FT 120 – Fisheries of Alaska



Module Composition

This module will cover five main areas:

- 1. Life-cycle
- 2. Salmon species
- 3. Salmon anatomy
- 4. Fishing vessels
- 5. Salmon enhancement

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At the end of each of the areas there are self-check quizzes to make sure that you understand the basic student learning outcomes for each area.













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By the end of this module you should be able to:

- 1. Map out each stage of a salmon's life cycle
- 2. Describe the key differences between salmon species
- 3. Diagram the external and internal anatomy of salmon labelling parts
- 4. Differentiate fishing vessels with salmon species
- 5. Describe the history of salmon enhancement in Alaska
- 6. Describe the Private Non Profit system and list the major players













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Presentations











About the Presenter

Jim Seeland, Associate Professor of Fisheries Technology – UAS Sitka

Salmon Life-cycle

Adult, egg, alevin, fry, smolt, adult (15 min)

Salmon species

Chinook, Coho, Sockeye, Chum, and Pink (25 min)

Salmon anatomy

External and internal (8 min)

Fishing vessels

Trollers, seiners, gill-netters (15 min)

Salmon enhancement

History of salmon enhancement, PNP system, legislation, hatchery locations, hatchery economics (70 min)

About the Presenter











Jim Seeland

Assistant Professor Fisheries Technology University of Alaska Southeast

Raised in suburban Saint Louis, MO, Jim always enjoyed fishing with his dad and brother. This got into his blood and although he meandered a bit after graduating from high school, Jim eventually got back into the study of fish and wildlife biology. He attended the University of Missouri in the mid-70's and graduated in 1977. Once graduated and looking for work, it became apparent that there were few jobs working at trout hatcheries (the goal). He had the degree, but no experience.

Jim saved up \$500 and headed west with his Volkswagon and dog (pretty much everything he owned) – not sure how this would turn out. After applying at every place on the west coast that grew anything that lived in water, Jim ended up at a private trout farm near Puyallup, WA. He worked for dirt wages but was getting the experience. Jim met my wife, Danna-Ben, here and they had their first child, Hillary.

A few years later Jim answered an ad in a fisheries magazine for a fish culturist position in Cordova, AK (which he took as Cordova, Arkansas...). Along with his (now pregnant) wife and daughter, they moved to a remote island in Prince Wm Sound and spent 2 years there working at the Port San Juan Hatchery. At the time, AK salmon aquaculture was very much in its infancy. The staff was trying ground-breaking techniques, taking over 100 million pink salmon eggs in a very short time – not something that had been done before but is now standard procedure around the state. Jim's son, Ben, was born while they were living here.

After two years, the family had an opportunity to move to Sitka where the newly formed Northern SE Regional Aquaculture Assn. was located. Jim spent the next 23 years helping to develop the Medvejie Salmon Hatchery. This was a very rewarding career as it quickly materialized into a lucrative new fishery in the Sitka area. The work was great as it required being outdoors, was physically challenging and required applied research. The staff at the hatchery was dedicated to the project which made going to work every day quite enjoyable.

Jim joined the Fish Tech Program in 2009 and continues to enjoy interacting with students, providing some outreach, especially to rural communities, and helping to develop the program. His kids are old now, but still around. Jim's daughter teaches high school in Sitka, the son is a commercial fisherman, and his wife is a Family Nurse Practitioner. The family enjoys fishing, hiking and camping all over Sitka Sound in their 27' SeaSport which also doubles as a platform for Sitka Sound Tours, Jim's one-man tour company in the summer months.



Salmon life-cycle











Lifestages

Adult

Egg

Alevin

Fry

Smolt











Salmon life-cycle

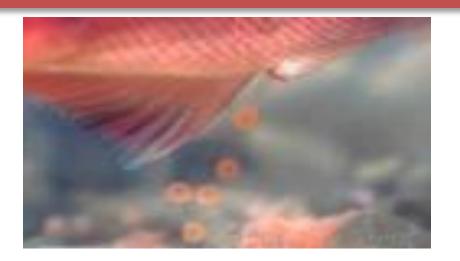












Egg stage

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Salmon life-cycle











Alevin Stage

























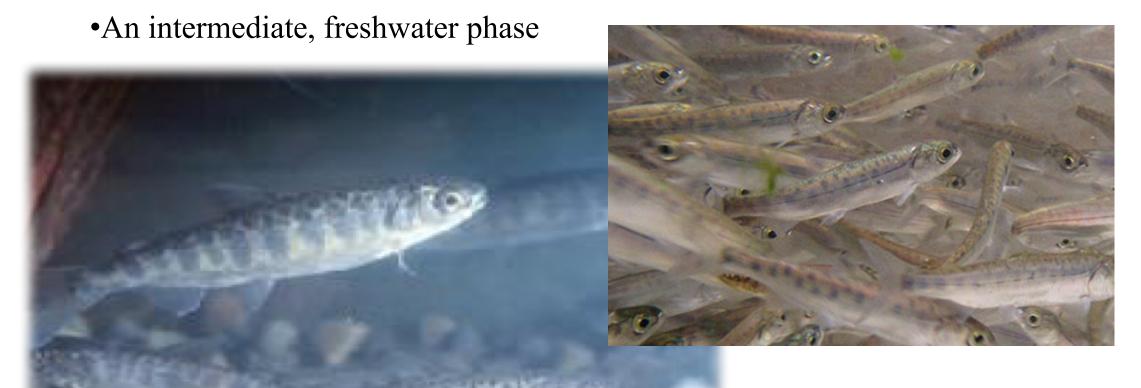






Parr/Fingerling/Pre-smolt Stage

•Parr marks provide natural camouflage in freshwater.













Smolt Stage

How would you define the word "smolt"?

Do Pink and Chum salmon have a "smolt" stage?





species/stock variations



What is the primary food for the Alevin stage for salmon?

- · Phytoplankton
- Euphavoids
- . Dan yedk

salmon life-cycle

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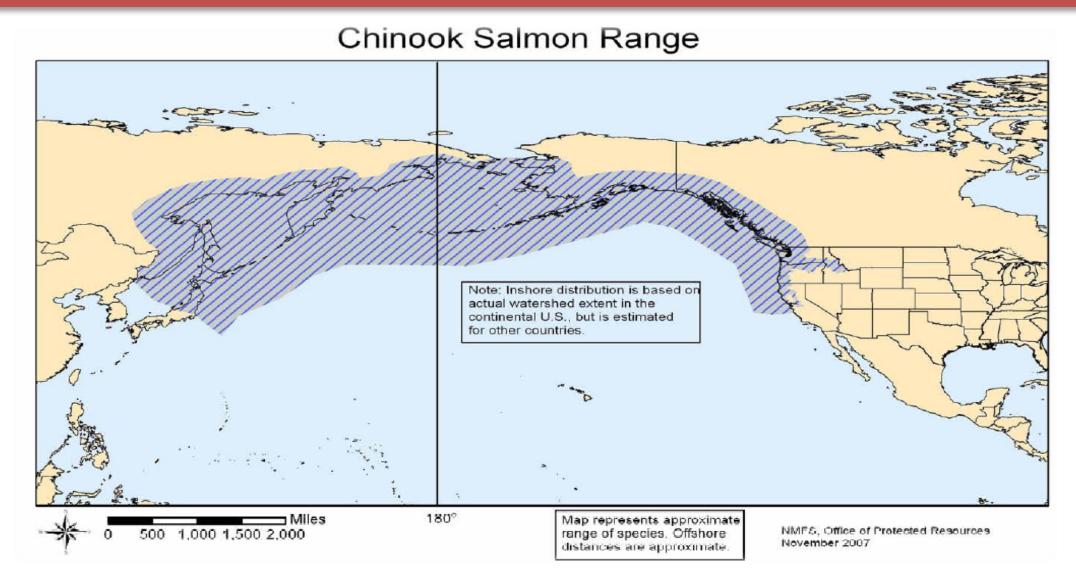












Range = Monterey Bay, CA – Chuckchi Sea, AK











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Chinook

Common names

King, Tyee, Spring, Blackmouth

Avg Wt/L

20 - 40lbs & 3 - 4'

Spawning colors & Characteristics

Red to Copper almost black. Males are often more deeply colored (redder) than females. Ranges

greatly in size

Spawning Habitat

Main stem river

Stream Incubation Period

90 - 150 days











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Chinook

Emergence

March – April

Freshwater Rearing Habitat

Main stem rivers, Chickamin, Unuk, Stikine

Freshwater Residence

Variable, can be as little as 60 - 120 days or up to 2 yrs.

Saltwater Residence

2 to 6 yrs

Spawning Migration

Begin entering freshwater in July. The earliest specie locally.

Stock differences discussion











Coho, Oncorhynchus kisutch





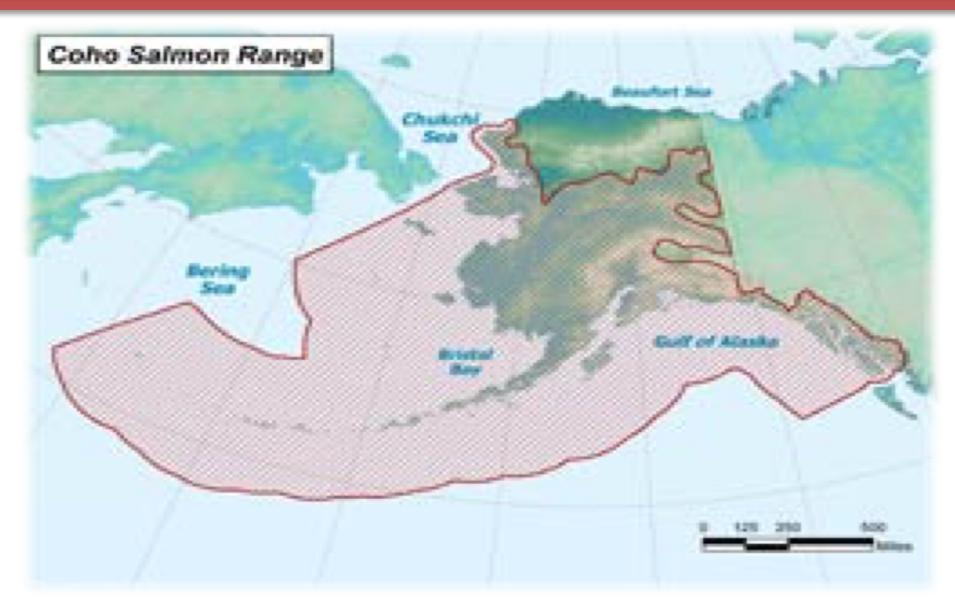












Range = Coastal Washington to Yukon River











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Coho

Common name = Silver

Avg Wt/L = 8 to 12 lbs /
$$2 - 2.5$$

Spawning colors & characteristics

Males and females both have dark backs and heads and maroon to reddish sides. Males also tend to redder than females.

Spawning Habitat = tributaries to main stem rivers as well as lake tributaries.

Stream incubation period = 80 to 150 days













Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Coho

Emergence = April to May

Freshwater Rearing Habitat = Main stem side channels, slack water, lake & lake tributaries.

Freshwater Residence = 1 to 2yrs.

Saltwater Residence = 1 to 2 yrs. Local stocks are 1 yr ocean residence

Spawning Migration = Generally late fall, locally we <u>have summer coho</u> stocks that enter freshwater in late June but will not spawn until late Fall early Winter. Example Ward Lake.











Sockeye, Oncorhynchus nerka





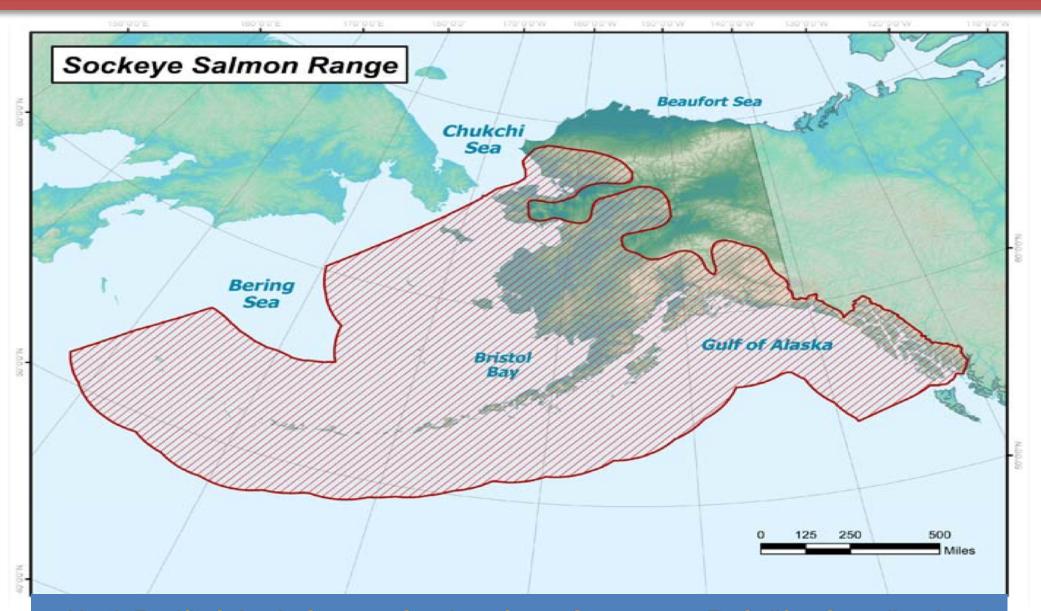












· North Pacific & Arctic Oceans. South as far as Sacramento R. Calif to Canadian Arctic











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Sockeye

Common names = Reds, Blueback, Kokanee

Avg Wt/L = $1.5 \text{ to } 2^{\circ} / 4 \text{ to } 8 \text{ lbs}$

Spawning colors & Characteristics

Brilliant to dark red body with olive green heads both males and females. Both sexes develop teeth but more pronounced in males.

Spawning Habitat

Lakeshore and lake tributaries, some spawning occurs in lake outlet streams but fry will migrate upstream to rear in lake.

Stream Incubation Period = 90 to 150 days











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Sockeye

Emergence = April to May

Freshwater Rearing Habitat = Lakes

Freshwater Residence = 1 to 3 yrs.

Saltwater Residence = 1 to 4 yrs.

Spawning Migration = Begins as early as late June.











Chum, Oncorhynchus keta



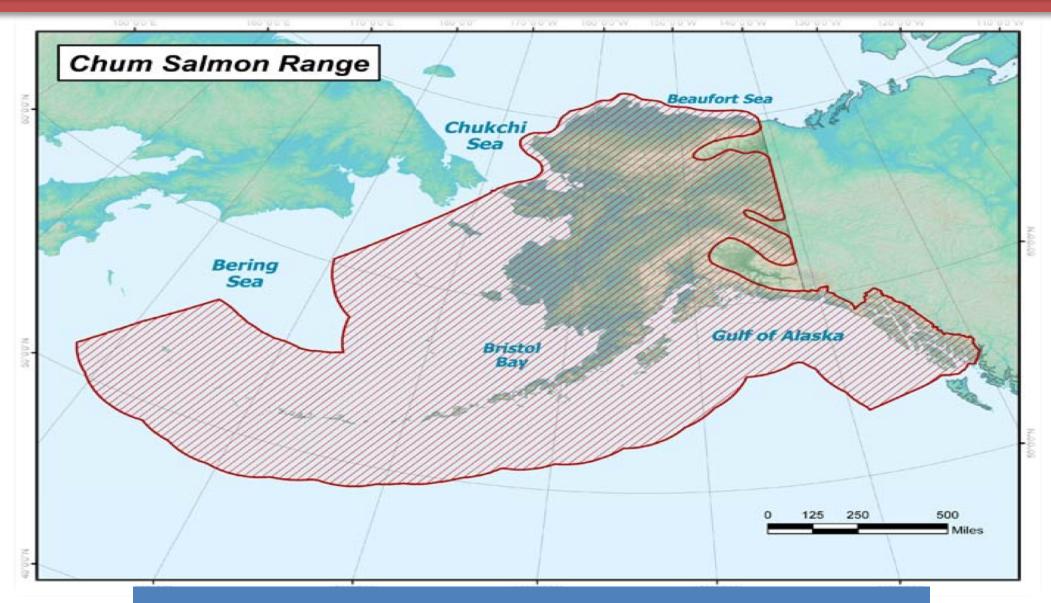












Sacramento R. Calif to Mckenzie R. in Canada











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Chum

Common names = Dog, Calico, Keta

Avg Wt/L = 7 to 18 lbs / 2 to 2.5'

Spawning colors & Characteristics

Green & purple vertical bars, less obvious on females. Females also exhibit a dark horizontal band.

Spawning Habitat = Main stem river tributaries and intertidal zone of coastal streams.

Stream Incubation Period = 90 to 150 days













Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Chum

Emergence = Late February through May

Freshwater Rearing Habitat = Does rear in freshwater, generally very short-term

Freshwater Residence = None

Saltwater Residence = 2 to 3 yrs.

Spawning Migration = Begins in late July and continues through late fall.











Pink, Oncorhynchus gorbuscha





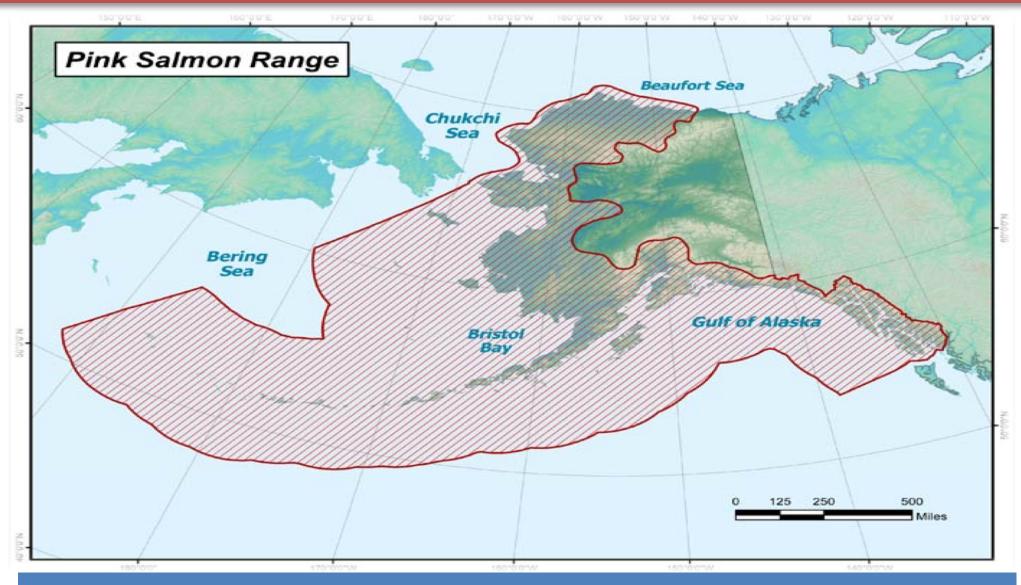












· Pacific & Arctic coastal waters from northern California to Mackenzie R. in Canada.











Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Pink

Common names = Humpback, Humpy

Avg Wt/L = 3.5 to 4 lbs / 1.75 to 2'

Spawning colors & Characteristics

Males are brown to black with a white belly, characteristic hump and hooked jaws. Females are olive green with dusky bars or patches and light belly.

Spawning Habitat = Main stem river tributaries and intertidal zone of coastal streams

Stream Incubation Period = 90 to 150 days













Species Characteristics & Biological & Habitat Requirements – Pink

Emergence = Late January to April – May

Freshwater Rearing Habitat = Does not rear in freshwater.

Freshwater Residence = None

Saltwater Residence = 1 year

Spawning Migration = Late summer



Including Chum salmon, which of the following species of salmon spend little time in freshwater before they head out to sea?

- Pink
- Chinnel
- Shen

salmon species

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Name that fish part!





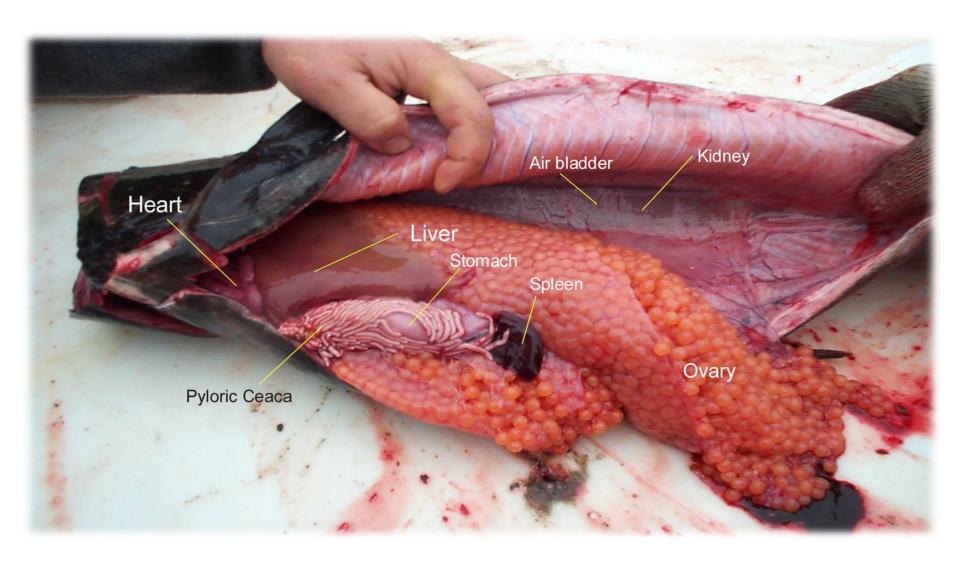








Name the guts!



Which of the salmon fins are responsible for propultion (i.e. the motor)?

- · Pectoral
- · Caudel
- Privir

salmon anatomy

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How salmon are caught???

- Trolling
- Gillnet
- Purse Seine

















Fishing vessels









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Troller pricing: wood vs. fiberglass vs. steel

TR12-015





Location: Washington

Asking Price: \$250,000

Status: Available

Year Built: 1989

Length: 42

Fiberglass Hull:

Builder: Sunnfjord

Engine /

Fuel:

Diesel

Details: 42'x14'x5' fiberglass gillnet/troller built by Sunnfjord in 1989. John Deere

6081 375 hp main with 1,965 total hours. ZF 285A 2:1 gear. Lugger 5 kw gen set. Packs 25,000#'s in RSW. Arcturus bow thruster. Deck gear for

gillnet and troll. Life raft, survival suits, EPIRB, and bridge alarm.

Electronics include GPS, VHF, SSB, radar, sounder, plotter, auto pilot,

and sea water temp. Asking \$250,000











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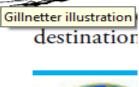
Gillnetter



or from shore, usually by local famhydraulics. Nets are fixed and are shore with anchors.

et nets—one end on shore, other Sometimes both ends are in the time and when a cork bobs the fter salmon are picked from own and delivered to large

Gillnetter.















Dock Street Brokers / Gillnetter





Location: Alaska

Asking Price: \$85,000

Status: Available

Year Built: 1980

Length: 32

Hull: Fiberglass

Builder: Modutech

Engine /

Fuel:

Diesel

Details: 32'x13.5'x2' jumbo Modutech, built in 1980. Cat 3208TA rated at 300 hp.,

> new in 2000, appr. 4,300 hrs. Major work in 2007 with new flush deck, bow thruster, fish hold circulation, and refurbished fuel tanks. Aluminum drum with Twister drive and levelwind. Electronics include VHF, SSB, ComNav autopilot, (2) GPS plotters, and more. Packs approximately

15,000#. Eager to sell, asking only \$85,000.







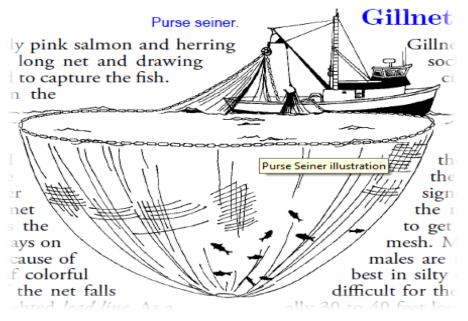




Purse Seiner

















Salmon Purse Seiner

Boats are 42 to 58' long

Nets are 1800' long

90' deep

Seine skiff needed





Which salmon fishing vessels are known to have spreaders, cannonballs and spinners?

- o Trollers
- + Seiners
- Pot Subermen

fishing vessels

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Salmon Enhancement Program

Why was a hatchery program started in the first place? What is the role of AK hatcheries today?















Salmon Enhancement Program

Initially started in late 1800's near Kodiak

State involvement began in mid-70's

The Private Non-profit (PNP) hatchery system was formed in late 70's

By 1990 most state-owed facilities are operated by PNP's

Currently: 2 state-operated facilities (for sportfish)

29 PNP hatcheries around the state















What is the PNP system?

Operated much like a business

Board of directors

Generate revenue from fish sales/cost recovery operations

Capital and operating expenses

May use loans from State of AK revolving loan fund

Regional and Non-regional associations

Large and small operations

Accountable to the State of Alaska through the permitting office

Co-ordinate fisheries with ADFG management biologists



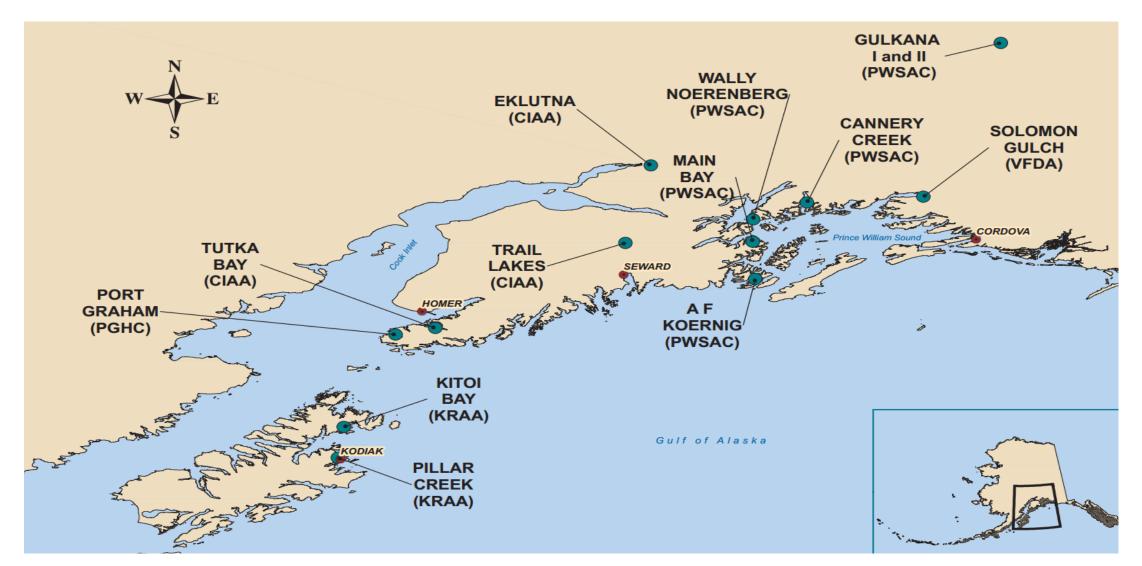








Hatchery Locations - Southcentral/Kodiak





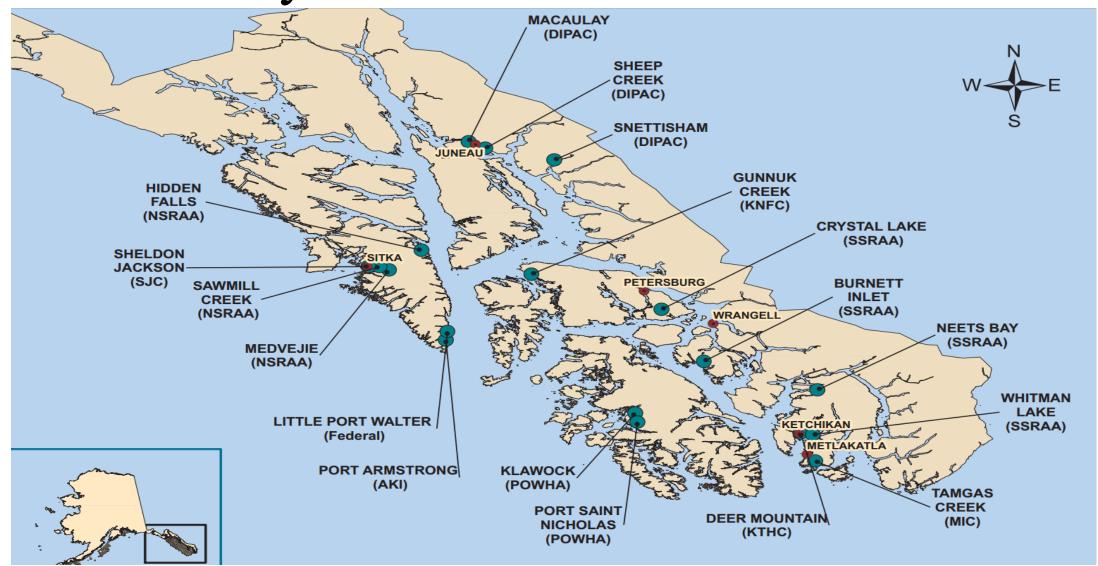








Hatchery Locations - Southeast





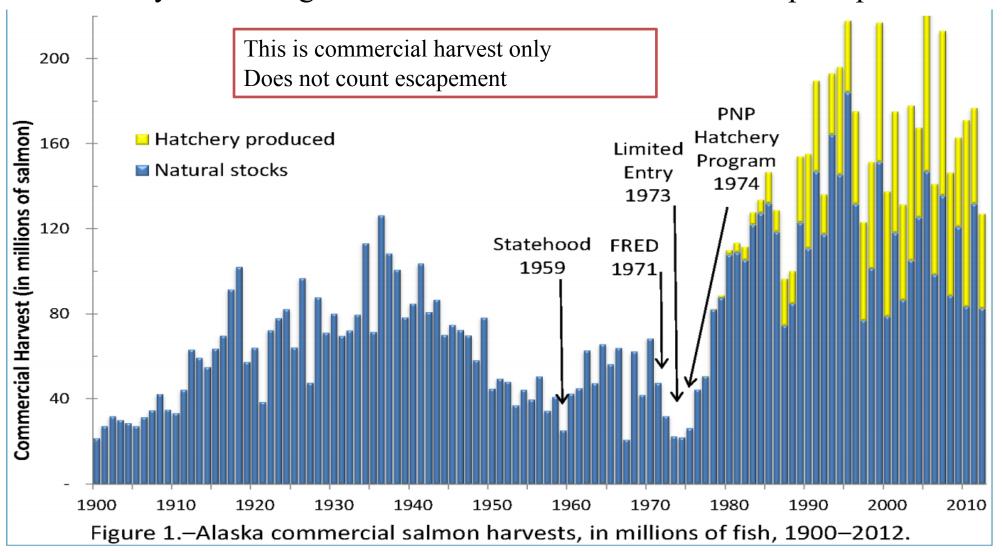








Dramatically decreasing numbers of fish in the 60's and 70's prompted action



FISHERIES CONTRIBUTION











Summary of AK hatchery production

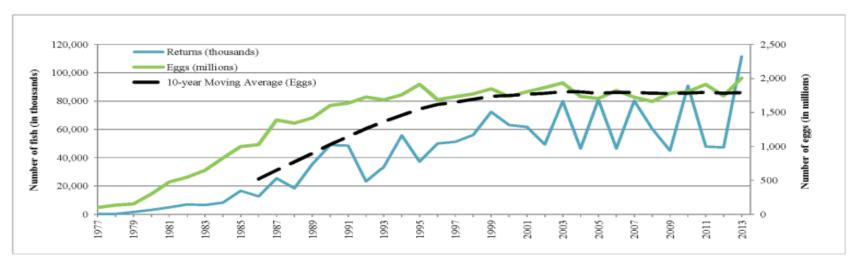


Figure 1.-Total salmon eggs collected and adult returns for Alaska salmon hatchery programs, 1977-2013.

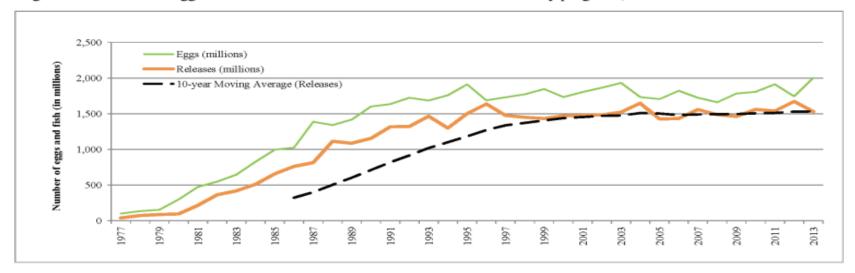


Figure 2.-Total salmon eggs collected and inveniles released for Alaska salmon hatchery programs. 1977–2013.











% Hatchery adult returns by species - 2013

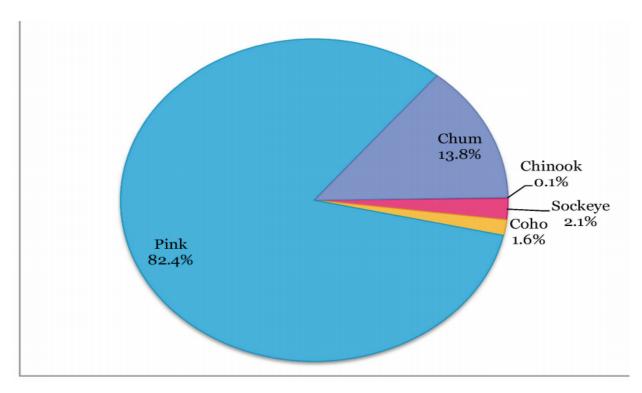


Figure 4.-Alaska salmon hatchery returns, by species, in 2013.











Table 5.-Alaska (preliminary) commercial harvest of hatchery-produced fish, by region, in thousands of fish, 2013.

Area	Harvest	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Southeast	Total commercial harvest ^a	241	975	3,864	94,787	12,578	112,444
	Hatchery cost-recovery harvest	28	49	282	1,046	1,876	3,280
	CCPH ^b	213	926	3,582	93,741	10,702	109,165
	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	68	130	925	1,455	8,613	11,191
	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	31.8%	14.1%	25.8%	1.6%	80.5%	10.3%
Prince William Sound	Total commercial harvest	11	2,339	609	92,463	4,070	99,492
	Hatchery cost-recovery harvest	0	0	38	3,731	581	4,350
	ССРН	11	2,339	571	88,732	3,489	95,142
	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0	1,042	220	70,886	3,059	75,207
	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0.0%	44.5%	38.5%	79.9%	87.7%	79.0%
Cook Inlet	Total commercial harvest	5	2,853	267	2,147	193	5,465
	Hatchery cost-recovery harvest	0	74	0	46	0	120
	CCPH ^b	5	2,779	267	2,101	193	5,345
	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0	32	0	20	0	52
	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Kodiak	Total commercial harvest	34	2,574	269	28,192	794	31,863
	Hatchery cost-recovery harvest	0	100	0	1,629	1	1,730
	ССРН	34	2,474	269	26,563	793	30,133
	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0	362	53	10,130	97	10,642
	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0.0%	14.6%	19.6%	38.1%	12.2%	35.3%
Chignik/Aleutian	Total commercial harvest	11	5,353	352	8,676	1,232	15,624
Islands/Alaska Peninsula	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bristol Bay	Total commercial harvest	19	15,376	135	1	872	16,402
	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim	Total commercial harvest	3	52	277	8	1,285	1,624
	Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0	0	0	0	0	0
	- 1		•		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
							282,917
							9,480
Statewide Total ^c						,	273,437
							97,091
							35.5%
tatewide Total ^c	% of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH Total commercial harvest Hatchery cost-recovery harvest CCPH Hatchery-produced fish in CCPH % of hatchery-produced fish in CCPH	0.0% 324 28 296 68 22.9%	0.0% 29,522 222 29,300 1,566 5.3%	0.0% 5,773 320 5,453 1,197 22.0%	0.0% 226,274 6,451 219,823 82,491 37.5%	0.0% 21,024 2,458 18,566 11,769 63,4%	9 273

Source: Commercial harvest, data from Munro and Tide In prep.

^a Total commercial harvest by all commercial gear types, including fish harvested for cost recovery.

^b CCPH = commercial common property harvest.

^c Some figures may not total exactly due to rounding.











Safeguards in place to protect wild stocks:

Permitting process

Genetics Policy

Salmon Escapement Goal Policy

Transportation, Possession, & Release of Live Fish

Policy for Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries

State of Alaska oversight: pathology, genetics, area managers











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Constitutional Authority

Unlike many states in the union, Alaska enshrined its regard for natural resources in its constitution. <u>Article 8 — Natural Resources</u> lays out the framework for management of renewable resources:

- § 2. General Authority The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the state, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of the people.
- § 3. Common Use Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use.
- § 4. Sustained Yield Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belong to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.
- § 15. No Exclusive Right of Fishery No exclusive right or special privilege of fishery shall be created or authorized in the natural waters of the State.
- § 15. No Exclusive Right of Fishery [as amended in 1972 to allow limited entry] No exclusive right or special privilege of fishery shall be created or authorized in the natural waters of the State. This section does not restrict the power of the State to limit entry into any fishery for purposes of resource conservation, to prevent economic distress among fishermen and those dependent upon them for a livelihood and to promote the efficient development of aquaculture in the state

Because fish and wildlife were recognized as critically important to the fledgling state, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was created as a cabinet level department run by a commissioner, who answers directly to the governor. The directives of the constitution were included in statute by the legislature under Alaska Statute 16.05.020. The functions of the commissioner are to:

(2) manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state in the interest of the economy and general well-being of the state.

The legislature also created the eight-member Alaska Board of Fish and Game, which was split into two seven-member boards (one for fisheries and one for wildlife) in 1975. The purpose of these boards is for conservation and development of fisheries and wildlife resources [AS 16.05.221 (a) and (b)].











Current research regarding "straying" of hatchery salmon

Hatcheries Research

Current Research Project

Overview

Current Research Project

Findings and Updates

Because of the value of hatchery production to industry's harvest, and the mandate that hatchery production be compatible with sustainable productivity of wild stocks, ADF&G and private hatchery operators have recognized the need for a research program addressing concerns about escapement assessment, and genetic and ecological interactions between hatchery and wild stocks.

ADF&G organized a science panel composed of current and retired scientists from ADF&G, University of Alaska, aquaculture associations, and National Marine Fisheries Service. Panel members have broad experience in salmon enhancement, management, and wild and hatchery interactions.

The panel raised three priority questions:

- 1. What is the genetic stock structure of pink and chum salmon in each region?
- What is the extent and annual variability in <u>straying</u> of hatchery pink salmon in Prince William Sound (PWS) and chum salmon in PWS and Southeast Alaska (SEAK)?
- 3. What is the <u>impact on fitness</u> (productivity) of wild pink and chum salmon stocks due to straying of hatchery pink and chum salmon?

The science panel designed a long-term research project to potentially answer some of the questions. A study plan was prepared and ADF&G solicited proposals from entities interested in conducting a research program to address interaction of wild and hatchery pink and chum salmon in PWS and SEAK.

The current research takes a long commitment and a considerable amount of funding. The legislature has appropriated a significant portion of the funding needed to ADF&G in FY 2013 Capital Budget from the General Fund. Alaska's salmon processing community has committed to a similar level of support.

Research Proposal Genetics Scope of Straying Effect on Population Fitness

Research Proposal

Prince William Sound Science Center (PWSSC), in conjunction with Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC), submitted the successful proposal and the contract was approved to conduct a portion of this project. Work on this project began in the summer of 2012. In the winter of 2013, PWSSC will present the first annual report for review by the science panel and department. The science panel will continue to advise the department on how to present













Some Current Issues

Whale predation

Ocean acidification

Market conditions

Fish feed prices

Maintaining "pristine waters" image

Pacific Decadal Oscillation

Carrying capacity of the North Pacific?



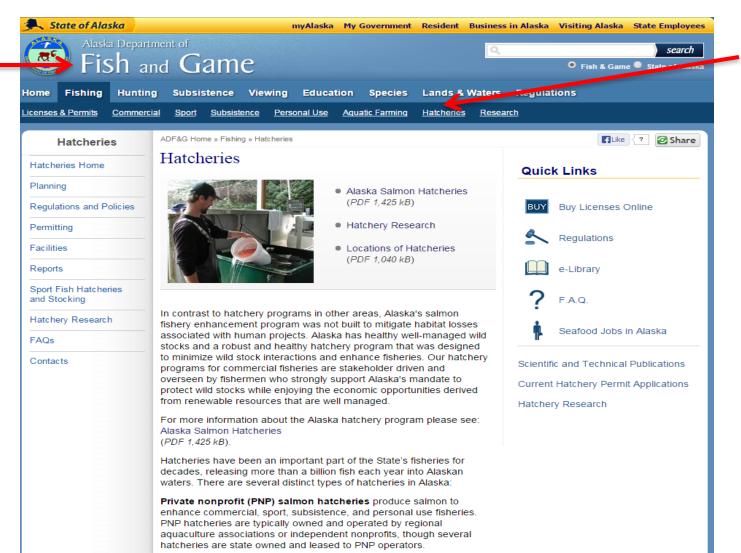








Want more info re: Alaska hatcheries?



What it the term used for Private Non Profits that are allocated a percentage of catch to make up the cost of running hatcheries?

- Cost recovery
- Allocated allowano
- Programma

salmon enhancement

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