIncludes Robertson River Side Channel 1A.

^cTributary to the Koksilah River includes Glenora Creek.

APPENDIX 23 SEX COMPOSITION OF COHO SALMON IN SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY, COWICHAN-KOKSILAH SYSTEM.

Stream	Unmarked		Female	Marked		Female	Total		Female	Percentage			
	Male			Male			Male			Female		Male	
	Large	Jack	Large	Jack	Large	Jack	Large	Jack	Large	Jack			
1976													
Cowichan River	504	27	522	9	0	17	513	27	539	47.5	2.5	50.0	(51.2) ^a
Rotary Park Pools	46	28	53	5	0	6	51	28	59	37	20.3	42.7	(53.6)
Cowichan Side Channel													
Pastuch Creek	7	0	11	0	0	0	7	0	11	38.9	0	61.1	(61.1)
Robertson River	36	3	54	0	0	1	36	3	55	38.3	3.2	58.5	(60.4)
Masachie Creek	26	1	39	0	0	0	26	1	39	39.4	1.5	59.1	(60.0)
Half Way Creek													
Kelvin Creek	7	0	8	0	0	0	7	0	8	46.7		53.3	(53.3)
Overall	626	59	687	14	0	24	640	59	711	45.4	4.2	50.4	(52.6)
1977													
Cowichan River	2113	40	2455	17	0	25	2130	40	2480	45.8	0.9	53.3	(53.8)
Rotary Park Pools	123	6	155	9	0	4	132	6	159	44.4	2.0	53.6	(54.6)
Cowichan Side Channel	19	5	53	1	0	0	20	5	53	25.6	6.4	68.0	(72.6)
Pastuch Creek	38	4	53	2	0	4	40	4	57	39.6	4.0	56.4	(58.8)
Robertson River	135	12	254	9	0	22	144	12	276	33.3	2.8	63.9	(65.7)
Mesachie Creek	99	7	148	6	1	15	105	8	163	38.1	2.9	59.0	(60.8)
Half Way Creek	3	0	10	1	0	5	4	0	15	21.1	0	78.9	(78.9)
Kelvin Creek	29	5	55	7	1	12	36	6	67	33.0	5.5	61.5	(65.0)
Overall	2559	79	3183	52	2	87	2611	81	3270	43.8	1.4	54.8	(55.6)

^aJacks excluded from calculations.

Date	3_2		4_3		Total N
	N	%	N	%	
Sep 26	3	100	0	0	3
29	6	75	2	25	8
30	16	89	2	11	18
Oct 4	18	100	0	0	18
5	13	87	2	13	15
7	10	91	1	9	11
11	12	100	0	0	12
13	4	100	0	0	4
18	12	100	0	0	12
19	13	100	0	0	13
20	11	100	0	0	11
23	11	100	0	0	11
26	8	100	0	0	8
27	18	100	0	0	18
Overall	155	96	7	4	162

APPENDIX 25 COWICHAN ESTUARY PERCENT BY TAGGING WEEK OF MALE, FEMALE
AND JACK COHO AS DETERMINED EXTERNALLY.

1976

Date	Male		Female		Jacks		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Sept. 30 - Oct. 7	99	54	82	45	2	1	183
Oct. 11 - Oct. 15	162	51	155	49	1	0.3	318
Oct. 18 - Oct. 22	337	63	190	36	8	1	535
Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	50	83	9	15	1	2	60
Overall	648	59	436	40	12	1	1096

1977

Date	Male		Female		Total
	N	%	N	%	
Sept. 30 - Oct. 6	257	55	208	45	465

Frequency Interval (cm)	Sept 30 - Oct 7	Oct 11 - Oct 15	Oct 18 - Oct 22	Oct 25 - Oct 29	Total
38.0 - 39.9	1	0	1	0	2
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	1	0	1
42.0 - 43.9	0	0	0	0	0
44.0 - 45.9	1	0	0	0	1
46.0 - 47.9	0	1	1	0	2
48.0 - 49.9	0	1	1	0	2
50.0 - 51.9	0	2	6	0	8
52.0 - 53.9	3	2	5	0	10
54.0 - 55.9	3	6	8	1	18
56.0 - 57.9	8	4	14	0	26
58.0 - 59.9	9	15	34	2	60
60.0 - 61.9	16	15	42	2	75
62.0 - 63.9	25	34	55	5	119
64.0 - 65.9	26	52	70	5	153
66.0 - 67.9	30	46	84	8	168
68.0 - 69.9	26	49	75	11	161
70.0 - 71.9	15	36	61	12	124
72.0 - 73.9	15	31	37	3	86
74.0 - 75.9	4	16	17	6	43
76.0 - 77.9	1	2	5	1	9
78.0 - 79.9	0	0	0	0	0
80.0 - 81.9	0	1	3	1	5
82.0 - 83.9	0	0	0	0	0
84.0 - 85.9	0	1	0	0	1
86.0 - 87.9	0	0	0	0	0
88.0 - 89.9	1	0	0	0	1
Sample Size	184	314	520	57	1075
Mean	65.57	66.73	65.95	68.48	66.24
S.D.	5.70	5.27	5.58	4.84	5.52

APPENDIX 27

NOSE-FORK LENGTH FREQUENCY OF COHO SALMON BY AGE CLASS FROM THE COWICHAN ESTUARY, 1977.

Frequency Interval(cm)	Age		<u>Total</u>
	<u>3₂</u>	<u>4₃</u>	
44.0- 45.9	0	0	0
46.0- 47.9	0	0	0
48.0- 49.9	0	0	0
50.0- 51.9	0	0	0
52.0- 53.9	0	0	0
54.0- 55.9	1	0	1
56.0- 57.9	0	0	0
58.0- 59.9	5	1	6
60.0- 61.9	16	2	18
62.0- 63.9	17	0	17
64.0- 65.9	21	1	22
66.0- 67.9	27	1	28
68.0- 69.9	30	1	31
70.0- 71.9	17	0	17
72.0- 73.9	7	1	8
74.0- 75.9	7	0	7
76.0- 77.9	3	0	3
78.0- 79.9	2	0	2
80.0- 81.9	0	0	0
82.0- 83.9	1	0	1
Sample Size	154	7	161
Mean	67.23	65.06	67.14
S.D.	4.59	4.98	4.61

APPENDIX 28

POSTORBITAL-HYPURAL LENGTH FREQUENCY BY AGE CLASS OF
COHO FROM THE COWICHAN RIVER SPAWNING GROUND DEAD
RECOVERY, 1976.TOTAL SYSTEM

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male			Female	
	2 ₂	3 ₂	4 ₃	3 ₂	4 ₃
26.0 - 27.9	0	1	0	0	0
28.0 - 29.9	2	2	0	0	0
30.0 - 31.9	3	2	0	0	0
32.0 - 33.9	1	0	0	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	0	1	0	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	0	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	0	0	0
42.0 - 43.9	0	1	0	2	0
44.0 - 45.9	0	5	1	3	0
46.0 - 47.9	0	4	0	7	0
48.0 - 49.9	0	10	0	4	2
50.0 - 51.9	0	8	1	18	0
52.0 - 53.9	0	6	0	17	0
54.0 - 55.9	0	6	1	10	0
56.0 - 57.9	0	6	0	6	0
58.0 - 59.9	0	2	0	3	0
60.0 - 61.9	0	2	0	0	0
62.0 - 63.9	0	1	0	0	0
64.0 - 65.9	0	0	0	0	0
Sample Size	6	57	3	70	2
Mean	30.7	49.7	50.2	51.8	48.7
S.D.	1.62	7.95	4.95	3.64	0.71

APPENDIX 28 (cont.)

COWICHAN RIVER (MAIN SECTIONS)

Frequency interval(cm)	Male		Female
	<u>2</u> ₂	<u>3</u> ₂	<u>3</u> ₂
28.0 - 29.9	1	1	0
30.0 - 31.9	0	0	0
32.0 - 33.9	1	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	0	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	0
42.0 - 43.9	0	1	2
44.0 - 45.9	0	4	1
46.0 - 47.9	0	2	0
48.0 - 49.9	0	4	1
50.0 - 51.9	0	4	9
52.0 - 53.9	0	2	6
54.0 - 55.9	0	4	4
56.0 - 57.9	0	5	3
58.0 - 59.9	0	2	2
60.0 - 61.9	0	1	0
62.0 - 63.9	0	1	0
64.0 - 65.9	0	0	0
Sample Size	2	31	28
Mean	30.7	51.5	52.2
S.D.	2.33	6.81	3.97

POSTORBITAL-HYPURAL LENGTH FREQUENCY BY AGE CLASS
OF COHO FROM THE COWICHAN RIVER SPAWNING GROUND
DEAD RECOVERY, 1977.

TOTAL SYSTEM

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male			Female	
	<u>2₂</u>	<u>3₂</u>	<u>4₃</u>	<u>3₂</u>	<u>4₃</u>
26.0 - 27.9	1	0	0	0	0
28.0 - 29.9	2	0	0	0	0
30.0 - 31.9	4	0	0	0	0
32.0 - 33.9	9	0	0	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	3	2	0	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	1	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	0	2	0
42.0 - 43.9	0	2	0	5	0
44.0 - 45.9	0	6	0	7	0
46.0 - 47.9	0	11	0	21	1
48.0 - 49.9	0	21	0	32	0
50.0 - 51.9	0	36	1	57	1
52.0 - 53.9	0	45	1	86	0
54.0 - 55.9	0	50	2	71	1
56.0 - 57.9	0	61	0	48	2
58.0 - 59.9	0	16	3	19	1
60.0 - 61.9	0	6	1	5	0
62.0 - 63.9	0	1	0	1	0
64.0 - 65.9	0	1	0	2	0
66.0 - 67.9	0	1	0	0	0
68.0 - 69.9	0	0	0	0	0
70.0 - 71.9	0	0	0	0	0
72.0 - 73.9	0	0	0	0	0
74.0 - 75.9	0	0	0	0	0
Sample Size	19	260	8	356	6
Mean	32	53.6	56.3	53	53.8
S.D.	2.03	4.26	3.31	3.79	4.37

APPENDIX 29 (cont.)

COWICHAN RIVER (MAIN SECTIONS)

Frequency Interval (cm)	Male			Female	
	2_2	3_2	4_3	3_2	4_3
28.0 - 29.9	0	0	0	0	0
30.0 - 31.9	1	0	0	0	0
32.0 - 33.9	0	0	0	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	0	0	0	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	1	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	0	0	0
42.0 - 43.9	0	0	0	1	0
44.0 - 45.9	0	0	0	1	0
46.0 - 47.9	0	4	0	5	0
48.0 - 49.9	0	4	0	6	0
50.0 - 51.9	0	8	1	14	1
52.0 - 53.9	0	19	0	23	0
54.0 - 55.9	0	17	2	18	0
56.0 - 57.9	0	33	0	20	1
58.0 - 59.9	0	11	2	9	0
60.0 - 61.9	0	2	1	3	0
62.0 - 63.9	0	0	0	1	0
64.0 - 65.9	0	0	0	0	0
66.0 - 67.9	0	1	0	0	0
Sample Size	1	100	6	101	2
Mean	31.7	54.9	56.4	53.9	53.2
S.D.	0	3.70	3.58	3.71	3.96

APPENDIX 29 (cont.)

ROTARY PARK POOLS

Frequency Interval(cm)	<u>Male</u> 3 2	<u>Female</u> 3 2
40.0 - 41.9	0	1
42.0 - 43.9	0	0
44.0 - 45.9	3	0
46.0 - 47.9	2	4
48.0 - 49.9	5	6
50.0 - 51.9	5	6
52.0 - 53.9	6	8
54.0 - 55.9	8	5
56.0 - 57.9	7	3
58.0 - 59.9	2	2
60.0 - 61.9	2	0
62.0 - 63.9	0	0
Sample Size	40	35
Mean	53	52
S.D.	4.10	3.85

APPENDIX 29 (cont.)

PASTUCH CREEK

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male			Female	
	<u>2₂</u>	<u>3₂</u>	<u>4₃</u>	<u>3₂</u>	<u>4₃</u>
32.0 - 33.9	1	0	0	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	1	2	0	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	0	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	0	0	0
42.0 - 43.9	0	0	0	1	0
44.0 - 45.9	0	0	0	2	0
46.0 - 47.9	0	0	0	2	1
48.0 - 49.9	0	3	0	3	0
50.0 - 51.9	0	3	0	7	0
52.0 - 53.9	0	3	0	7	0
54.0 - 55.9	0	7	0	10	1
56.0 - 57.9	0	4	0	3	1
58.0 - 59.9	0	0	1	2	0
60.0 - 61.9	0	1	0	0	0
62.0 - 63.9	0	1	0	0	0
64.0 - 65.9	0	1	0	0	0
Sample Size	2	25	1	37	3
Mean	33.8	53.3	58.6	52.4	52.7
S.D.	1.84	6.68	0	3.9	5.24

APPENDIX 29 (cont.)

ROBERTSON RIVER SECTION 1A

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male		Female
	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$
26.0 - 27.9	1	0	0
28.0 - 29.9	1	0	0
30.0 - 31.9	0	0	0
32.0 - 33.9	4	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	1	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	1
42.0 - 43.9	0	1	0
44.0 - 45.9	0	1	2
46.0 - 47.9	0	3	5
48.0 - 49.9	0	6	7
50.0 - 51.9	0	10	17
52.0 - 53.9	0	12	22
54.0 - 55.9	0	11	23
56.0 - 57.9	0	6	9
58.0 - 59.9	0	1	1
60.0 - 61.9	0	1	1
62.0 - 63.9	0	0	0
64.0 - 65.9	0	0	2
Sample Size	7	52	90
Mean	31.4	52.3	52.8
S.D.	2.36	3.53	3.68

APPENDIX 29 (cont.)

MESACHIE CREEK

Frequency Interval(cm)	Male		Female
	<u>2</u> ₂	<u>3</u> ₂	<u>3</u> ₂
28.0 - 29.9	1	0	0
30.0 - 31.9	2	0	0
32.0 - 33.9	3	0	0
34.0 - 35.9	0	0	0
36.0 - 37.9	0	0	0
38.0 - 39.9	0	0	0
40.0 - 41.9	0	0	0
42.0 - 43.9	0	1	2
44.0 - 45.9	0	1	1
46.0 - 47.9	0	2	4
48.0 - 49.9	0	3	5
50.0 - 51.9	0	7	9
52.0 - 53.9	0	3	13
54.0 - 55.9	0	6	10
56.0 - 57.9	0	6	6
58.0 - 59.9	0	2	3
60.0 - 61.9	0	0	0
Sample Size	6	31	53
Mean	31.8	52.7	52.3
S.D.	1.30	4.19	3.72

APPENDIX 30 SUMMARY OF CHINOOK AND COHO CWT RECOVERIES FROM THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH STUDY AREA.

Coho

Year Tagged	Tagging Location	CWT Code			No. of Tags Released	Estuary 1976	No. of CWT Recoveries		
		D ₁	Ag	D ₂			Dead Recovery 1976/77	Estuary 1977	Dead Recovery 1977/78
1975	Rotary Park Pools	10	2	5	10540	6	12 ^a		
		9	2	5	7631	6	15		
		8	2	5	757	0	0		
	Pastuch Creek	6	2	5	4110	4	1		
	Cowichan R. side channel	14	2	5	3097	2	5	1	1
		TOTAL			26135	18	33	1	1
1976	Rotary Park Pools	5	2	7	4665			7	10
		6	2	7	5435			11	11
	Pastuch Creek	9	2	7	3332			15	4
	Cowichan R. side channel	10	2	7	3787			8	7
	Mesachie Creek	7	2	7	4023			16	6
		8	2	7	15128			27	29
		13	2	7	10135			21	10
		11	2	5	12269			20	19
	Kelvin Creek	3	2	7	6614			28	13
		4	2	7	6764			23	7
		TOTAL			72152			176 ^b	116

^a1 CWT recovery double-tagged; other pin read 8/2/5.

^bDoes not include 1 coho CWT recovery initially tagged as a chinook (1/2/7).

Chinook

Year Tagged	Brood Year	Tagging Location	CWT Code			No. of Tags Released	No. of CWT Recovered							
			D ₁	Ag	D ₂		1976		1977		1978		1979	
						Estuary	Dead Recovery	Estuary	Dead Recovery	Estuary	Dead Recovery	Estuary	Dead Recovery	
1975	1974	Cowichan	7	2	5	18332	-	1	2	-	2	2	1	1
1976	1975	Estuary	1	2	7	16673	-	-	4	-	-	1	1	2
						TOTAL	-	1	6 ^a	-	2	3	2	3

^aDoes not include recovery of CWT 2/2/6, tagged at Big Qualicum in 1975.

APPENDIX 31 RECOVERY DATA FOR ADIPOSE-CLIPPED CHINOOK SALMON TAGGED AND RECOVERED IN THE COWICHAN ESTUARY.

Recovery Year	C.W.T. Code			Recovery Date	Age	Sex	Length(cm)	
	D ₁	Ag	D ₂				Nose-Fork	Postorbital-Hypural
1977	7	2	5	Sept 23	3 ₁	M	74.6	60.6
				23	3 ^a ₁	M	42.2	35.5
	1	2	7	Sept 22	2 ₁	M(J)	42.8	35.6
				29	2 ₁	M(J)	55.5	45.5
				Oct 5	2 ₁	M(J)	48.6	40.1
				18	2 ₁	M(J)	48.5	39.1
	2	2	6 ^b	Sept 28	2 ₁	M(J)	52.9	43.6
				No pin	Sept 23	3 ₁	M	65.7
1978	7	2	5	Sept 29	4 ₁	F	84.9	70.0
				Oct 6	4 ₁	M	85.5	67.4
	No pin	Oct 6	4 ₁	F	85.2	71.1		
1979	7	2	5	Sept 21	5 ₁	F	-	-
				1	2	7	Sept 21	4 ₁

^aScale age read as 2₁(Jack; probable misplaced scale sample).

^bTag code indicates fall chinook tagged at Big Qualicum in 1975.

APPENDIX 32

RECOVERY DATA FOR ADIPOSE-CLIPPED CHINOOK SALMON TAGGED
IN THE COWICHAN ESTUARY AND RECOVERED IN THE COWICHAN
RIVER SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY.

Year Recovered	Date Recovered	C.W.T. code			Age	Sex	Length(cm)	
		D ₁	Ag	D ₂			Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural
1976	-	7	2	5	2 ₁	M(J)	-	-
1977	Dec 1	Unknown ^a			-	F	-	56.2
1978	Oct 26	No pin			4 ₁	M	92.3	75.5
	Nov 1	No pin			4 ₁	F	89.3	70.4
	3	7	2	5	4 ₁	M	-	70.4
	8	7	2	5	4 ₁	F	-	74.2
	8	1	2	7	3 ₁	M	-	60.6
	9	No pin			4 ₁	F	-	74.4
	14	No pin			4 ₁	F	86.8	72.4
1979	Nov 14	No pin ^b			3 ₁	M	71.1	55.8
	15	No pin			4 ₁	F	-	66.2
	15	7	2	5	5 ₁	F	-	-
	22	No pin ^b			3 ₁	F	-	61.0
	23	1	2	7	4 ₁	F	-	70.3
	29	1	2	7	4 ₁	F	-	69.2

^aMarked fish; no information on presence of C.W.T.

^bNot from 1975 and 1976 coded-wire tagging in Cowichan Estuary.

APPENDIX 33 TAGGING AND RECOVERY DATA FOR ADIPOSE-CLIPPED COHO SALMON RECOVERED IN THE COWICHAN ESTUARY.

1976 Tagging Location	C.W.T. ^a Code D ₁ Ag D ₂			Recovery Date	Sex	Nose-fork Length(cm)	Weight(kg)	
Rotary Park Pools	10	2	5	Oct. 19	M	64.7	7.4	
				20	F	66.6	8.6	
				20	F	62.0	6.6	
				20	F	61.7	7.0	
				20	M	65.3	7.3	
	9	2	5	21	F	60.5	6.1	
				19	F	52.7	3.6	
				19	M	47.8	3.3	
				20	M	58.5	5.2	
				20	F	59.7	5.6	
Pastuch Ck.	6	2	5	Oct. 20	F	61.0	6.2	
				21	M	66.8	7.6	
				Sept. 30	-	77.2	-	
				Oct. 7	F	57.8	5.5	
Cowichan R. Side Channel	14	2	5	12	F	63.8	6.9	
				22	F	63.4	7.2	
				Oct. 20	F	62.9	6.6	
	No pin				21	F	64.9	7.6
					Oct. 6	-	68.5	7.9
					7 ^b	F	65.7	7.7
	Lost head				20	M	65.0	7.1
21					M	55.8	5.1	
				Oct. 19	M	69.4	8.8	

^aAge 3₂ from C.W.T.

^bField identification of missing fin uncertain.

Summary:	No. of C.W.T. Recoveries	18
	No. of no pins	4
	No. of lost pins	1
Total	No. of marked coho checked	23

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1977 Tagging Location	C.W.T. Code			Recovery Date	Age ^a	Sex	Length(cm)	
	D ₁	Ag	D ₂				Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural
Cowichan R. Side Channel	14	2	5	Oct. 6	^b 3 ₂	F	71.4	58.3
Rotary Park Pools	5	2	7	Oct. 11		F	67.8	53.6
				18		M	66.4	53.6
				19		F	61.6	50.2
				20		F	62.7	52.9
				22		M	64.9	51.8
				27		F	66.8	55.9
				27		F	62.8	52.0
	6	2	7	Oct. 4		M	71.1	56.1
				6		F	62.6	51.6
				6		M	64.9	52.8
				11		M	63.2	50.4
				18		F	61.0	49.8
				19		F	61.2	49.8
				20		M	70.8	56.1
				21		F	68.1	55.2
				22		F	68.7	55.9
				22		F	60.0	49.0
Pastuch Ck.	9	2	7	Sept. 26		M	70.6	55.2
				29		M	59.2	47.4
				29		M	59.4	46.4
				30		M	58.5	46.2
				Oct. 4		M	60.8	48.6
				5		M	69.2	55.3
				6		M	67.5	54.2
				7		M	67.5	54.4
				11		F	71.2	58.6
				11		M	66.9	51.6
				13		F	62.3	52.1
				13		F	61.8	51.2
				18		F	73.7	52.2
18		F	65.4	53.0				
19		M	72.8	57.2				
Cowichan R. Side Channel	10	2	7	Sept. 29		F	68.8	54.8
				Oct. 7		M	64.8	54.2
				13		F	65.8	55.2
				13		F	64.8	53.7
				18		M	67.3	54.0
				20		M	58.8	47.6
				21		F	71.4	57.9
21		M	69.1	54.8				

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Tagging Location	C.W.T. Code			Recovery Date	Age ^a	Sex	Length(cm)				
	D ₁	Ag	D ₂				Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural			
Mesachie Creek.	7	2	7	Sept. 26		M	67.8	53.0			
				29		F	63.6	52.1			
				30		F	62.7	50.4			
				Oct. 4		M	69.3	54.0			
				4		M	60.6	47.9			
				4		M	66.7	51.2			
				5		M	56.5	45.9			
				5		M	58.6	48.0			
				13		F	72.6	59.4			
				18		M	77.9	52.9			
				19		F	62.0	51.2			
				19		M	67.1	54.5			
				21		M	71.4	59.4			
				21		F	62.0	51.1			
				22		M	68.3	54.4			
				22		F	75.7	61.0			
				8	2	7	Sept. 26	4 ₃ ^c	M	62.3	49.2
				28				M	71.6	58.3	
	28		F	66.4			55.4				
	29		F	68.9			55.4				
	29		M	68.7			54.6				
	30		F	68.1			53.5				
	Oct. 4		F	67.7			53.2				
	5		F	56.9			47.1				
	5		M	64.6			52.3				
	5		M	61.8			50.4				
	7		F	61.5			52.0				
	7		M	63.7			53.2				
	11		M	71.4			56.0				
	11		M	62.8			50.2				
	11		F	73.1			59.0				
	13		F	67.4			54.3				
	13		F	63.5			52.5				
	18		F	61.7			50.2				
	18		F	71.4	57.8						
	18		F	67.6	52.1						
19		F	69.0	56.3							
20		F	65.7	53.6							
21		F	64.0	52.3							
21		F	64.8	52.5							
21		F	69.5	56.0							
21		F	65.8	52.5							
26		M	74.1	58.4							
13	2	7	Sept. 26		M	67.0	51.8				
28				F	64.5	53.6					
28				M	63.4	51.4					
29				M	62.7	50.2					
Oct. 4				M	60.4	47.1					
4				M	69.5	55.6					
4				M	66.1	52.4					
4				F	65.4	52.4					

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Tagging Location	C.W.T. Code			Recovery Date	Age ^a	Sex	Length(cm)					
	D ₁	Ag	D ₂				Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural				
Mesachie Creek	13	2	7	Oct. 11		F	59.6	47.9				
				13		F	67.5	56.4				
				13		F	65.1	54.6				
				18		F	65.9	53.8				
				18		F	70.2	57.1				
				18		F	73.5	59.5				
				18		F	69.9	56.0				
				18		M	58.0	46.7				
				19		F	61.9	50.7				
				19		M	69.3	54.5				
				19		F	58.5	49.0				
				20		F	70.3	54.4				
				21		F	68.7	56.8				
				21	11	2	5	Sept. 28		F	61.1	51.5
				29					M	66.8	53.3	
	29		F	65.4				52.6				
	30		M	63.6				50.5				
	Oct. 4		F	58.2				46.6				
	4		M	62.1				48.7				
	5		M	67.3				54.4				
	6		F	61.7				50.5				
	11		F	63.8				51.4				
	11		M	62.0				48.4				
	18		F	61.8				50.8				
	18		M	71.8				56.0				
	18		M	67.3	52.7							
	20		F	63.6	50.9							
	20		M	70.7	55.8							
	21		F	65.3	52.7							
	21		F	67.2	54.3							
	21		F	67.4	53.4							
	22		F	63.0	51.1							
	26		M	65.0	53.0							
Kelvin Creek	3	2	7	Sept. 23		-	67.3	56.6				
				26		F	65.1	52.5				
				28		F	62.8	51.0				
				28		F	65.2	53.5				
				29		F	67.5	54.2				
				29		M	61.4	47.8				
				30		M	60.1	48.2				
				30		F	59.6	48.8				
				30		M	66.8	52.8				
				30		M	58.4	45.5				
				Oct. 4		F	65.9	51.2				
				4		F	63.8	51.5				
4		M	47.8	37.6								

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Tagging Location	G.W.T. Code			Recovery Date	Age ^a	Sex	Length(cm)					
	D ₁	Ag	D ₂				Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural				
Kelvin Creek	3	2	7	Oct.	4	F	59.7	47.1				
					4	M	59.6	47.5				
				5	M	67.3	53.2					
				6	F	63.8	52.3					
				6	M	73.4	58.7					
				6	F	63.4	51.9					
				13	M	72.6	58.5					
				18	M	76.3	57.1					
				18	F	75.7	53.9					
				18	F	55.7	44.6					
				19	F	62.3	51.1					
				19	M	74.9	58.5					
				20	F	65.4	53.4					
				20	F	67.5	54.9					
				26	M	69.5	55.5					
				4	2	7	Sept.	22	M	68.2	55.0	
								23	M	52.7	44.6	
							23	F	67.2	54.3		
							26	M	44.6	36.2		
							28	M	73.3	59.0		
	28	F	65.3				51.9					
	28	F	66.4				53.9					
	29	M	65.6				51.1					
	29	M	57.9				45.3					
	29	M	53.4				42.1					
	30	M	66.0				53.4					
	30	F	54.5				43.9					
	30	M	54.8				42.6					
	30	M	67.6				53.5					
	Oct.							4	F	59.6	47.6	
								4	F	66.4	52.4	
								4	M	67.2	51.7	
								4	F	56.9	46.1	
								5	F	64.6	53.5	
								7	F	65.8	55.2	
				13	F	61.6		51.7				
				19	F	62.7		51.5				
				21	F	63.7		52.1				
				Sept.	No pin				26	M	64.1	48.7
									28	F	65.0	53.1
									28	F	67.3	55.2
	28	F	65.6				52.8					
30	M	62.7	48.2									
30	F	57.0	46.5									
30	F	72.1	56.4									
Oct.							4		M	60.8	47.3	
							11		M	68.1	54.1	
							13		F	62.4	52.2	

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Tagging Location	C.W.T. Code			Recovery Date	Age ^a	Sex	Length(cm)	
	D ₁	Ag	D ₂				Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural
-	No pin			Oct. 18		F	63.3	51.0
				19		M	70.6	54.6
				19		F	65.6	53.4
				19		M	61.8	49.3
				20		F	66.6	54.8
				20		F	67.3	53.9
				20		F	66.0	53.6
				21		M	75.2	61.3
				21		F	68.9	58.3
				22		M	68.8	54.5
				26		M	66.9	53.8
				27		F	69.5	56.8
	Lost			Sept. 30		F	55.1	44.5
				Oct. 5		F	63.5	52.7
				5		F	68.7	56.8
				21		F	68.9	54.7
				22		M	61.8	50.1

Summary:	C.W.T. Recoveries	177
	No pins	22
	Lost pins/head	5
Total no. of marked coho checked		204

^a Coho age 3₂ from C.W.T.

^b Coho scale read as age 3₂; tagged in 1975.

^c Coho scale read as age 4₃; tagged in 1976.

APPENDIX 34 RECOVERY DATA FOR ADIPOSE-CLIPPED COHO SALMON FROM THE COWICHAN-KOKSILAH SPAWNING GROUND DEAD RECOVERY,

1976 Recovery Location	Date Recovered	Tagging ^b Location	C.W.T. ^a Code			Sex	Length(cm)		
			D ₁	Ag	D ₂		Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural	
Rotary Park Pools	Jan. 5	RP	9	2	5	F	54.9	43.8	
	24	RP	10	2	5	M	63.0	48.0	
	31	RP	9	2	5	F	66.1	51.5	
	31	RP	10	2	5	F	64.9	52.1	
	Feb. 2	RP	9	2	5	F	63.9	51.1	
	2	RP	9	2	5	M	49.2	38.4	
	4	RP	10	2	5	M	64.7	48.3	
	7	RP	9	2	5	M	65.6	51.1	
	11	RP	9	2	5	M	64.8	47.6	
	11	RP	9	2	5	F	52.7	41.9	
	11	RP	9	2	5	F	57.1	45.9	
	Cowichan R. (Section 1)	Dec. 14		No pin			M	71.7	55.9
		14	RP	9	2	5	F	59.7	47.9
Jan. 3		RP	10	2	5	F	65.0	51.8	
13		RP	10	2	5	M	63.2	50.1	
13			No pin			M	72.8	54.8	
13		CS ch	14	2	5	M	70.0	53.0	
18			No pin			F	63.5	50.4	
21		RP	9	2	5	M	65.5	50.3	
26			No pin			M	77.4	60.0	
31	RP	9	2	5	F	60.4	48.6		
Cowichan R. (Section 2)	Dec. 29	RP	10	2	5	F	66.0	53.8	
	Jan. 13	RP	9	2	5	F	60.5	47.6	
	13	RP	10	2	5	F	60.9	53.6	
	18	RP	10	2	5	F	70.0	55.0	
	21	RP	10	2	5	M	67.0	51.5	
Cowichan R. (Section 3)	Dec. 2	RP	10	2	5	-	-	-	
	2	CS ch	14	2	5	-	-	-	
	21	RP	9	2	5	F	56.5	45.7	
	Jan. 3	RP	9	2	5	F	61.5	50.9	
	3	CS ch	14	2	5	F	65.7	52.2	
	7	RP	10	2	5	F	62.7	48.6	
	7	RP	10	2	5	F	71.5	56.9	
	13	RP	9	2	5	F	68.0	53.4	
	13	CS ch	14	2	5	M	76.5	58.0	
	21		No pin			M	45.6	37.1	
21	CS ch	14	2	5	F	65.2	52.4		
Cowichan R. (Section 4)	Dec. 3		No pin			F	57.4	44.1	
Robertson R.	Dec. 22	P	6	2	5	F	62.8	48.8	
Summary:			No. of C.W.T. recoveries			33			
			No. of no pins			6			
Total			No. of marked coho checked			39			

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Recovery Location	Date Recovered	Tagging ^b Location	C.W.T. ^a Code			Sex	Length(cm)	
			D ₁	Ag	D ₂		Nose-Fork	Postorbital-Hypural
Rotary Park Pools	No date	RP	5	2	7	M		46.8
			No pin				F	53.0
		CS ch	10	2	7	M	70.0	52.0
		RP	6	2	7	F		50.5
		RP	6	2	7	M	71.5	55.0
	Dec. 21		No pin			F		40.6
	21		No pin			F		53.7
	Jan. 6		No pin			M	52.4	42.3
	13	RP	6	2	7	M		42.0
	19		No pin			M	68.0	51.3
	25	RP	6	2	7	F		51.0
	25		No pin			F		49.2
	25	RP	6	2	7	M		45.2
Cowichan Side Channel	Dec. 20	CS ch	14	2	5 ^c	M	75.1	56.2
Kelvin Ck.	Nov. 1	K	3	2	7	M	74.5	56.2
	Dec. 5	K	4	2	7			
	Dec. 6	K	4	2	7	M		46.7
	21	K	4	2	7	F		52.7
Pastuch Ck.	Dec. 5	M	11	2	5	F		52.9
	12	M	8	2	7	M		55.9
	12		No pin			M		56.4
	22		No pin			F		50.3
	22		No pin			F		57.7
	Jan. 17		No pin			F	49.2	
Mesachie Ck.	Nov. 22	M	8	2	7	F	62.5	56.4
	24	M	13	2	7	M		53.5
	24	M	8	2	7			53.3
	24	M	8	2	7	M		47.2
	28	M	13	2	7	F		54.6
	28	M	7	2	7	F		53.3
	28	M	11	2	5		47.1	36.5
	28	M	11	2	5	F		48.1
	28	M	11	2	5	M		51.0
	28	M	7	2	7	F		55.2
	28	M	8	2	7	F		52.4
	30	M	8	2	7	F		53.3
	30	M	8	2	7	M	72.1	52.3
	30	M	8	2	7	F		52.5
	Dec. 6	M	8	2	7	F		45.8
	8	M	13	2	7	M		51.5
22	M	11	2	5	F		50.9	
22	M	9	2	7	F		49.5	
28	M	8	2	7	F		50.0	

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Recovery Location	Date Recovered	Tagging ^b Location	Wire Code			Sex	Length(cm)		
			D ₁	Ag	D ₂		Nose-Fork	Postorbital-Hypural	
Mesachie Ck.	Jan. 3	M	13	2	7 ^d	M		54.5	
				No pin		F	53.3		
		M	13	2	7	F		46.6	
Half Way Ck.	Dec. 12	M	8	2	7	F		43.3	
		M	8	2	7	M	62.1	46.6	
		M	11	2	5	F		52.4	
		M	11	2	5	F		53.7	
		M	11	2	5	F		54.2	
		M	11	2	5	F	67.4	52.4	
Glenora Ck.	Nov. 1	K	3	2	7			33.8	
		K	4	2	7	F	63.5	57.1	
		K	3	2	7	M		61.6	
		K	4	2	7	F	60.3	46.6	
		K	3	2	7	F		38.2	
		K	3	2	7	F		48.5	
		K	3	2	7	M	69.9	52.0	
		M	8	2	7	M		50.6	
		K	3	2	7	F		55.0	
		K	3	2	7	F	59.0	47.2	
		K	3	2	7	F		56.5	
		K	3	2	7	F		46.7	
		K	4	2	7	M		51.3	
		K	3	2	7	F		53.6	
		Dec. 7	K	3	2	7	F		56.4
		Dec. 16	K	3	2	7	F		56.3
Robertson R.	Nov. 8	P	9	2	7	M	48.9		
Robertson 1A	Nov. 15			lost		M	77.0	57.5	
	Nov. 24	M	8	2	7	F	50.2	61.2	
	24	M	11	2	5	F	63.0	50.3	
	24	M	11	2	5	F	64.1	51.3	
	24	M	8	2	7	F		54.4	
	24	M	8	2	7	F		55.0	
	24	CS ch	10	2	7	F		54.0	
	24	M	8	2	7	F		55.0	
	29	M	13	2	7	F	64.0	50.4	
	29	M	11	2	5	F		50.6	
	30	M	8	2	7	F	61.3	47.6	
	Dec. 5	M	11	2	5	F	68.2	52.4	
	5	M	8	2	7	M	62.4	47.6	
	5	M	11	2	5	F		41.2	
	5	RP	5	2	7	F	62.4	49.4	
	19	M	11	2	5	F	63.3	48.8	
19	-		pin lost		M		57.9		
22	RP	5	2	7	F		48.6		
22	M	13	2	7	F		56.3		
22	M	7	2	7	M		53.7		

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Recovery Location	Date Recovered	Tagging Location	Wire ^a Code			Sex	Length(cm)	
			D ₁	Ag	D ₂		Nose-Fork	Postorbital- Hypural
	Jan. 3	-		lost		F		54.0
	Jan. 9	M	8	2	7	M		57.4
	12	-		lost		M		46.9
	12	M	11	2	5	M		52.9
	12	M	8	2	7	M		49.7
	18	M	8	2	7	F		58.7
	18	M	8	2	7	F		50.2
	18	CS ch	10	2	7	F		56.7
	18	M	11	2	5	F		50.4
	18	M	8	2	7	F		50.5
	18	M	7	2	7	F		52.6
Cowichan R. (Section 1)	Dec. 19		No	pin		-		56.1
	19	RP	6	2	7	F		54.3
	Jan. 10		No	pin		F		48.6
	10	M	8	2	7	M		53.8
	10	K	4	2	7	F		57.9
	10	RP	6	2	7	F		57.5
	10		No	pin		M		51.5
	10	M	13	2	7	M		50.8
	10	M	8	2	7	M		55.6
	10	M	8	2	7	F		56.1
	11		No	pin		M		54.3
	11	M	8	2	7	M		56.2
	11	RP	6	2	7	F		55.0
	18	M	7	2	7	M		55.7
	25	RP	6	2	7	F		50.3
25		No	pin		F		46.3	
Cowichan R. (Section 2)	Dec. 28	RP	5	2	7	F		52.0
	28	RP	5	2	7	F		53.7
	28	M	13	2	7	M		47.2
	28	M	11	2	7	M		53.3
	28	RP	5	2	7	M		50.0
	28	M	7	2	7	M		52.4
	Jan. 4		No	pin		F		52.8
	4	M	8	2	7	F		56.9
	12	M	11	2	5	F		46.9
	20	RP	6	2	7	F		45.2
	20		No	pin		F		48.2
	20	RP	5	2	7	F		53.1

APPENDIX 34 (cont.)

1977.

Recovery Location	Date Recovered	Tagging Location	Wire Code			Sex	Length(cm)	
			D ₁	Ag	D ₂		Nose-Fork	Postorbital-Hypural
Cowichan R. (Section 3)	Jan. 13	CS ch	10	2	7	M		51.4
	13	RP	5	2	7	M		52.5
	13	RP	5	2	7	M		54.0
	16	M	13	2	7	F		50.3
	16		No pin			F		47.2
	23	CS ch	10	2	7	M		55.1
	26	P	9	2	7	M		47.6
	26	P	9	2	7	F		46.5
Cowichan R. (Section 4)	-	CS ch	10	2	7	F		59.0
	-	CS ch	10	2	7	F		53.8
	Dec. 5	RP	6	2	7	M		47.0
	29	RP	5	2	7	F		53.0
	Jan. 17		No pin			F		47.2
Cowichan R. (Section 7)	Jan 26		lost			F		50.5

^aAge 3₂ from C.W.T.

^bTagging Location R.P. - Rotary Park Pools
 CS ch - Cowichan R. side channel
 K. - Kelvin Ck.
 M. - Mesachie Ck.
 P. - Pastuch Ck.

^cScale age read as 3₂; tagged in 1975.

^dScale age read as 4₃; tagged in 1976.

Summary:

Recovery Location	NUMBERS			
	C.W.T.	No pins	Lost pins	Total marks
Rotary Park Pools	7	6	0	13
Cowichan side channel	1	0	0	1
Kelvin Creek	4	0	0	4
Pastuch Creek	2	4	0	6
Mesachie Creek	21	1	0	22
Robertson River	1	0	0	1
Robertson 1A	27	1	4	31
Half Way Creek	6	0	0	6
Glenora Creek	16	0	0	16
Cowichan River	32	9	1	42
Totals	117	20	5	142

