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#### Abstract

Frequently repeated sections of expendable bathythermograph observations between San Francisco and Honolulu, taken by merchant vessels during the period June 1966 through December 1974, were analyzed to obtain mean seasonal cycles. Results are depicted in a set of semimonthly vertical sections of mean temperatures to 500 m and in a set of corresponding sections of 30 -day mean temperature changes to 200 m . In addition, seasonal cycles at selected depths are included along with mean monthly vertical profiles for seven typical locations along the route.

The analyses reveal geographic and temporal facets of the mean thermal structure, including: 1) depth of the surface mixed layers in winter, 2) growth and decay of the seasonal thermocline, 3) decrease in depth of the permanent thermocline from Oahu to the California coast, 4) a region of temperature inversions or very weak vertical temperature gradients that develops between 50 and 100 $m$ during the spring in the Transition Zone, and 5) the location and movement of warming and cooling regions during the year.

Vertical mixing appears to be the dominant process along most of the route for transmitting the annual surface warming and cooling cycle downwards to depths of 100 to 150 m . However, advective processes are active in the California Current.


Tables of semimonthly mean temperatures are given in an Appendix.

## INTRODUCTION

Vertical sections of mean subsurface temperatures from the surface to 500 m , presented here, were derived from a time-series of sections of expendable bathythermograph (XBT) observations made from June 1966 through December 1974 by merchant ships between San Francisco, Calif., and Honolulu, Hawaii (Fig. 1). The observational program was developed by Saur and the data collected under the direction of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). With technical assistance from the Fleet Numerical Weather Central (FNWC), XBT systems were placed on merchant ships and observations were made routinely by the ship's mates. Saur and Stevens (1972) described the XBT system, observational procedures, and early projects for obtaining observations from cooperating ships.
Collection of subsurface temperature observations on the San Francisco-Honolulu route began when the first production models of the XBT system became available. The work started as a 1 - to 2 -yr feasibility and

[^1]development project on the use of the system aboard merchant vessels. It was then continued as an ocean monitoring project, and is now a part of a coordinated program among FNWC, NMFS, and NORPAX (North Pacific Experiment) programs to obtain XBT observations in the Pacific. The data are now routinely collected


Figure 1.-Three great circle routes between Honolulu and U.S. west coast ports, on which frequent XBT observations have been made by cooperating merchant ships, and a schematic representation of the three upper ocean regimes in the area. Mean subsurface temperatures reported here are for the San Francisco-Honolulu route for which the longest time series-starting in June 1966exists.
and selected vertical sections of the temperature distribution, with individual XBT profiles, have been published regularly in Fishing Information ${ }^{5}$ since March 1972.

The ship routes between Honolulu and U.S. west coast ports cross the eastern limb of the major anticyclonic gyre of the North Pacific Ocean. If we confine our attention to the upper ocean, from the surface to a few hundred meters, we can identify three oceanic regimes: the California Current and the Eastern North Pacific Central waters separated by a Transition Zone (Fig. 1).

The waters in the California Current are mainly cooler, lower salinity waters of subarctic origin that are modified in their slow southeastward movement along the California coast. The Eastern North Pacific Central waters are warmer, higher salinity waters that occupy about the southwestern one-half of the route.
The Transition Zone is a complex region, not yet fully understood. In our region of interest it is bounded on the south and southwest by the subtropical front (Roden 1971, 1975). On the north and northeast it is bounded, respectively, by the subarctic front (Dodimead et al. 1963) and some type of southeastward extension of this feature, which LaFond and LaFond (1971) called the California Front. Saur (1974) described criteria for identifying these regimes from the XBT profiles, changes in slopes of isotherms in the vertical sections, and accompanying surface salinity observations. Laurs and Lynn (1977) discussed features of the Transition Zone from oceanographic observations made in June of several different years by fishery research vessels.
Mean temperatures presented here provide a base for study of temperature anomalies (Dorman and Saur 1977, 1978) and for further research on the relation of temperature variability to air-sea interaction and the changing environment of marine organisms.

## METHODS

## Observations

The time-distance distribution of XBT observations for the period June 1966 through December 1974 is shown in Fig. 2. The great circle distance from a reference point near Oahu was used for location. About $90 \%$ of the observations were made by ships on the great circle route. Some departures from the great circle track resulted from storms and the fact that tankers of Chevron Shipping Company generally followed a rhumb line (constant heading) course. For these observations taken at locations displaced from the usual route by 100 to 150 km , the use of great circle distance from Oahu tends to minimize temperature errors, because the general orientation of isotherms in the upper layers is northwest-

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Figure 2.-The time-distance distribution of XBT observations on or near the San Francisco-Honolulu route from June 1966 through December 1974. Location of an observation is measured by its great circle distance from an offshore reference point (lat. $21^{\circ} 12{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$, long. $157^{\circ} 42^{\prime}$ W) near Honolulu.
southeast. The San Francisco end of our section is a point on the edge of the continental shelf a short distance south-southwest of the Farallon Islands and $3,800 \mathrm{~km}$ ( $2,050 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$.) from the reference point.
With the exception of the first year and one-half when only four observations per day were scheduled, the XBT observations were taken on a 4 -h schedule related to the ship's watch, rather than at prespecified "stations." Thus the location of observations along the route differs from one section to another. Also, the distance between observations depended upon the ship's speed. Of those ships cooperating in the program, normal speeds were either about 16 to 17 kn or about 22 kn , so that the distance between observations was about $120 \mathrm{~km}(65 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. or 165 km ( $90 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$.), respectively. The slower ships would generally get 27 to 30 observations per transit and the faster ships about 17 to 20 observations. A few sections with more closely spaced observations for special studies were made when scientific personnel were aboard.

The frequency of sections reflects the growth and change in character of the project. With the exception of six sections made by oil tankers in the summer of 1970, all of the observations from the beginning of the project in June 1966 through January 1971 were made from one vessel, Californian, a bulk-cargo and container vessel of Matson Navigation Company. This $17-\mathrm{kn}$ ship made a round trip about every 18 to 21 days, generally making observations on one 5 -day leg only. During this period several gaps of 4 to 8 wk duration occurred because of ship repair schedules, short labor strikes, and equipment failures.

A prolonged maritime strike in 1971 interrupted the series for two periods of nearly 3 and 5 mo each. A faster ( 22 kn ) ship, Hawaiian Enterprise, made most of the sections in 1971 and 1972, resulting in more frequent sections but with greater spacing between observations. As a part of the International Decade of Ocean Exploration (IDOE) programs, we began instrumenting other ships in late 1972 for other routes, but which also would make sections irregularly on the San Francisco route. Using these ships, the frequency of sections on the San Francisco route was increased in 1973 and intense coverage was obtained in 1974.
For the entire period from June 1966 through December 1974 there was a total of 4,913 observations (Table 1). A number of the sections did not have complete coverage, with the coverage generally being poorest near either end of the route. This should be considered when interpreting the computer analyses which will be presented.

## Instrumentation

The basic sensing and recording system used throughout the period was the Sippican XBT system. Progressive improvements were made in the recorder by the manufacturer-some partially due to the field experiences from this project-during the first few years, 1966-68. Since then, the recorder, with pressure sensitive paper and an option switch for $460 \mathrm{~m}(1,500 \mathrm{ft})$ or 760 m
( $2,500 \mathrm{ft}$ ) depth recording, has remained essentially unchanged.
The XBT system initially installed aboard the Californian included an experimental digitizer (developed by FNWC) with analog signal input from a retransmitting slidewire in the XBT recorder and digital output onto a 5 -level punched paper tape at depth intervals of slightly less than 3 m (Saur and Stewart 1967). This was a dual purpose output for testing radio transmission of data to FNWC and for subsequent computer conversion, ashore, onto magnetic tape for permanent archives. The digitizer system became unstable after April 1969 which made the output unsuitable for archiving data. Although commercial digitizing systems were tried with some of the new recorders installed on other ships in 1971 and 1972, all of the data used herein from May 1969 onward were derived from the analog traces.
Sippican model T-4 XBT probes ( 460 m ) were used during the first 1.5 yr of the project. We switched to use of model T-7 probes ( 760 m ) in November 1967, to try to minimize probe-to-probe temperature errors by correcting deep temperatures to a smoothed deep level temperature (e.g., 600 or 700 m ). This plan proved to be unworkable because the deep level temperatures could be offset to warmer temperatures by insulation failures on the wire and such a bias could not always be recognized with certainty by examination of the analog traces or vertical sections. At a later date mesoscale eddies were discovered and appeared to have deep

Table 1.-Number of expendable bathythermograph (XBT) sections by cooperating ship and total observations by year on the San Francisco-Honolulu route.


111-16 February 1968 section had two XBT drops at each 4-h interval.
${ }^{2}$ Includes one special section, 27 April-1 May 1974, with hourly observations by R. L. Bernstein and C. A. Collins.
temperature changes equal to or greater than temperature error of the probes manufactured in 1968 and later.

As the cost of probes rose in the early 1970's we returned to using T-4 probes. With the merchant ships the amount of wire on the probe was the limiting factor on depth of the XBT observation. We found that the manufacturer's safety margin of excess wire on the probe usually permitted a reliable determination of temperature to 500 m .

## Initial Processing

The procedures for initial processing of the observations into digital form on magnetic tape evolved as the project developed.

As noted earlier, the XBT system used during 1966-69 aboard the Californian included an experimental digitizer with a punched paper tape output. Most of the observations through April 1969 were computer translated from this output, which was regularly calibrated with the manufacturer's test canister on the visit to the ships before and after each voyage. In cases of digitizer failure significant points were read by eye from the analog traces, as were all observations for MayDecember 1969. Some sets of observations from 1967 to 1968 were semiautomatically digitized by FNWC in the early stages of development of its XBT digitizing system for computer determination of temperature-depth inflection points.

When the NMFS Pacific Environmental Group (PEG) was established in Monterey, the 1970 and later observations were digitized on an analog-digital table, under the supervision of McLain and using the facilities and computers of FNWC. The digitizing procedures generally followed those used at FNWC, described by Dale and Stevens (1970), except as modified by McLain at PEG to handle the NMFS data separately from FNWC data, to digitize analogs from T-4 probes to 500 m , and to plot vertical sections.

## Quality Control

Preliminary vertical sections of the distribution of temperature were constructed, at first by hand and later by computer, for quality control. Saur reviewed each data set for possible errors utilizing the preliminary sections, analog traces, and continuity from section to section. Locations of observations were plotted to help check positions and an independent check of time and distance between observations was made against the ship's speed. For observations through 1970, copies of marine weather logs on which positions of $6-\mathrm{h}$ weather observations were logged independently of XBT logs were also used to correct time and position errors.
The data checks were made to eliminate large errors due to instrument failure not detected before digitizing. These were of several types: 1) erroneously high temperatures throughout a trace due to defective thermistors or insulation failure from the start, 2) insulation failure during the probe descent which would intro-
duce bias toward higher temperatures in the remainder of an analog record, and 3) slippage of the friction clutch on the chart drive, which occurred mainly in early years before we became more experienced with the XBT system. Corrections were made at a later time when temperature values were interpolated at $5-\mathrm{m}$ intervals between the surface and 300 m and at $10-\mathrm{m}$ intervals between 300 and 500 m depth, for the computer analysis of temperature fields.

## Computational Procedures

The determination of the vertical sections of mean subsurface temperature presented herein involved three steps: 1) Conversion of observed temperatures from each section to temperatures on a standard grid; 2) computation of a seasonally varying mean at each grid point by least squares fit of $12-, 6$-, and 4 -mo harmonics; and 3 ) reconstruction of gridded temperature fields from the harmonics, spatial smoothing, and contouring of vertical sections. The computer programs used for this were adaptations by Eber of those he prepared at SWFC to map environmental variables in marine weather observations for presentation in Fishing Information.

1. Conversion to a standard grid.-It was previously mentioned that observations were not taken at the same predetermined location from section to section. The first step was to analyze observed values from each section to a standard rectangular grid, using a procedure from Eber's EDMAP ${ }^{6}$ (Environmental Data Manipulation, Analysis, and Plotting) program.

The grid was selected with a distance interval of 92.5 km ( $50 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. ) and a depth interval of 10 m . This resulted in a grid of 42 by 51 points representing a vertical section $3,800 \mathrm{~km}(2,050 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$.) by 500 m . Distance and depth were converted to grid coordinate units for the temperature analysis.

The procedure scanned the data list and fitted temperature values to the grid. Each observation contributed to the values at its nearest grid points according to an inverse weighting scheme based on distance from the observation to each of the grid points. The weighting factor decreased to zero at one grid length. If no observation was found within one grid length of a grid point, it was flagged as a "no data" point in that section.

The procedure can be viewed as a refinement of centering the observational data within $185-\mathrm{km}$ ( $100 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$.) by $20-\mathrm{m}$ blocks that have a $50 \%$ overlap between adjacent (both vertically and horizontally) blocks. However, if there is more than one observation within a block, each is weighted according to the distance to the center of the block and the number of grid points it will affect. (The

[^3]procedure gives somewhat greater weight to an observation near a grid point than would a weighting of $1-R^{2}$, where $R$ is the distance in fractions of a grid length.) If there is only one observation within a unit grid area and there are no observations in any of the surrounding grid areas, the observed value would be assigned to each of the four nearest grid points.
The middate of the observations in a given section was assigned to its corresponding grid field for later use in determining harmonic coefficients. Thus the maximum time error for data at either end of the section would be about 2.0 to 2.5 days.
2. Least squares harmonic fit.-In order to establish a smooth mean seasonal cycle for each gridpoint, a least squares fit was made for the harmonic function
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T_{i, j}=\left(A_{o}\right)_{i, j}+\sum_{n=1}^{3}\left(A_{n} \cos n \omega t+B_{n} \sin n \omega t\right)_{i, j}
$$
where $\omega=2 \pi / 365, t$ is the day of the year, and $i$ and $j$ are gridpoint indices. Robinson (1976) also used the first three harmonics of the Fourier function for time smoothing of monthly mean values of mechanical bathythermograph data (to 400 ft ) for the North Pacific Ocean. Since our initial gridded fields were not distributed at equal intervals in time, the terms which normally disappear in harmonic analysis of evenly spaced data (due to orthogonality) are not zero when applying the least squares fit. Seven simultaneous equations for least squares fit were solved to determine the seven unknown constants to represent the mean temperature and the12-, 6 -, and 4-mo cycles.

To avoid overweighting certain years because of greater sampling frequency, a set of harmonic constants was determined for each of three time periods: June 1966-December 1970, 1971-73, and 1974. The first period was selected because of the consistency of the sampling mentioned earlier. The year 1974 was analyzed separately because of the unusually high-density sampling. The observations from 1971 and 1972 were considered as 1 yr and combined with 1973.

Constants from the three periods were weighted and combined by Dorman to provide the mean constants representative of the 1966-74 period. Weights assigned to the periods were as follows:

| Period | Weight |
| :---: | :---: |
| June 1966-December 1970 | 4.5 |
| 1971-1973 | 2.0 |
| 1974 | 1.0 |

3. Vertical sections of mean temperature and mean temperature change.-Appendix 1 contains vertical sections of the mean temperature structure along the Honolulu-San Francisco route, to depths of 500 m , for 24
equally spaced times throughout a year. (For convenience of identification these are labeled as 01 January, mid-January, 01 February, etc., to midDecember.)

The data field for each of the 24 mean vertical sections was reconstructed from the harmonic functions at each grid point. Because the time smoothing by the least squares fit was independent from point to point, a spatial smoothing was applied to the grid field before contouring.

The spatial smoothing was done with one pass of a $5 \times$ 5 point ( 370 km by 40 m ) smoother in the EDMAP program. The smoother was a two-step numerical filter, after Shapiro (1970), which was mostly effective for reducing amplitudes of perturbations with wave lengths of less than about four grid lengths. Its response was zero at a wave length of two grid lengths, 0.45 at three grid lengths, and 0.75 at four grid lengths. The response was 0.96 , or greater, at wave lengths of seven grid lengths or more.

The contouring part of the EDMAP program divided each grid square into 25 subsquares, whose corner values were determined by Bessel's central difference formula for double quadratic interpolation. The intersection of each contour with the boundary of a subsquare it transects was determined by linear interpolation. The isotherms were computer plotted and are reproduced herein, with drafting touch-up only for clarity of presentation. The isotherms were not changed subjectively.
The major changes in the seasonally varying mean temperature were found to occur in the upper 200 m of the water column. The figures of Appendix 1 also show the distribution of the "30-day" temperature changes for the upper 200 m . The changes were computed from the spatially smoothed data (described on page 7) and are centered on the date of the vertical section in the upper panel. Note that there is a $50 \%$ overlap between two consecutive temperature change charts.
4. Tables of mean temperature. -Mean temperature values, in ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, for selected depths and alternating grid points (intervals of 185 km ) are presented in Appendix 2. The values are those reconstructed from the fitted harmonics for the given grid point (distance and depth) and extracted before the grid was spatially smoothed for contouring. The tables are identified as 01 January, midJanuary, etc., to mid-December, as were the vertical sections of Appendix 1.

## RESULTS

This section discusses some of the general features of the mean temperature distributions in Appendix 1. Further, we have selected seven locations, each of which has vertical temperature structure and cycles characteristic of a part of the route. For each of these, Figure $3 a-g$ shows the seasonally varying mean temperature for eight depths from the surface to 500 m , and Figure $4 a-g$ shows the mean monthly vertical profiles of temperature for the warming and cooling periods.

## Annual Cycles

At the surface the annual period is predominant at all locations (Fig. 3a-g). The annual range was smallest (about $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) near Oahu, largest (about $7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) in the Transition Zone, and again smaller near the California coast (about $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). From near Oahu to the California front, the cycles at 50 m diminished in amplitude and the summer maximum lagged that at the surface by 1 to 2 mo . At the low salinity core of the California Current (Fig. 3f) the summer maximum penetrated almost simultaneously from the surface to 200 m . In the inshore area, California Current (Fig. 3g), the temperature range at 50 m was small (about $1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Here the minimum and the maximum temperatures lagged those at the surface by about 4 mo , and appear to be related to the occurrence of upwelling and the subsurface countercurrent, respectively.

## Mixed Layers and Thermoclines

The surface mixed layers reach their maximum depth in winter, mid-February through early April, Appendix 1. Depths of the mixed layers were generally at least 100 m , except they decreased to 75 m near Califormia. They were deepest, about 150 m , in the central part of the section ( 2,000 to $2,200 \mathrm{~km}$ ) in the neighborhood of the subtropical front.

We consider the permanent thermocline to be the region of the maximum vertical temperature gradient in winter (January through March); vertical sections of Appendix 1 and profiles of Figure 4. In the western half of the section it was deeper ( 200 to 250 m ) and warmer ( $15^{\circ}$ to $17^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) than in the California Current region where it
lay at depths of 100 to 120 m and had temperatures of $11^{\circ}$ to $13^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The seasonal thermoclines are formed by warming in spring and summer (May through September) and are generally confined to the upper 50 to 100 m which are vertically mixed in winter. In the California Current region the seasonal thermocline merged with the permanent thermocline into a single feature, whereas in the Transition Zone the two thermoclines were separated in the spring by temperature inversions (next section) and later by a near thermostad (vertically isothermal) layer, Figure 4d. The latter was particularly evident in the summer (July through August) sections by the steeper slope of the $15^{\circ}-19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherms at depths from 50 to 150 m at distances of 2,000 to $3,000 \mathrm{~km}$ from Honolulu. In the Eastern North Pacific Central waters from Honolulu to near 1,800 to $2,000 \mathrm{~km}$ along the route, a layer of weak vertical temperature gradient occurred between the seasonal and permanent thermoclines.

## Temperature Inversions

A characteristic feature found by Saur (1974) in the individual profiles in the Transition Zone (between 2,000 and $3,000 \mathrm{~km}$ from Honolulu) was the occurrence of complex vertical thermal structure, especially in the spring months. The thermocline would often be interrupted by isothermal layers and temperature inversions appeared in some profiles. These were attributed to interleaving, by horizontal mixing, of layers of cool, low-salinity water with warmer, higher salinity water of nearly the same density. These features usually are relatively small scale and transient, so that during our computation of means, they were generally smoothed out. However, some




Figure 3.-Station position chart and mean temperature cycles at selected depths (meters) for seven typical locations, great circle distances
 lat. $22^{\circ} 10 \mathrm{~N}$. long. $155^{2} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. b. Eastern North Pacific Central Water: $1,340 \mathrm{~km}\left(550 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi} .1\right.$; lat. $28^{\circ} 177^{\circ}$ N, long. $146^{\circ} 20^{\circ}$ W. c. Subtropical front: $2,130 \mathrm{~km}\left(1,150 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}\right.$ ) ; lat. $31^{\circ} 39^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$, long. $139^{\circ} 42^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. d. Transition Zone: $2.500 \mathrm{~km}(1,350 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi})$; lat. $33^{\circ} 12^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$, long. $136^{\circ} 12^{\prime} W$. e. California front: $2,570 \mathrm{~km}\left(1,550 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}\right.$ ); lat. $34=39 \mathrm{~N}$, long. $132.35^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. f. Low salinity core. California Current: 3.430 km ( $1.850 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$ ); lat. $36^{\circ} 36^{2} \mathrm{~N}$, long. $126^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ W. E. Inshore region, California Current: $3,615 \mathrm{~km}\left(1,950 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}\right.$ ) ; lat. $37^{\circ} 12^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$, long. $124^{\circ} 59^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$.


Figure 4.-Monthly profiles of mean temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), for warming and cooling periods at seven typical locations (shown by diamond on inset chart); distance from offshore reference point near Honolulu and geographic coordinates as in Figure 3. a. Near Oahu. b. Eastern North Pacific Central Water. c. Subtropical front. d. Transition Zone. e. California front. f. Low-salinity core of the California Current. g. Inshore region of California Current.
temperature inversions remained in the vertical sections of Appendix 1, e.g., the $15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm in the 01 April section, the $15^{\circ}-17^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherms in the mid-April section, the $16^{\circ}-17^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherms in the 01 May section, and the $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm in the mid-May section. It appears that, on the average, when surface warming begins in the spring and vertical mixing is suppressed, the warmer, higher salinity Eastern North Pacific Central waters spread toward the California coast around 100 m , underrunning the low-salinity, modified subarctic waters which are still cool around 50 m .
In winter months, e.g., mid-January section of Appendix 1, there appeared to be a temperature maximum at the base of the mixed layer between 1,200 and $3,000 \mathrm{~km}$ along the section. From an examination of individual profiles it was found that these were not typical of usual conditions. There was almost always an isothermal layer to the top of the thermocline. The apparent maximum resulted from the tendency of the three harmonics to give near-surface temperatures for this area in winter which
were slightly low, $0.1^{\circ}$ to $0.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The weak horizontal temperature gradients and vertical exaggeration of the section, amplified the effect in the computer contoured sections.

## Structure Below the Permanent Thermocline

Below the permanent thermocline, the slopes of the isotherms can be used to separate the section into two regions. The $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm is typical. In the western part of the section from Honolulu to about $1,800 \mathrm{~km}$ it generally changed depth by less than 50 m , i.e., the slope was less than $3 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~km}$. In the eastern part of the section, from a point at $2,200 \mathrm{~km}$ on the section to near San Francisco ( $3,800 \mathrm{~km}$ ) the depth of the $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm decreased by 150 to 200 m , or a slope of greater than 9 $\mathrm{m} / 100 \mathrm{~km}$. The smaller slopes are associated with the Eastern North Pacific Central waters, while the steeper slopes were associated with both the California Current and Transition Zone regions.


Figure 4.-Continued.

## Coastal Upwelling

Reid et al. (1958) have described upwelling and the subsurface countercurrent along the California coast from repeated detailed oceanographic observations by the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations (CalCOFI) program. Some effects of upwelling also appear in XBT mean temperatures, although sampling was poor at the California end of the route. In January, Appendix 1, the $9^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm was closest to the surface (about 130 m ) some 200 km from the California coast, but bent downward to 150 m at the coast. About late March the $9^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm began to rise and reached a depth of about 120 m at the coast by mid-June, so that it then had nearly a uniform upward trend approaching the coast. Starting in September it began to sink again at the coast and the "ridge" in the isotherm again moved gradually offshore and by mid-November had returned to the position 200 km offshore where it was in January.

Coastal upwelling causes a delay in the onset of summer warming and a reduced range of the seasonally varying mean temperature. In the inshore area of the California Current (Fig. 3g), after a nearly constant winter temperature of about $12^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, summer warming at the sur-
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face did not begin until late May or early June, as compared with April or May farther offshore (Fig. 3e, f). Also, in the inshore area the September temperature maximum reached only $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, for an annual range of only $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, whereas farther offshore (Fig. 3f) it reached $17.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for an annual range exceeding $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## California Subsurface Countercurrent

In the vertical sections of Appendix 1 the downwarping of the $6^{\circ}, 7^{\circ}$, and $8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherms from 200 km at sea to the California coast shows warmer water against the coast (at depths of 200 to 500 m ) than offshore. This agrees with observations of Reid et al. (1958) who reported the existence of a narrow northward moving undercurrent against the California coast and below 200 m . An exception occurred during April and May when the $8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm rose to about 200 m at the coast. This indicates that upwelling normally reached to that depth during these months. Another exception was the nearly level approach to the coast of the $8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ isotherm from midAugust to mid-September. This may reflect a brief latesummer upwelling period, but might just be the result of inadequate sampling immediately adjacent to the coast.
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Figure 4.-Continued.

## The 30-Day Temperature Changes

The lower panels of the figures in Appendix 1 show contours of temperature change in the upper 200 m during 30 -day periods (of a 360 -day yr). The maximum rate of warming was $2^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{mo}$ in June at the surface near 2,600 km , which is in the Transition Zone. The maximum rate of cooling was just over $1.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{mo}$ during November and December in the same area. The rate of cooling was smaller because the cooling takes place over a depth of at least 50 m whereas the warming is confined to a shallower layer of about 25 m . There was very little temperature change at any depth throughout the section from mid-March to mid-April, but there was no corresponding period in the fall.
In the fall period the downward mixing of heat into the upper thermocline as the surface cools is evident over most of the route in the temperature changes (Appendix 1) and in the vertical profiles (Fig. $4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g}$ ). Beginning in August a subsurface maximum of warming appeared just above 50 m throughout most of the section. The level of maximum warming moved downward during the fall reaching 100 m in December. During this time the surface was cooling and a strong gradient of temperature change developed between the surface cooling and the
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subsurface warming. The maximum subsurface warming decreased as its depth increased with time, and subsurface warming essentially disappeared by February.

The patterns of temperature change in the California Current region differ from those over most of the section. For example, from September through November and at distances of 3,200 to $3,400 \mathrm{~km}$ along the route, cooling extended downward from the surface to 200 m , at least. This created a break in the pattern of the warming maximum at 50 m , which existed over the rest of the section. A secondary center of cooling below 100 m occurred at 2,700 to $2,900 \mathrm{~km}$ on the route. These changes were associated with the development of a wave pattern in the isotherms along the permanent thermocline. The centers of cooling were associated with a steepening of the slope of the isotherms in the corresponding vertical sections, whereas in between these centers the isotherms flatten out. The steepening and flattening indicate a splitting of the broad flow of the California Current into filaments of stronger and weaker flow, respectively. The cooling pattern propagated westward along the section at a speed of about $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{mo}(3.8 \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{s})$.

There was a counterpart center of warming which appeared in mid-December in the California Current region (around $3,400 \mathrm{~km}$ and 90 m ) and which could be followed
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Figure 4.-Continued.
through early April propagating westward, also at the rate of $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{mo}$. This warming, however, was associated with the disappearance of the previously mentioned wave pattern along the thermocline.

From considerations of heat balance we may infer from the patterns of temperature changes that over most of the section vertical mixing dominates in transmitting the surface warming-cooling cycle downward to subsurface levels of 100 to 150 m . In contrast, horizontal advection of heat may be dominant in the California Current to depths of 200 to 300 m . The cause of the growth and decay of the wave pattern on the thermocline in the eastern part of the sections should be investigated.

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## APPENDIX 1

## Vertical Sections of Mean Temperature and Mean "30-day" Temperature Change

This Appendix contains 24 vertical sections of mean temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), from the surface to 500 m , between San Francisco and Honolulu (upper panel) and spaced at 15 -day intervals of a 360 -day yr. The lower panel is a vertical section to 200 m showing the 30 -day changes in temperature and centered on the date of the temperature section above it. For convenience the sections are labeled as: 01 January, mid-January, 01 February, etc., through mid-December.
The grids of mean temperature were spatially smoothed, as explained in the text, before being contoured.







































## APPENDIX 2

## Tables of Mean XBT Temperature

This Appendix contains 24 tables of mean temperatures $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ spaced at equal intervals throughout the year, corresponding to the temperature sections of Appendix 1. Each table contains, at alternating grid points, i.e., intervals of 185 km ( $100 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$.) on the San Francisco-Honolulu route, the mean temperature for selected depths, in meters. The mean temperatures are those computed from the fitted three-component harmonic function for the given distance and depth. These temperatures were abstracted from the complete grid, without smoothing.

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# Surface Circulation in the Northwestern Gulf of Mexico as Deduced From Drift Bottles ${ }^{1}$ 

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#### Abstract

Drift bottles were released monthly at predetermined stations in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico from February 1962 to December 1963. Of the total 7,863 bottles released, $12 \%$ ( 953 ) were recovered within 30 days after release. Analysis of the monthly recoveries revealed seasonal shifts in the flow of surface waters. Between September and February the dominant flow was west along the Louisiana and east Texas coasts, shifting southwest along the southern Texas coast. Between March and May, currents underwent a transitional period, shifting to the north and onshore, particularly along the south and central Texas coast. Converging currents, also apparent along the south Texas coast, appeared to progress up the coast with time. In June and July the surface flow was to the northeast and east. August was another transitional period with currents appearing to weaken and turning onshore. Movements of surface waters appeared directly related to prevailing winds.


## INTRODUCTION

As part of an expanded research effort in 1962 (Kutkuhn 1963), the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, now the National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, initiated a drift bottle study to determine the direction and rate of flow of surface waters in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. The objectives of this study were: 1) to document on a monthly basis surface current direction and velocity; and 2) to attempt to relate monthly variations in current direction and speed with the success or failures of the yearly shrimp crops. Shrimp are planktonic, and may be dependent upon currents for transportation to the estuarine nursery grounds, which are essential for successful completion of their life cycle. The drift bottle study reported herein began in 1962 and continued through 1963.

Seasonal difference in direction and speed of surface currents in the Gulf of Mexico have been generally described by Smith et al. (1951), Leipper (1954), Curray (1960), Chew et al. (1962), and Ichiye (1962). More recent works on current include those by Drennan (1963), Drennan et al. (1963), Armstrong et al. (1967), Watson and Behrens (1970), Ichiye and Sudo (1971), ${ }^{3}$ and Moore (1973). Many of the above studies, however, although contributing to an understanding of ocean currents in the Gulf, were restricted to limited geographic areas and completed over relatively short time periods. The data presented in this report are unique in that they were generated from the entire northwestern Gulf of Mexico

[^5]and on a monthly basis for a 2 -yr period, thus providing a time series heretofore unavailable.

## METHODS

Cruises were conducted monthly with chartered shrimp vessels from February 1962 to November 1963 to stations located over the continental shelf (Fig. 1). The monthly schedule was followed as closely as possible, the only exceptions being due to adverse weather conditions or mechanical breakdowns. Operations were similar between years except that fewer stations were occupied in 1963, and one vessel was used to cover the entire study area rather than two as in 1962. The general overall effects of these modifications were that in 1963 the areal coverage was slightly reduced, and the time required to provide total coverage of the study area was increased. The latter effect explains seeming discrepancies in the date labeling of figures used in the analysis to follow. For example, the April cruise in 1963 extended into May.
Drift bottles used throughout the study were made of clear glass, about 22 cm in height, 6 cm in diameter, and had a capacity of about $240 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$. Each bottle contained a bright reddish-orange card on which was a brief message in Spanish and English. A reward of 50 cents was paid for the return of the card with information of location and date of recovery. In most cases, half the bottles released at a station were ballasted (odd numbers) and half were unballasted (even numbers). Those ballasted floated at or just under the surface. The reason for the use of the two types of bottles was an attempt to determine the direct effects of winds.
The number of bottles released during each cruise varied during the 2 -yr study. Generally, 12 bottles were released at each station in 1962; 4-10 bottles were released per station in 1963 . This modification did not affect the rate of recovery for bottles within 30 days after release for the percent recovered in 1963 was greater than

Figure 1.-The drift bottle study area in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico with the location of stations occupied in 1962 and 1963.
in 1962 (Table 1). This increase was probably due to greater public awareness of the program in 1963 than in 1962.

The technique used to depict surface currents was the same as used by Day (1958). Recovered bottles were grouped into two time periods of 15 days each, i.e., $0-15$ days and $16-30$ days. The $0-15$ day recoveries were first plotted as straight lines connecting points of release and recovery. These lines were resolved into directional arrows, and over these arrows we then plotted, as straight lines, the $16-30$ day recoveries. The final step was to reduce the 16-30 day straight lines to flow arrows conforming with the $0-15$ directional arrows, thus depicting residual drift, not the actual path traversed by a bottle. The reason for the selected groupings and the exclusion of bottles recovered after 30 days was the existence of the sand or sand-shell beaches throughout the northwestern Gulf of Mexico, and the possibility of bottles drifting ashore, remaining intact, but not being found until some later date.
Rates of drift, killometers per day, were determined from recoveries made within 15 days after release. In instances where several bottles were returned from a single station, the bottle or bottles adrift for the shortest time period were used to determine rate of drift. Also, if two or
more bottles, recovered from the same release, were adrift for the same period of time but had traveled different distances, these distances were averaged before determination of drift rate. Consequently, one directional arrow may represent the recovery of several bottles, and the speed an average speed.

Daily wind data from the climatological records published monthly by the U.S. Weather Bureau, now the National Weather Service, were used to depict prevailing wind conditions over the study area during each cruise (U.S. Department of Commerce 1962-1963a, 1962-1963b, 1962-1963c). This information was recorded at weather stations in Brownsville and Galveston, Tex., and New Orleans, La. Since the time required to complete each cruise varied, it was arbitrarily decided to construct resultant wind vectors for the time period between the first and last days of each cruise plus an additional 15 consecutive days. These data were converted to Beaufort units and incorporated into progressive vector analysis, the lengths of which measured in Beaufort units were divided by the total number of days to give a vector average for each period under consideration.

All drift bottle release and recovery data used in this report are on file in the National Oceanographic Data Center, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20235, under Ref. 78-0035.

Table l.-Numbers of drift bottles released and recovered in the Gulf of
Mexico within $0-15$ and $16-30$ days, by cruises, 1962 and 1963.


## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Comparison of Ballasted and Unballasted Drift Bottles

Because of the use of two types of bottles, i.e., ballasted and unballasted, data were grouped by bottle type to determine if differences existed between rates of recovery (Table 2), direction of drift, and speed of drift.

Cruise values of percent recovery fluctuated from 22 to $54 \%$ between Cruise 1-62 and Cruise 6-63. Thereafter, values fluctuated from 0 to $76 \%$, reflecting probably the reduced number of bottles released during this period (Table 1). It was readily apparent that in general fewer ballasted than unballasted bottles were recovered within 30 days after release (Table 2). For a comparison of direction and speed of ballasted and unballasted bottle drift, we arbitrarily selected 10 "test groups" for analysis, i.e., stations from which several ballasted and unballasted bottles were recovered within 15 days from a single release (Table 3 ).

The average direction of both types of bottles was usually similar. One exception was "test 8 " in which several ballasted bottles moved southward down the coast, while several unballasted bottles moved northward up the coast. Average speeds were also generally
similar with no definite indication that unballasted bottles drifted at a greater rate than did unballasted bottles.

## Surface Circulation

Over the $2-y r$ period, surface currents underwent distinct directional shifts which were, in general, similar between years. Because of this, specific months, although illustrated individually, have been grouped, irrespective of years: January-February; March-May; June-July; August; and September-December.

January-February.-Currents during this period generally paralleled the northwestern Gulf coast, flowing west off Louisiana and becoming southwest off Texas (Fig. 2). Slight deviations from this pattern were apparent in 1962 in two areas. Just west of the Mississippi River the flow was to the north and onshore, whereas off the south Texas coast there were indications of an inshore countercurrent to the north.

Current velocities ranged from a low of $4 \mathrm{~km} /$ day to a high of $14 \mathrm{~km} /$ day. Greatest velocities ( $9-14 \mathrm{~km} /$ day) were observed in waters over the central portion of the study area, i.e., off western Louisiana and eastern Texas. Lowest velocities occurred just west of the Mississippi River ( $5 \mathrm{~km} /$ day) and off south Texas ( $4 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{day}$ ) in the vicinity of Brownsville.

Table 2.--Comparison by cruise of recovery of ballasted and unballasted drift bottles within 30 days after release in the Gulf of Mexico

| Cruise | Recoveries |  |  | Ballasted/ <br> Total Recovered |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ballasted | Unballasted | Total |  |
| 1-62 | 8 | 29 | 37 | 22 |
| 2-62 | 27 | 53 | 80 | 34 |
| 3-62 | 17 | 55 | 72 | 24 |
| 4-62 | 9 | 28 | 37 | 24 |
| 5-62 | 21 | 36 | 57 | 37 |
| 6-62 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 23 |
| 7-62 | 19 | 52 | 71 | 27 |
| 8-62 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 33 |
| 9-62 | 50 | 43 | 93 | 54 |
| 10-62 | 9 | 22 | 31 | 29 |
| 1-63 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 50 |
| 2-63 | 17 | 1. | 34 | 50 |
| 3-63 | 31 | 51 | 82 | 38 |
| $4-63$ | 25 | 45 | 70 | 36 |
| 5-63 | 33 | 45 | 78 | 42 |
| 6-63 | 25 | 31 | 56 | 45 |
| 7-63 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 8-63 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 20 |
| 9-63 | 34 | 11 | 45 | 76 |
| 10-63 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 62 |
| 11-63 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 70 |
| Totals | 366 | 587 | 953 | 38 |

after release in the Gulf of Mexico.

| Test | Type <br> Bottle | Number <br> Recovered | Direction (True) |  | Speed (kon/day) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Range | Average | Range | Average |
| *1 | B | 4 | -- | $276^{\circ}$ | -- | 4.6 |
|  | U | 6 | $230^{\circ}-276^{\circ}$ | $268{ }^{\circ}$ | 1.9.-4.6 | 4.1 |
| 凖2 | B | 4 | 007 $-016^{\circ}$ | $013^{\circ}$ | $3.7-18.5$ | 9.3 |
|  | U | 5 | $347^{\circ}-007^{\circ}$ | $357^{\circ}$ | 3.7-15.7 | 11.7 |
| \$3 | B | 6 | $244^{\circ}-359^{\circ}$ | $263^{\circ}$ | 0.9-3.9 | 1.7 |
|  | U | 6 | -- | $244^{\circ}$ | -- | 1.1 |
| $1 / 4$ | B | 6 | 204*-215 ${ }^{\circ}$ | $207^{\circ}$ | 17.0-21.1 | 19.8 |
|  | U | 2 | 204*-205 ${ }^{\circ}$ | $204^{\circ}$ | 18.3-19.1 | 18.7 |
| \#5 | 8 | 5 | -- | $339^{\circ}$ | 5.9-6.3 | 6.1 |
|  | U | 4 | $331^{\circ}-339^{\circ}$ | $334^{\circ}$ | 2.6-6.3 | 3.7 |
| *6 | B | 5 | $292^{\circ}-307^{\circ}$ | $302{ }^{\circ}$ | 2.4-4.8 | 4.3 |
|  | U | 6 | $292{ }^{\circ}-317^{\circ}$ | $305^{\circ}$ | 2.9-9.3 | 5.0 |
| 㑣 7 | B | 3 | -- | $298{ }^{\circ}$ | -- | 6.3 |
|  | U | 5 | -- | $298{ }^{\circ}$ | 6.3-8.3 | 7.0 |
| \% | B | 5 | $180^{\circ}-195^{\circ}$ | $187^{\circ}$ | 5.6-6.5 | 6.1 |
|  | U | 5 | 195* $000{ }^{\circ}$ | $334^{\circ}$ | 5.6-26.8 | 10.7 |
| 89 | B | 4 | -- | $291{ }^{\circ}$ | 25.9-38.9 | 32.4 |
|  | U | 3 | -- | $291^{\circ}$ | 5.9-38.9 | 20.0 |
| \$10 | B | 3 | $336^{\circ}-354^{\circ}$ | $346^{\circ}$ | 4.4-7.9 | 6.7 |
|  | U | 4 | $341^{\circ}-012^{\circ}$ | $360^{\circ}$ | 8.3-14.6 | 9.8 |

Resultant wind vectors for the cruise periods revealed differences between areas in the northwestern Gulf as well as differences between months. In January 1963, winds at New Orleans were generally northerly or offshore, those at Galveston northeasterly or alongshore, and those at Brownsville southeasterly or onshore. This circulation pattern of winds may account for the absence of recoveries of bottles released east of Galveston.

In February 1962 and 1963 winds were generally similar over the entire study area, i.e., east to southeast flowing west alongshore at New Orleans and Galveston and onshore at Brownsville. Strongest winds occurred at Brownsville in both years and probably accounted for the reduced rate of alongshore flow of surface waters observed in that area.

March-May.-Drift bottle movements indicated a transitional period for surface currents in the study area during both years with several distinct features (Figs. 3, 4). First, the flow of surface waters off Louisiana was predominately to the west in March of both years, but as time progressed, the flow direction generally shifted to the north and became onshore in May. This onshore component was more pronounced in May 1962 than in May 1963 when some east to west movement was still apparent. Apparent monthly differences in the timing of the breakdown of the dominant east to west movement between years may be accounted for by the difference in cruise dates between years or may reflect real yearly dif-
ferences. Associated with this dominant flow off Louisiana was a generally weak northward onshore movement of nearshore waters just west of the Mississippi River.
The second prominent feature during this period was the movement of waters off the south Texas coast. Recoveries during both years indicated an area of convergence of currents. Furthermore, as the season progressed, this arc of convergence moved northward up the Texas coast until the flow of surface waters became almost directly onshore. In May 1963, however, this pattern can only be inferred due to the paucity of drift bottle releases off the south Texas coast.

The third distinct feature of the circulation pattern was the indication of the presence of an oceanic surface current that existed in waters beyond the continental shelf. This was particularly apparent in March of both years and April 1962 when several bottles deposited on the edge of the shelf apparently moved against (straight line trajectory) prevailing shelf currents. From this set of data, it appeared that in the surface waters three current systems may have been present in the study area: a nearshore countercurrent, a shelf current, and an oceanic current.
Current velocities varied depending on location within the study area. Speeds of the dominant east to west drift off Louisiana ranged between 7 and $14 \mathrm{~km} /$ day whereas the weak onshore current just west of the Mississippi River ranged from 1 to $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{day}$. Within the area of convergence off Texas, speeds ranged from 3 to $17 \mathrm{~km} /$


Figure 2.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drift bottles released in January 1963 and February 1962 and 1963 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. (Arrows indicate direction of flow; numbers indicate average km/day).

Figure 3.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drift bottles released in March and April 1962 and 1963 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. (Arrows indicate direction of flow; numbers indicate average $\mathbf{k m} /$ day).


Figure 4.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drif bottles released in May 1962 and is6 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. (Arrows indicate direction of flow; numbers indicate average km/day).
day with an overall average of about 6 . In general velocities of surface currents decreased from March to May as currents became more onshore.

With few exceptions, winds were generally similar between years over the study area, but a marked seasonal shift in direction was apparent. Resultant wind vectors indicated that the winds became more southerly or onshore during this 3 -mo period and may account for the general weakening of the east to west flow of surface
waters off Louisiana and east Texas as well as a shift in surface currents to the north off south Texas. With the exception of May 1962, wind force was greatest at Brownsville.

June-July.-Following the March-April transitional period, the dominant east to west flow of JanuaryFebruary had in essence reversed (Fig. 5). Currents flowed northward along the south Texas coast, whereas

off Louisiana currents were to the north or east with the northerly current generally restricted to nearshore waters and the eastward movement restricted to the deeper waters over the shelf. The strength of this eastward flow was apparently greater in 1962 than in 1963 as evidenced by the recovery of bottles as far away as Florida within 30 days after release. In 1963, bottles were also recovered in Florida but time adrift exceeded 30 days and the recoveries therefore are not shown in Figure 5.
Current velocities varied throughout the study area with values ranging from 3 to $12 \mathrm{~km} /$ day along the Texas coast and averaging $7 \mathrm{~km} /$ day. Onshore currents along the Louisiana coast ranged from 1 to $9 \mathrm{~km} /$ day with an average of $3 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{day}$. Monthly velocities were similar between years.
The influence of the prevailing southerly wind so characteristic of the summer in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico was readily apparent at Brownsville and Galveston for June and July of both years. Surface water currents off Texas were observed flowing either directly downwind or slightly to the right of the prevailing wind direction. Off Louisiana, however, the wind direction varied between years. In 1962, air flow was to the east whereas in 1963 it was more to the north. This variation generally supports the stronger eastward movement of surface waters off Louisiana in 1962.

August.-Drift bottles were released during this time period only in 1963, and their movements indicated still another transitional period in current direction and
velocity (Fig. 6). Surface currents, rather than moving alongshore and to the north, had shifted to onshore toward the west; velocities had slowed to a rate of 2-3 $\mathrm{km} /$ day, a marked decrease from those velocities observed in the June-July period.

At Brownsville and Galveston winds were generally southeasterly. At New Orleans, winds were variable, as evidenced by the relatively small resultant vector, and were northwesterly.

September-December.-The release and recovery of drift bottles indicated that surface currents had returned to the dominant flow noted in January-February, i.e., a general west to southwesterly flow (Figs. 7, 8). Several features of the circulation pattern, however, should be noted. First, recoveries of bottles in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas, in 1962 indicated a westerly onshore movement that dissipated as the season progressed.
Second, the onshore component of the prevailing southwest current was not as apparent in 1963 as in 1962. Few bottles released in the study area were recovered within 30 days, and of those that were, most were released at nearshore stations. Whether this was due to the lack of areal coverage or the total number of bottles released is not known, but the results were similar to those observed in December 1962 (Fig. 8), a period when a large number of bottles were released and areal coverage was extensive. This absence of recoveries may indicate either an along- or offshore movement of surface waters.


Figure 6.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drift bottles released in August 1963 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. (Arrows indicate direction of flow; numbers indicate average $\mathrm{km} /$ day).


Figure 7.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drift bott
Figure 7.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drift bottles released in September and October 1962 and 1963 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. (Arrows indicate direction of flow; numbers indicate a average $\mathbf{k m} /$ day).


Figure 8.-Surface circulation deduced from recoveries of drift bottles released in November 1962 and 1963, and December 1962 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. Arrows indicate direction of flow; numbers indicate average $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{day}$ ).

Table 4.- Bstimsted range and everase current velocity for September-
December 1962-63 in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico.

|  | 1962 |  |  | 1963 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Range | Average | Range | Average |
| September | $1-10$ | 5 | $8-9$ | 9 |
| October | $2-4$ | 3 | no data |  |
| November | $2-12$ | 7 | no data |  |
| December | $2-5$ | 3 | no data |  |

Information on current velocities was generally restricted to the 1962 data, but no distinct trend was readily apparent. Ranges and averages for each month are shown in Table 4.
The seasonal shift in wind circulation over the study area during this period agreed generally with the direction of surface water movement. With few exceptions, east to southeast winds became more northerly until in November 1963 and December 1962 north winds dominated over the entire study area. The lack of drift bottle recoveries during this period supports the implied offshore southerly flow of surface waters.

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# Annotated Bibliography and Subject Index on the Shortnose Sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostrum 

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#### Abstract

A bibliography that consists of 165 references on the classification, distribution, abundance, life history, and ecology of the shortnose sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostrum. Brief annotations and a subject index are included for this rare and endangered species.


## INTRODUCTION

This bibliography consists of 165 references on the systematics, distribution, life history, and ecology of the shortnose sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostrum LeSueur.
Arrangement of the references is alphabetical by author's surname. With multiple authors, the entry is made only under the senior author's name. Each author's works are listed chronologically by year of publication and those published in the same year are given alphabetical sequence by title. Anonymous articles are listed by the name of the journal or the originating agency.
Brief annotations of the contents of the publications that apply to the shortnose sturgeon and its scientific name are given. This annotation is not done to make value judgments of the papers but to give clearer descriptions of the contents than can be obtained from their titles.
In the task of examining the vast number of scattered references in the ichthyological literature, I have received aid from many individuals. Thanks go to the librarians at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., and to the librarians at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. My indebtedness to those persons and institutions is great. I acknowledge the help I received from Brian Kinnear and Mike Dadswell, comembers of the shortnose sturgeon endangered species recovery team.
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The shortnose sturgeon is found in the Delaware in proportion to the common sturgeon at about 5 to 1 .

GILL, T.
1862. Catalogue of the fishes of the eastern coast of North America from Greenland to Georgia. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 13(Suppl.):1-63.

Acipenser brevirostrum is included.
1873. Catalogue of the fishes of the east coast of North America. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1871-1872:779-814.

The shortnose sturgeon is listed with its range.
GOODE, G. B.
1879. Catalog of the collections to illustrate the animal resources and the fisheries of the United States. Bull. U.S. Natl. Mus. 14, 64 p.

Acipenser brevirostrum is included in a list of animals of North America which are beneficial or injurious to man.

GOODE, G. B., and T. H. BEAN.
1879. A list of the fishes of Essex County including those of Massachusetts Bay. Bull. Essex Inst. 11, 351 p .

The species is represented in the museum of the Essex Institute by a stuffed skin obtained at Rockport.

GOODE, G. B., and a Staff of Associates.
1884. The fisheries and fishery industries of the United States. Sec. I. Natural history of useful aquatic animals. Gov. Print. Off., Wash., D.C., 895 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is described along with a brief natural history. The sturgeon's ability to leap out of the water is mentioned. Plate 243 is from a drawing from a photograph of a specimen of shortnose sturgeon collected from Woods Hole, Mass., 1871.
1887. The fisheries and fishery industries of the United States. Sec. V. History and methods of the fisheries. Gov. Print. Off., Wash., D.C., 881 p.

Sturgeon are included in a review of the river fisheries of the Atlantic States. Size and species were not mentioned and the shortnose sturgeon is probably included.

GORDON, B. L.
1960. The marine fishes of Rhode Island. The Bait and Tackle Shop, Watch Hill, R.I., 136 p.

A $2.5-\mathrm{ft}$ shortnose sturgeon was taken in May 1956 in the traps at Point Judith. A 28 -in fish believed to be a shortnose sturgeon was taken in Narragansett Bay in 1957.

GORHAM, S. W.
1965a. Distributional checklist of the fishes of New Brunswick. New Brunswick Museum, Canada, p. 1-32.

The shortnose sturgeon is included with a locality record.

1965b. Notes on the fishes from the Browns Flat area, Kings County, New Brunswick. Can. Field-Nat. 79:137-142.

Eight specimens were collected using salmon nets.
1971. The shortnose sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostrum, an endangered species in New Brunswick? Mus. Mem. N.B. Mus. 3:13-15.

The article presents new records of specimens in the St. John system and data on length and weight. The longest specimen is recorded to this date.

GORHAM, S. W., and D. E. McALLISTER. 1974. The shortnose sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostrum, in the Saint John River, New Brunswick, Canada, a rare and possibly endangered species. Natl. Mus. Nat. Sci., Syl. 5:5-16.

The paper provides new information for a series of specimens from the St. John system on distribution, length, and weights. A taxonomic description of the Canadian population is given for the first time. Pictures are included. A new maximum size, greater than that reported by Gorham (1971), is reported.

## GREELEY, J. R.

1937. Fishes of the area with annotated list. In A biological survey of the lower Hudson watershed, p. 45-103. Rep. N.Y. State Conserv. Dep., Suppl. 26(11).

The article includes information on lengthweight relationships, spawning times, growth, and distribution in the Hudson River estuary.

GRUNCHY, C. G., B. PARKER, and D. E. McALLISTER.

In press. Shortnose sturgeon. In D. S. Lee, C. R. Carter, D. E. McAllister, J. R. Stauffer, C. H. Hocutt, R. E. Jenkins, and J. McCann, Atlas of North American freshwater fishes. J. N.C. State Mus.

A spot distribution map, illustration, and species account of shortnose sturgeon is given.

## GRZIMEK'S ANIMAL LIFE ENCYCLOPEDIA.

1973. Polypterids, sturgeons and related forms. Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., N.Y., Vol. 4, 531 p.

A very brief description of $A$. brevirostrum with a comment on its commercial value.

GUNTHER, A.
1870. Catalogue of the fishes of the British Museum. Taylor and Francis, Lond., Vol. 8, 549 p.

A taxonomic description is given.

## HALKETT, A.

1913. Checklist of the fishes of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. King's Printer, Ottowa, 138 p .

Acipenser brevirostrum is contained in the list, with its general range of distribution including the erroneous St. Lawrence record.

HARKNESS, W. J. K.
1923. The rate of growth and the food of the lake sturgeon (Acipenser rubicundus (LeSueur)). Publ. Ơnt. Fish. Res. Lab. 18:13-42.

The author found the earstones or otoliths of the sturgeon to form growth lines. Technique for ag-
ing was employed later for the shortnose sturgeon.

HARKNESS, W. J. K., and J. R. DYMOND. 1961. The lake sturgeon. Ont. Dep. Lands Forests, 97 p.

Acipenser brevirostrum, with its range, is included in a list of the sturgeons of the world.

HILDEBRAND, S. F., and W. C. SCHROEDER. 1928. Fishes of Chesapeake Bay. Bull. Bur. Fish. 43, 366 p .

The shortnose sturgeon is discussed from published accounts and a specimen taken off Provincetown, Mass., now in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass., is described.

HOFF, J. G.
1965. Two shortnose sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostris, from the Delaware River, Scudder's Falls, New Jersey. Bull. N.J. Acad. Sci. 10:23.

A ripe shortnose sturgeon of each sex was examined.

HOLLAND, B. F., Jr., and G. F. YELVERTON. 1973. Distribution and biological studies of anadromous fishes offshore North Carolina. N.C. Dep. Nat. Econ. Res., S. S. R. No. 24, 132 p .

Between 1968 and 1971, eight shortnose sturgeon were caught offshore between Cape Fear, N.C., and Cape Henry, Va.

HOLLY, M.
1936. Pisces 4. Ganoidei. Das Tierreich (67), Berlin, 65 p.

A systematic review of the sturgeon family.
HOVEY, H. C.
1883. The sturgeon fishery. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 4:346-348.

Information on the sturgeon fishery of the Delaware River is given along with the sturgeon's preparation for market and the table.

JENKINS, R. E., and J. A. MUSICK.
In press. Fishes. In D. Linzey (editor), Threatened and endangered plants and animals of Virginia. Va. Polytech. Inst.

Shortnose sturgeon endangered animal of Virginia.

JEROME, W. C., Jr., A. P. CHESMORE, and C. O. ANDERSON, Jr.
1968. A study of the marine resources of the Parker River-Plum Island Sound Estuary. Division of Marine Fisheries, Department of Natural Resources, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 79 p .

An Atlantic and a shortnose sturgeon were taken by Bill Sibley on the Peggybell in Ipswich Bay near the mouth of Plum Island Sound in 1966. A picture of the shortnose sturgeon is included.

JORDAN, D. S.
1876. Manual of the vertebrates of the northern United States, including the district east of the Mississippi River, and north of North Carolina and Tennessee, exclusive of marine species. 1st ed. Jansen, McClurg and Co., Chicago, 342 p.

A brief description and range is given.
1878, 1880, 1884. Manual of the vertebrates of the northern United States, including the district east of the Mississippi River, and north of North Carolina and Tennessee, exclusive of marine species. 2d, 3rd, 4th ed. Jansen, McClurg \& Co., Chicago.

A brief description and range is given.
1886. Notes on fishes collected at Beaufort, North Carolina, with a revised list of the species known from that locality. Proc. U.S. Natl. Mus. 9:2530.

Shortnose sturgeon is included in the list.
1887. A catalogue of the fishes known to inhabit the waters of North America north of the Tropic of Cancer, with notes on the species discovered in 1883 and 1884. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1885:789973.

The shortnose sturgeon is listed.

1897, 1899, 1904. A manual of the vertebrate animals of the northern United States including the district north and east of the Ozark Mountains, south of the Laurentian Hills, north of the southern boundary of Virginia, and east of the Missouri River, inclusive of marine species. 7th, 8th, 9th ed. A. C. McClurg and Co., Chicago.

A brief description and range is given.
1929. Manual of the vertebrate animals of the northeastern United States inclusive of marine
species. 13th ed. World Book Company, N.Y., 446 p.

Description and range are given.
JORDAN, D. S., and B. W. EVERMANN.
1896a. A checklist of the fishes and fish-like vertebrates of North and Middle America. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1894:207-584.

The range of the shortnose sturgeon is given.
1896b. The fishes of North and Middle America. Bull. U.S. Natl. Mus. 47, 3313 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is described with its range. The specimen described is from South Carolina.
1904. American food and game fishes. Doubleday, N.Y., 572 p.

The range is from Texas to Cape Cod and the habits are similar to the common Atlantic.
1937. American food and game fishes. Doubleday, N.Y., 512 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is included with a brief description and distribution.

JORDAN, D. S., B. W. EVERMANN, and H. W. CLARK.
1930. Check list of the fishes and fishlike vertebrates of North and Middle America, north of the northern boundary of Venezuela and Colombia. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1928 (Part 2), 670 p.

Shortnose sturgeon is included in the checklist.
JORDAN, D. S., and C. H. GILBERT.
1882. Synopsis of the fishes of North America. Bull. U.S. Natl. Mus. 16, 1018 p.

A description and range is given.
KENDALL, W. C.
1908. Fauna of New England. 8. List of the Pisces. Occas. Pap. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. 7, 152 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is recorded in New England.

KILBY, J. D., E. CRITTENDEN, and L. E. WILLIAMS.
1959. Ichthyological notes: Several fishes new to Florida freshwaters. Copeia 1959:77-78.

The shortnose sturgeon was incorporated in

Florida's faunal list in 1896. In recent years authors have been inclined to exclude Florida from the range of the species. However, one adult shortnose sturgeon was taken in 1949 by commercial seine from the St. John's River and donated to the University of Florida collections.

KIRSCH, P. H., and M. W. FORDICE.
1889. A review of the American species of sturgeons (Acipenseridae). Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 41:245-257.

A review of the American Acipenseridae, based on species belonging to the Museum of the University of Indiana.

KOSKI, R. T., E. C. KELLEY, and B. E. TURNBOUGH.

1971. A record-sized shortnose sturgeon from the Hudson River. N.Y. Fish Game J. 18:75.

A shortnose sturgeon measuring 932 mm in total length was caught in January 1970 in the Hudson River (from Tappan Zee Bridge to Bear Mountain Bridge).

LEACH, G. C.
1920. Artificial propagation of sturgeon. Part 1. Review of sturgeon culture in the United States. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1919:3-5.

A review of the attempts and drawbacks in sturgeon culture in the United States is provided. Species were not mentioned; however, this material is applicable to the shortnose sturgeon.

LEIM, A. H., and L. R. DAY.
1959. Records of uncommon and unusual fishes from eastern Canadian waters, 1950-1958. J. Fish. Res. Board Can. 16:503-514.

The first authentic Canadian record is given for the shortnose sturgeon. The specimen, 69 cm long, was caught by the MV Harengus in the Long Reach, Saint John River, N.B., on 20 May 1957. Identification was made by V. D. Vladykov.

LEIM, A. H., and W. B. SCOTT.
1966. Fishes of the Atlantic Coast of Canada. Bull. Fish. Res. Board Can. 155, 485 p.

A general description and natural history of the shortnose sturgeon is given.

LELAND, J. G., II.
1968. A survey of the sturgeon fishery of South Carolina. Contrib. Bears Bluff Labs. 47, 27 p.

The history and present situation of the sturgeon fishery of South Carolina is presented. Individual species were not mentioned; however, it is stated that there is practically no market for small sturgeon ( $3-12$ pounders) and that these are not taken in the sturgeon nets. They do become enmeshed in shad nets and are killed by the shad fisherman. These small sturgeon may include shortnose sturgeon.

LeSUEUR, C. A.
1818. Description of several species of Chondropterygious fishes of North America, with their varieties. Trans. Am. Philos. Soc. 1:383-395.

The author gives the original description of the species, with three varieties, from specimens caught in the Delaware River.

MacCALLUM, G. A.
1921. Studies in helminthology. Zoopathalogica 1:137-284.

Three individuals of the trematode Nitzschia superba were found on the gills of a male and female shortnose sturgeon from the New York Aquarium on 22 September 1915.

MAGNIN, E.
1959. Répartition actuelle de Acipenséridés. Revue Trav. Inst. (Sci. Tech.) Pêch. Marit. 23:277-285.

A distribution of the Acipenseridae is presented.
1963. Notes sur la répartition, la biologie et particuliérement la croissance de l'Acipenser brevirostris LeSueur 1817. Nat. Can. (Que.) 90:87-96.

Magnin presents data on the age, length, and biology of 10 specimens from the St. John River near Fredericton, N.B.
1964. Croissance en longeur de trois esturgeons d'Amérique du Nord: Acipenser oxyrhynchus Mitchill, Acipenser fulvescens Raffinesque, et Acipenser brevirostris LeSueur. Verh. Int. Verein. Theor. Angew. Limnol. 15:968-974.

A growth comparison of three eastern North American species is presented.

MASSMANN, W. H.
1958. A checklist of fishes of the Virginia waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. Va. Fish. Lab., Fin Fish Prog. Rep. 60, 14 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is on the checklist.

McALLISTER, D. E.
1960. List of the marine fishes of Canada. Bull. Natl. Mus. Can. 168, 8 p.

Shortnose sturgeon is included in the list.
1970. Rare and endangered Canadian fishes. Can. Field-Nat. 84:5-8.

At this time, shortnose sturgeon is known only in the lower St. John River, N.B., from the mouth to Gagetown. Increasing pollution and a hydroelectric dam may be of significance in their survival.

McALLISTER, D. E., and C. G. G. GRUNCHY. 1977. Status and habitats of Canadian fishes in 1976. In T. Mosquin (editor), Canada's threatened species and habitats, 185 p. Canadian Nature Federation, Ottawa.

Listed shortnose sturgeon as rare with moderate population in St. John River, N.B. Unanswered questions on its spawning and population trends.

McCLEAVE, J. D., and S. M. FRIED.
1974. Three unusual shortnose sturgeon (Acipenser brevirostrum) from Montsweag Bay, Me. Can. Field-Nat. 88:359-360.

Three unusual specimens were captured: one with only one barbel, one with forked barbels, and one bilaterally blind. The blind specimen appeared to be in good condition and it is noted that blind, dark, healthy shortnose sturgeon have also been observed.

McCLEAVE, J. D., S. M. FRIED, and A. K. TOWT.
1977. Daily movements of shortnose sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostrum in a Maine estuary. Copeia 1977:149-157.

The daily summer movements of 15 shortnose sturgeon in Montsweag Bay were studied by ultrasonic telemetry.

McLANE, W. M.
1955. Fishes of the St. John's River System. Ph.D. Thesis, Univ. Fla. Tallahassee, 367 p.

Both common and shortnose sturgeon are reported to be extremely rare on the Atlantic coast of Florida.

MEEHAN, W. E.
1896. Fish, fishing and fisheries of Pennsylvania. Rep. State Comm. Fish. 1895, 245 p.

Chapter 5 is entitled The Sturgeon Fisheries of the Delaware.
1910. Experiments in sturgeon culture. Trans.

Am. Fish. Soc. 39:85-91.
The shortnose sturgeon used in the experiment were from the Delaware River. The experiment showed that shortnose sturgeon can be carried from year to year in ponds 200 or more feet long and proportionately wide and deep, and their eggs can be taken safely in sufficient number to warrant fish cultural work.

## METH, F. F.

1971. Ecology of St. John River Basin II. Catalogue of estuary fish species for the Saint John River. Environment Canada (Mimeogr. rep.), 28 p.

## Shortnose sturgeon recorded for the Saint John River.

1972. Ecology of Saint John River Basin V. Status of estuary fisheries. Environment Canada (Mimeogr. rep.), 6 p.

Shortnose sturgeon recorded for the Saint John River.
1973. Sport and commercial fisheries of the St. John estuary. Rep. St. John River Basin Board 76:1-70.

The paper includes a general account of the shortnose sturgeon.

MIGDALSKI, E. C., and G. S. FICHTER.
1976. The fresh and salt water fishes of the world. Alfred A. Knopf, N.Y., 316 p.

Its range and differentiation from the common sturgeon are given.

MILLER, R. R.
1972. Threatened freshwater fishes of the United States. Trans. Am. Fish. Soc. 101:239-252.

Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusets, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania list shortnose sturgeon as being an endangered species.

MONTPETIT, A. N.
1897. Les poisson d'eau douce du Canada. Montreal, 553 p .

The shortnose sturgeon is erroneously reported as occurring in the St. Lawrence and lacs St. Pierre, St. Louis, and St. Froid.

NEW YORK MARKET INDEX AND JOURNAL.
1880. Report for 1879 and 1880 of the sale of fish in Fulton Market, New York. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 3, 426 p.

It is reported that 70,633 pounds of sturgeon were sold between March 1878 and March 1879 and 68,858 pounds between March 1879 and March 1880. Species and size were not mentioned; therefore, shortnose sturgeon may be included in the sale.

NICHOLS, J. T.
1918. Fishes of the vicinity of New York City. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist. Handb. Ser., No. 7, 118 p.

A small sturgeon, Acipenser brevirostris, that reaches a length of 2 ft occurs in the New York City area.

NICHOLS, J. T., a C. B. BREDER, JR.
1927. The marine fishes of New York and southern New England. Zoologica (N.Y.) 9, 192 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is briefly described with its distribution.

## OFFICE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AND INTER-

 NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.1973. Threatened wildlife of the U.S. U.S. Dep. Inter. Res. Publ. 114, 289 p.

This is a revision of Resource Publication 34 (1966) (see Committee on Rare and Endangered Wildlife Species (1966)).

PERLMUTTER, A.
1961. Guide to marine fishes. New York Univ. Press, 431 p .

A short description of the color, distribution, size, general information, and economic importance of the shortnose sturgeon is provided.

PRATT, H. S.
1935. A manual of land and fresh water vertebrate animals of the United States (exclusive of birds). 2d ed. P. Blakiston's Son and Co., Inc., Phila., 416 p.

A brief description of the species is given.
PROVANCHER, L'ABBE.
1876. Faune canadienne. Les poissons. Nat. Can. (Que.) 7:361-363.

Fortin's erroneous record of the shortnose sturgeon in the St. Lawrence River is cited.

RICHARDSON, J.
1836. Fauna boreali-Americana, or the zoology of the northern parts of British America. Part III. The fish. Richard Bentley, Lond., 278 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is described.
ROSTLUND, E.
1952. Freshwater fish and fishing in native North America. Univ. Calif. Press, Berkeley, 248 p.

The range is given for the shortnose sturgeon.
RYDER, R. A.
1888. The sturgeons and sturgeon industries of the eastern coast of the United States, with an account of experiments bearing upon sturgeon culture. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 8:231-328.

This is the first diagnosis of the species since LeSueur's original description in 1817. From specimens caught in the Delaware River, the author gives distinctive characters by which the species might be recognized. He also notes that the species is always small, confirmed by the fact that sexual maturity is reached much earlier than in the common form.

SCHAEFER, R. H.
1967. Species composition, size and seasonal abundance of fish in the surf waters of Long Island. N.Y. Fish Game J. 14:1-46.

One shortnose sturgeon was caught off Fire Island, N.Y., in 1962.

SCHRENKELSEN, R.
1938. Field book of the freshwater fishes of North America north of Mexico. Putnam, N.Y., 312 p.

A general account of the shortnose sturgeon is presented.

SCHWARTZ, F. J., W. W. HASSLER, J. W. REINTJES, and M. W. STREET.
1975. Endangered and threatened plants and animals of North Carolina: Marine fishes. Proceedings of the symposium on endangered and threatened biota of North Carolina. 1. Biological concerns. N.C. State Mus. Nat. Hist., p. 250264.

These are unconfirmed reports of the shortnose sturgeon from offshore; once sporadically known from Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, and other North Carolina waters, but today it is believed extirpated.

SCHWARTZ, F. J., and G. W. LINK, JR. 1976. Status of Atlantic, Acipenser oxyrhynchus,
and shortnose, Acipenser brevirostrum, sturgeons in North Carolina (Pisces, Acipenseridae). ASB (Assoc. Southeast. Biol.) Bull. 23:94.

The shortnose sturgeon is believed extinct in North Carolina.

SCOTT, W. B.
1954, 1967. Freshwater fishes of eastern Canada. 1st, 2d ed. Univ. Toronto Press.

Distribution in Canada for the shortnose sturgeon and variation from the common sturgeon is provided.

SCOTT, W. B., and E. J. CROSSMAN.
1959. The freshwater fishes of New Brunswick: A checklist with distributional notes. R. Ont. Mus. Life Sci. Contrib. 51, 37 p.

The only shortnose sturgeon caught in Canada up to this date is Vladykov's catch in 1957 in the St. John River.
1973. Freshwater fishes of Canada. Bull. Fish. Res. Board Can. 184, 966 p.

A more detailed description and natural history than Leim and Scott (1966) is given. It is noted that the largest shortnose sturgeon on record was a $1,006-\mathrm{mm}$ female from the Connecticut River.

SCOTT, W. B., and M. G. SCOTT.
1965. A checklist of Canadian Atlantic fishes with keys for identification. R. Ont. Mus. Life Sci. Contrib. 66, 106 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is included in the list and a key to the family Acipenseridae is provided.

SLASTENENKO, E. P.
1958. The freshwater fishes of Canada. Kiev Printers, Toronto, 383 p .

A general account of the shortnose sturgeon.

## SMITH, H. M.

1891. Report on the fisheries of the South Atlantic states. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 11:269-356.

Size is not reported; therefore, shortnose sturgeon may have been caught. The sturgeon fishery is noted as having the most noticeable decline in the river fisheries of the South Atlantic States during the past decade. A decrease of $80 \%$ in the yield of sturgeon during the past 10 yr is reported.
1892. Economic and natural-history notes on fishes of the northern coast of New Jersey. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 12:365-380.

Only the common sturgeon is cited. However, in its discussion it is mentioned that small fish called "moose" are sold whole; the name appears to be a corruption of "mammoose" which is current in Delaware Bay, and is applied to young fish that are too small to dress and are usually sold whole. These small sturgeon may be the shortnose species.
1894. A statistical report of the fisheries of the middle Atlantic states. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 14:339-467.

The common sturgeon is included in a list of the important fishes of the middle Atlantic states. However, the species is broken into three groups: sturgeon, mammoose-Delaware River, and moose (young)-New Jersey. The latter two groups most likely include the shortnose sturgeon.
1897. Fishes found in the vicinity of Woods Hole. Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 17:85-111.

The shortnose sturgeon is found in company with the common sturgeon but is less numerous than the latter. It is taken in traps.
1907. The fishes of North Carolina. N.C. Geol. Econ. Surv. 2, 445 p.

Actual records of its occurrence in North Carolina are rare.
1914. Passing of the sturgeon. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1913:66-67.

A review of the overfishing of the sturgeon, which is applicable to the shortnose sturgeon.
1915. Report of the commissioner of fisheries for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914. Sturgeon Fishery of Delaware River. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1914, 81 p.

Some sturgeon with large roe are caught as late as September, but a large portion of such fish are of the smaller species (A. brevirostrum), locally called "bottlenose."

SMITH, H. M., and B. A. BEAN.
1899. List of fishes known to inhabit the waters of the district of Columbia and vicinity (1898). Bull. U.S. Fish Comm. 18:179-187.

Shortnose sturgeon are found in this area but
are not as abundant as the common sturgeon and have undergone the same decrease in recent years. It is probably not recognized by fishermen as a different species.

STORER, D. H.
1846. A synopsis of the fishes of North America. Mem. Am. Acad. Sci., New. Ser. 2(7):253-550.

A brief description of the shortnose sturgeon is presented.

SUMNER, F. B., R. C. OSBURN, and L. J. COLE. 1911. A biological survey of the waters of Woods Hole and vicinity. Part II. Bull. U.S. Bur. Fish. 31:549-794.

The common sturgeon is listed, however the shortnose sturgeon is included in its references. When listing parasites of the common sturgeon, it is noted that the spiny-headed worm, Echinorhynchus attenuatus, is listed for the shortnose sturgeon.

SYRYABINA, E. S.
1974. Gel'minty osetrovykh ryb (Acipenseridae Bonaparte, 1831). Moscow, USSR; Izdatel'stvo "Nauka," 168 p.

This is a monograph on the helminth fauna of acipenserid fish of the world based on data from the literature and on the author's examination of his own collection of eight fish from waters of the U.S.S.R. The 22 species of Acipenseridae known are parasitized by 95 helminth species, 27 of which are specific to this group.

TAUBERT, B. D., and R. J. REID.
1978. Observations of the shortnose sturgeon (Acipenser brevirostrum) in the Holyoke pool of the Connecticut River, Massachusetts. Progress Report to NEUSC. Mass. Coop. Fish Unit, Amherst, Mass., 14 p.

Spawning site and larvae description are identified in the Connecticut River.

TOWER, W. S.
1908. The passing of the sturgeon: A case of the unparalleled extermination of a species. Pop. Sci. Mon. 73:361-371.

A history of the sturgeon fishery and the extermination of the sturgeon is provided. Species are not mentioned.

TOWNSEND, C. H .
1901a. Statistics of the fisheries of the middle

Atlantic states. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1900:195-310.

Catch and market statistics for sturgeon in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia are given. Species are not mentioned.

1901b. Statistics of the fisheries of the New England states. Rep. U.S. Comm. Fish. 1900:311-386.

Catch and market statistics for sturgeon in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut are given. Since species are not mentioned, the shortnose sturgeon is probably included.

TRACY, H. C.
1906. A list of the fishes of Rhode Island. Rep. Comm. Inland Fish. R.I. 36, 176 p.

The shortnose sturgeon is briefly described along with its occurrence in Rhode Island.

TRITES, R. W.
1960. An oceanographic and biological reconnaissance of Kennebecasis Bay and St. John River Estuary. J. Fish. Res. Board Can. 17:377-408.

Additional occurrence of shortnose sturgeon is recorded in the St. John River, N.B.

TRUITT, R. V., T. H. BEAN, and H. W. FOWLER. 1929. The fishes of Maryland. Bull. Md. Conserv. Dep. 3, 120 p.

A general account of the shortnose sturgeon is given.

UHLER, P. R., and O. LUGGER.
1876. List of fishes of Maryland. Rep. Comm. Fish. Md. 1876:67-176.

The shortnose sturgeon inhabits the Potomac River. This individual, represented by a few strips of skin is USNM \# 26273. It was collected 19 March 1876.

## U.S. CONGRESS.

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# Assessment of the Northwest Atlantic Mackerel, Scomber scombrus, Stock 

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#### Abstract

The status of the Atlantic mackerel, Scomber scombrus, stock in the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) convention area is analyzed in this paper. Total catch declined from a high of $431,606 \mathrm{t}$ in 1972 to an estimated $92,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1977. The U.S. spring bottom trawl survey has shown a continuous decrease in Atlantic mackerel abundance since 1968. Fishing mortality $(F)$ in 1977 was estimated at 0.39 , nearly one-half of the 1976 level and the lowest since 1972. The 1974 year class appears to be the strongest since 1969 , whereas the 1975 and 1976 year classes appear to be very weak. Spawning stock biomass decreased from 1.8 million $t$ in $1970-72$ to an estimated $402,500 \mathrm{t}$ at the beginning of 1978, which is slightly below the 1962-67 level when catches averaged only about $25,000 \mathrm{t}$. A zero catch in 1978 would increase the 1979 spawning stock by $6 \%$; a catch of $23,500 \mathrm{t}(\boldsymbol{F}=$ 0.07 ) would maintain the spawning stock at the 1978 level.


## INTRODUCTION

The following report analyzes the status of the Northwest Atlantic mackerel, Scomber scombrus, stock inhabiting the waters from Cape Hatteras, N.C., to Newfoundland, which is the area included in ICNAF (International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries) Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area 6 (SA 3-6) (Fig. 1). This assessment provided the basis for establishing the allowable level of catch in 1978 in the southern part of this area (SA 5-6) and was used by the National Marine Fisheries Service for its environmental impact statement/preliminary fishery management plan for the Atlantic mackerel fishery and by the MidAtlantic Fishery Management Council for its environmental impact statement/fishery management plan for this fishery.

In previous years, this stock was managed through ICNAF, and assessments were completed jointly by scientists from various member nations within the ICNAF Assessments Subcommittee. The last such assessment, on which the 1977 total allowable catch (TAC) was based, was made at the time of the Ninth Special Meeting of ICNAF held at Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, in November-December 1976 (ICNAF 1977). Separate assessments submitted by Anderson et al., ${ }^{2}$ Isakov et al., ${ }^{3}$ and Ivanov ${ }^{4}$ provided the

[^8]basis for the 1976 assessment. In addition to this paper, catch projections for 1978 were provided by Isakov ${ }^{5}$ and several unpublished Canadian reports (Hunt ${ }^{6}$; Lett and Hunt ${ }^{7}$; and Lett and Marshall ${ }^{8}$ ).

Data utilized here include international commercial and U.S. recreational catch statistics for 1961-77 and U.S. research vessel bottom trawl survey results for 196377. Results include estimates of fishing mortality, stock size, recruitment, and projected catch options for 1978, with the resulting spawning stock biomass levels for 1979.

## METHODS

International commercial Atlantic mackerel catches for 1961-76 were obtained from ICNAF Statistical Bulletins published in 1963-77 (volumes 11-26), provisional catches for January-March 1977 were obtained from ICNAF Circular Letters, and catches for the remainder of 1977 were estimated.

Various marine angler surveys provided estimates of the $1960,1965,1970,1974$, and 1976 U.S. recreational catches of Atlantic mackerel (Clark 1962; Deuel and Clark 1968; Deuel 1973; Deuel ${ }^{9}$; Christensen et al. ${ }^{10}$ ).

[^9]

Figure 1.-Northwest Atlantic from North Carolina to Labrador showing ICNAF Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area 6.

Catches in the intervening years were estimated by assuming that the ratio between catch and stock biomass from cohort analysis using only commercial data (ICNAF 1977) in each of the above years was the same in the preceding and succeeding 2 yrs , with the exception that the mean of the 1970 and 1974 ratios was used for 1972, and the mean of 1974 and 1976 was used for 1975.
The 1962-75 numbers at age from the commercial catch were taken from Anderson et al. (see footnote 2). The 1976 numbers at age were revised from those used in the last ICNAF assessment (ICNAF 1977). The general procedure used previously was to: 1) apply the length frequencies and age-length keys reported by individual countries to their catches to obtain numbers at age by country, 2) combine all such numbers at age for respective countries, and 3 ) prorate the summed numbers at age upwards to include catches from countries lacking sampling data. However, since significant differences were evident among age-length keys submitted by various countries for 1976 (Anderson et al. ${ }^{11}$ ), it was decided to combine country age-length keys by quarter. The procedure used was to: 1) determine numbers at length by country by month from available length frequencies and corresponding catches, 2) combine the numbers at length by quarter and prorate upwards to include country catches lacking sampling data, 3) apply the combined quarterly age-length key to the quarterly numbers at length to obtain quarterly numbers at age, and 4) combine the quarterly numbers at age to obtain the annual numbers at age. The estimated numbers at age for 1977 were determined by applying the above pro-

[^10]cedure to the available January-March catch and sampling data and then prorating the results upwards to include the catch expected to be taken during the remainder of the year. Numbers at age for the 1962-77 commercial catches were prorated upwards to include the added U.S. recreational catches.

Mean weights at age (Table 1) adopted by ICNAF (1974) and used in previous assessments were employed in the present analysis. These values were applied to the numbers-at-age catch data for 1962-77 to obtain calculated catches which were compared with the observed catches. These values were also applied to the stock size numbers at age calculated from cohort analysis to obtain stock biomass values. The summed biomass values for each year were adjusted using the appropriate observed/calculated catch ratios. The mean weights at age were used unadjusted in the projections of catch and stock biomass for 1978-79.

Table 1.-Mean weights at age (kilograms) for Atlantic mackerel (ICNAF 1974).

|  | Mean <br> weight | Age | Mean <br> weight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.095 | 6 | 0.506 |
| 2 | 0.175 | 7 | 0.564 |
| 3 | 0.266 | 8 | 0.615 |
| 4 | 0.350 | 9 | 0.659 |
| 5 | 0.432 | $10+$ | 0.693 |

Stratified mean catch-per-tow (kilograms) indices for Atlantic mackerel were calculated from U.S. research vessel spring (1968-77) and autumn (1963-76) bottom trawl surveys conducted in SA $5-6$ in which sampling is based on a stratified random design (Cochran 1953) and strata (Fig. 2) constitute different depth zones and areas (Grosslein 1969). Survey methods, procedures, and gear


Figure 2.-Northwest Atlantic off the U.S. coast showing bottom trawl survey sampling strata and ICNAF Subarea 5 and Statistical Area 6.
were described by Grosslein. ${ }^{12}$ Spring indices were calculated from catches in strata 1-25 and 61-76, and autumn indices from catches in strata 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 13, 16, 19-21, 23, and 25-26 (Fig. 2). All autumn catches and the $1968-72$ spring catches were made with a No. 36 Yankee trawl, and the 1973-77 spring catches were made with a larger No. 41 trawl. The 1968-72 spring catches were adjusted upwards to equivalent No. 41 trawl catches using a $3.25: 1$ ratio between the No. 41 and No. 36 trawls (Anderson 1976) to establish a standardized time-series of catches. A $\ln (x+1)$ transformation of the station catches (kilograms) was made before calculation of the mean catch-per-tow indices. The $\ln$ indices were then retransformed to the original scale for compatibility with other data used in the assessment. Retransformation was accomplished by the method described by Finney (1941) using the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{y}=\exp \left(\bar{x}+\frac{S^{2}}{2}\right)-1 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\bar{y}=$ retransformed catch per tow, $\bar{x}=\ln$ catch per tow, and $S^{2}=$ population variance ( $\ln$ scale).
Stratified mean catch per tow (numbers) by age for the 1973-77 spring surveys was determined by applying agelength keys to the length frequency of the stratified mean catch per tow (Anderson et al. see footnote 2). Since age samples were not taken prior to the 1973 spring survey, only the mean catch per tow for ages 0,1 , and 2 was determined prior to 1973 . From the 1968-72 spring surveys, age 1 fish were defined as those measuring 22 cm and less (fork length) and age 2 fish were defined as those measuring $23-29 \mathrm{~cm}$. Age 0 fish from the autumn surveys were defined as those measuring 23 cm or less.

[^11]Standardized U.S. commerical catch per day (metric tons) was calculated for 1964-76 as described by Anderson (1976).
Instantaneous fishing mortality $(F)$ in 1977 was estimated using a technique developed by Anderson et al. (see footnote 2) which assumes a linear relationship between fishing effort and fishing mortality. The lack of an adequate measure of fishing effort or catch per effort was circumvented by calculating, as an index of fishing effort, the quotient of total catch divided by the spring survey catch per tow (Table 2). Because of the aberrant 1969 spring value (Anderson 1976; Anderson and Almeida 1977) and the year-to-year fluctuations in the remaining values, the 1968-77 time-series (Fig. 3) was smoothed by

Table 2.-Estimation of fishing mortality ( $F$ ) in 1977 for the ICNAF Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area 6 Atlantic mackerel fishery.

| Year | Spring survey catch/tow |  | Catch ${ }^{3}$ | Fishing effort index ${ }^{4}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean } F^{5} \\ & \text { age } 3+ \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual ${ }^{1}$ | Calculated ${ }^{2}$ | (t) |  |  |
| 1968 | 3.998 | 4.518 | 109,940 | 24,334 | 0.155 |
| 1969 | 0.065 | 3.199 | 165,113 | 51,614 | 0.144 |
| 1970 | 2.039 | 2.265 | 262,681 | 115,974 | 0.185 |
| 1971 | 1.969 | 1.604 | 403,675 | 251,668 | 0.268 |
| 1972 | 1.332 | 1.135 | 431,606 | 380,270 | 0.316 |
| 1973 | 0.748 | 0.804 | 429,250 | 533,893 | 0.451 |
| 1974 | 0.769 | 0.569 | 347,220 | 610,228 | 0.515 |
| 1975 | 0.255 | 0.403 | 293,740 | 728,883 | 0.532 |
| 1976 | 0.317 | 0.285 | 243,033 | 852,747 | ${ }^{6.7}(0.626)$ |
| 1977 | 0.199 | 0.202 | 92,000 | 455,446 | ${ }^{6}(0.391)$ |

${ }^{1}$ Stratified mean catch (kilograms) per tow (retransformed from $\ln$ to linear scale).
${ }^{2}$ Values predicted from exponential curve calculated using actual values for 1968-77 (except 1969). See Figure 4.
${ }^{3}$ Includes commercial and recreational catch.
${ }^{4}$ Catch divided by calculated spring survey catch/tow.
${ }^{5}$ Obtained from cohort analysis assuming $F=0.39$ in 1977.
${ }^{6}$ Calculated from regression of fishing effort index on mean $F$ for 1968-75: $Y=0.121+0.0000059 X, r=0.991$.
${ }^{7}$ Actual value calculated from cohort analysis was 0.745 , assuming $F=0.39$ in 1977.


Figure 3.-Stratified mean catch (kilograms) per tow of Atlantic mackerel from the U.S. spring (1968-77) and autumn (1963-76) bottom trawl surveys.


Figure 4.-Exponential curve calculated through 1968-77 time-series (1969 point omitted from calculation of curve) of spring survey catch-per-tow (kilograms) indices for Atlantic mackerel. Equation for the curve is: $Y=6.382 \exp (-0.345 X), r=0.976$.
fitting an exponential curve by least squares to the data points (Fig. 4), and the predicted values calculated from the curve were used in place of the original values to determine the fishing effort index. Cohort analysis (Pope 1972) was performed using $F=0.30$ for ages 4 and older

Table 3.-Fishing mortality rates $(F)$ for Atlantic mackerel in ICNAF subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area fiderived from cohort analysin with natural mortality $(M)=0.30$.

| Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| class | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
| 1951 | ( (.038) | - | - | - | - | - | - | -- | - | - |  | - | - | - | - |  |
| 1952 | .0:30 | 1.042, |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  | - |  | - | - |  |
| 1953 | . 088 | ( 0.042$)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  | - |  | -- | - | - |
| 1954 | .073 | . 019 | '(.039) | - | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | - |
| 1955 | . 0.43 | . 006 | '(.039) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1956 | . 050 | . 006 | . 033 | '1.05: 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | - |
| 1957 | .0\%1 | . 017 | .321 | . 713 | - 1.060$)$ | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | - |
| 19.88 | . 127 | . 313 | . 374 | . 946 | . 288 | . 357 | 1.1551 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19.99 | .030 | . 067 | . 066 | . 095 | . 163 | . 446 | . 156 | .336 | ( ${ }^{(185)}$ |  |  |  |  | - | - | - |
| 1960) | . 006 | . 004 | . 014 | . 025 | . 054 | . 060 | . 013 | 039 | . 090 | 4.2681 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1961 | .0.30 | . 010 | . 012 | . 016 | . 026 | . 040 | .007 | .142 | . 195 | 262 | $14.316)$ |  | - | - | - | - |
| 1962 | - | . 00.4 | . 0332 | . 018 | 023 | . $0+1$ | . 119 | . 449 | . 369 | 291 | . 500 | $4.451)$ | - | - | - | - |
| 1963 | - | - | . 044 | . 017 | . 03.34 | . 032 | 200 | .0:5 | .145 | . 1.50 | . 6.0 | .89? | ${ }^{1}(.515)$ | - | - | - |
| 1964 | - | - | - | . 024 | . 042 | . $10 \%$ | . 351 | . 081 | . 142 | .290 | . 239 | $+26$ | . 57.5 | ( $(.53 .2)$ | - | - |
| 1965 | - | - | - |  | . 028 | . 04.5 | . 149 | .249 | .162 | . 342 | . 470 | . 449 | . 596 | . 503 | ${ }^{1}(.745)$ | - |
| 1966 | - | - | - | - | - | $<.001$ | . 039 | . 136 | . $20 \%$ | .422 | . 419 | . 283 | . 454 | . 474 | 2.002 | . 390 |
| 1967 | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 027 | . 064 | . 181 | . 327 | . 441 | . 465 | . 580 | . 686 | . 888 | . 390 |
| 1968 | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | . 0003 | . 033 | . 097 | .215 | . 409 | . 507 | . 536 | . 990 | . 390 |
| 1969 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | .0:7 | .173 | .246 | . 410 | . 410 | . 523 | . 787 | . 390 |
| 19.0 | - | - |  |  |  |  | - |  | - | . 056 | . 091 | . 54.5 | . 430 | . 547 | . 598 | . 390 |
| 1971 | - | - | - |  | - | - | - |  |  |  | . 015 | . 305 | . 598 | . 551 | . 708 | . 390 |
| 1972 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 168 | . 46.3 | . 469 | . 916 | . 390 |
| 1973 | --- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | . 058 | . 452 | . 652 | . 390 |
| 1974 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -20 2 | $\therefore .330$ | 2.220 |
| 1975 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\therefore .018$ | 2.067 |
| 1976 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 二 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ${ }^{2} .006$ |
| $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\text { F }}$ | . $0: 38$ | . $0+ \pm$ | .0:39 | .052 | .060) | . 111 | . 155 | .144 | .185 | .268 | . 316 | . 451 | . 515 | . 532 | . 745 | +. 390 |
| lage 3 | 3+1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^12]in 1977 with instantaneous natural mortality $(M)=0.30$ for all ages (ICNAF 1974). This level of $F$ was chosen as a first approximation since the fishing effort index in 1977 was about half the 1976 index implying a similar reduction in fishing mortality from earlier estimates for 1976 of about $0.60-0.70$. A linear regression between the 1968-75 fishing effort indices and the mean $F$ values for ages 3 and older from the cohort analysis predicted an $F$ of 0.374 for 1977 based on the fishing effort index for 1977. A second cohort analysis was performed using 0.38 as the terminal $F$ in 1977. A second linear regression using the revised $F$ values from this cohort analysis predicted $F=$ 0.389 for 1977. A third cohort analysis was performed using $F=0.39$ for 1977 (Table 3). A third linear regression predicted $F=0.391$ for 1977 (Table 2, Fig. 5); therefore, $F=0.39$ was accepted as the best estimate.


Figure 5.-Relationship between fishing mortality for Atlantic mackerel from cohort analysis and fishing effort derived from spring survey catch per tow and total catch.

Power curve relationships, fitted by least squares, between 1) autumn survey catch per tow (numbers) at age 0 and year-class size at age 1 determined from cohort analysis for 1963-73 (Table 4, Fig. 6), 2) spring survey catch per tow at age 1 and year-class size at age 1 for 1967-73 (Table 5, Fig. 7), and 3) spring survey catch per tow at age 2 and year-class size at age 2 for 1966-73 (Table 5, Fig. 8) were used to estimate the sizes of the 1974-76 year classes.

For age groups incompletely recruited to the fishery, the ratio of fishing mortality at each such age to fishing mortality of fully recruited ages (the latter considered here to be the mean $F$ for ages 3 and older) was used as a measure of partial recruitment to the fishery. Partial recruitment coefficients were calculated for ages 1 and 2 for calendar years 1962-77.

Age-specific $F$ and stock size ( $N$ ) values were determined for 1962-77 using cohort analysis. The value for $N$ at each age in 1978 was calculated using the relationship:

$$
\begin{equation*}
N_{.1}=N_{\cdot} e^{-1} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table 4.-Catch per tow (number) of age 0 Atlantic mackerel from the U.S. autumn bottom trawl surveys (strata 1-2,5-6,9-10, 13, 16, 19-21, 23, 25-26) and yearclass size (millions of fish) at age 1 from cohort analysis.

| Year <br> class | Autumn survey <br> age 0 | Cohort analysis <br> age 1 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1963 | 0.087 | 429.5 |
| 1964 | 0.022 | 542.2 |
| 1965 | 0.134 | $1,212.9$ |
| 1966 | 0.170 | 3.165 .3 |
| 1967 | 15.709 | $7,786.5$ |
| 1968 | 0.215 | 3.114 .3 |
| 1969 | 38.504 | $3,244.9$ |
| 1970 | 0.027 | 1.657 .5 |
| 1971 | 0.517 | $1,711.9$ |
| 1972 | 0.119 | $1,212.6$ |
| 1973 | 0.339 | $1,981.2$ |
| 1974 | 0.648 | ${ }^{2}(2,515.6)$ |
| 1975 | 0.012 | ${ }^{2}(614.3)$ |
| 1976 | 0.000 | $2(0)$ |
| 'Not used. |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Calculated. |  |  |



Figure 6.-Power curve relationship between Atlantic mackerel year-class size at age 1 from cohort analysis and autumn survey catch per tow at age 0. The 1969 point was not used in calculating the curve.

Table 5.-Catch per tow (number) of age 1 and 2 Atlantic mackerel from the U.S. spring bottom trawl surveys (strata 1-25, 61-76) and year-class size (millions of fish) at ages 1 and 2 from cohort analysis.

|  | Age 1 |  |  | Age 2 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year <br> class | Spring <br> survey | Cohort <br> analysis | Spring <br> survey | Cohort <br> analysis |  |
| 1966 | - | $3,165.3$ | 21.661 | $2,344.1$ |  |
| 1967 | 197.993 | $7,786.5$ | ${ }^{1} 1.190$ | $5,617.3$ |  |
| 1968 | 10.299 | $3,114.3$ | 12.435 | $2,300.1$ |  |
| 1969 | 6.208 | $3,244.9$ | 13.390 | $2,226.5$ |  |
| 1970 | 2.954 | $1,657.5$ | 5.545 | $1,161.4$ |  |
| 1971 | 12.093 | $1,711.9$ | 6.683 | $1,248.9$ |  |
| 1972 | 1.949 | $1,212.6$ | 0.749 | 759.4 |  |
| 1973 | 2.067 | $1,981.2$ | 1.101 | 1.385 .1 |  |
| 1974 | 5.330 | ${ }^{2}(2,103.9)$ | 4.928 | ${ }^{2}(1,488.3)$ |  |
| 1975 | 0.447 | $2(915.3)$ | 0.254 | ${ }^{2}(651.8)$ |  |
| 1976 | 0.043 | $2(416.9)$ | - | - |  |

[^13]

Figure 7.-Power curve relationship between Atlantic mackerel year-class size at age 1 from cohort analysis and spring survey catch per tow at age 1 . The 1968 point was not used in calculating the curve.
where $Z=$ instantaneous total mortality $=F+M$. Catch (in weight) options for 1978 were calculated for a range of $F$ values by applying mean weights at age to the catch at age in numbers $\left(C_{i}\right)$ determined using the catch equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{i}=N_{t} \frac{F_{t}}{Z_{1}}\left(1-e^{i}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and summing over all ages. Resultant stock sizes at age in 1979 were determined using Equation (2).

## RESULTS

## Catch

Table 6 contains a summary of annual Atlantic mackerel catches by the United States, Canada, and other countries during 1961-77. International catches increased from $13,700 \mathrm{t}$ in 1961 to $431,600 \mathrm{t}$ in 1972 and then declined to $243,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1976. United States commercial catches varied from 900 to 4,400 t during this period and averaged $2,300 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{yr}$. Estimated U.S. recreational catches increased from $6,800 \mathrm{t}$ in 1961 to a high of $33,300 \mathrm{t}$ in 1969 and then declined to $5,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1976; the yearly average for the period was about $15,000 \mathrm{t}$. Canadian catches ranged between 5,500 and $21,200 \mathrm{t}$ and averaged $12,600 \mathrm{t}$.

A total allowable catch (TAC) of $105,000 \mathrm{t}$ was allocated by ICNAF for the international commercial fishery in 1977. The provisional reported catch for January-March was $52,114 \mathrm{t}$ (Table 7). Because of the considerable reduction in TAC from $1976(310,000 \mathrm{t})$ and the high demand for Atlantic mackerel by the distantwater fleets, it was assumed that all countries, except Canada, the United States, and "Others," would harvest their full catch allocations during the remainder of 1977. Based on past performance, the Canadian catch was con-


Figure 8.-Power curve relationship between Atlantic mackerel year-class size at age 2 from cohort analysis and spring survey catch per tow at age 2. The 1967 point was not used in calculating the curve.

Table 6.-Atlantic mackerel catch (metric tons) from ICNAF sub-

| Year | United States |  | Canada | Other countries | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Commercial | Recreational |  |  |  |
| 1961 | 1,361 | 6,828 | 5,459 | 11 | 13,659 |
| 1962 | 938 | 8.698 | 6,801 | 175 | 16,612 |
| 1963 | 1,320 | 8,348 | 6,363 | 1,299 | 17,330 |
| 1964 | 1,644 | 8,486 | 10,786 | 801 | 21,717 |
| 1965 | 1,998 | 18,583 | 11,185 | 2,945 | 24,711 |
| 1966 | 2,724 | 10,172 | 11,577 | 7,951 | 32,424 |
| 1967 | 3,891 | 13,527 | 11,181 | 19,047 | 47,646 |
| 1968 | 3,929 | 29,130 | 11,134 | 65,747 | 109,940 |
| 1969 | 4,364 | 33,303 | 13,257 | 114,189 | 165,113 |
| 1970 | 4,049 | 132,078 | 15,690 | 210,864 | 262,681 |
| 1971 | 2,406 | 30,642 | 14,735 | 355,892 | 403,675 |
| 1972 | 2,006 | 21,882 | 16,254 | 391,464 | 431.606 |
| 1973 | 1,336 | 9,944 | 21,247 | 396.723 | 429.250 |
| 1974 | 1,042 | 17,640 | 16,701 | 321,837 | 347.220 |
| 1975 | 1,974 | 6,503 | 13,544 | 271,719 | 293,740 |
| $\therefore 1976$ | 2,345 | ${ }^{14,947}$ | 15,744 | 219,997 | 243,033 |
| 1976 | 3,000 | 5,000 | 20,000 | 64,000 | 92,000 |

From angler survey; remaining years estimated (see text).
-Provisional.
Estimated.

Table 7.-Estimated Atlantic mackerel catches (metric tons) in 1977 by country from ICNAF Subareas 3, 4 , and 5 and Statistical Arca 10 .

|  | Reported through <br> March | Estimated <br> remainder | Total | Allocation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Country | 3,110 | 890 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Bulgaria | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | 30,010 |
| Canada | 683 | 1,317 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Cuba | - | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| F.R.G. | 7,981 | 4,419 | 12,400 | 12.400 |
| G.D.R. | 50 | 250 | 300 | 300 |
| Italy | 17,167 | 3,033 | 20,200 | 20.200 |
| Poland | - | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| Romania | 10 | - | 10 | - |
| Spain | 22,586 | 214 | 22,800 | 22.800 |
| U.S.S.R. | 527 | 2,473 | 3,000 | 6.000 |
| U.S.A. (comm.) | - | 5.000 | 5,000 | - |
| C.S.A. (rec.) | - | 90 | 90 | $5,104)$ |
| Others | 52,114 | 39,886 | 92,000 | 105.000 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |

sidered to be $20,000 \mathrm{t}$ ( $30,000 \mathrm{t}$ allocated), and the U.S. commercial catch $3,000 \mathrm{t}$ ( $6,000 \mathrm{t}$ allocated). The catch by countries without specific allocations ("Others") which were expected to take some Atlantic mackerel as by-catch was chosen as 100 t ( $5,100 \mathrm{t}$ allocated) because
of severe catch restrictions for many other species. The U.S. recreational catch was arbitrarily considered to be the same in 1977 as in 1976 (5,000 t). The total catch in 1977 was, therefore, taken to be $92,000 \mathrm{t}$ for the purpose of this assessment.
Table 8-Atlantic mackerel catch (commercial and recreational) (millions of fish) from ICNAF Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area 6 during 196i2-77.


## Catch Composition

Table 8 contains estimates of the Atlantic mackerel catch in numbers at age during 1962-77. Ages ranged between 0 and $10+$. Average age of the catch during the period was 3.6 yr , with annual mean ages ranging between 2.3 and 4.8 yr . In 1977, $45 \%$ of the catch in numbers was age 3 fish, with a mean age of 3.8 yr. Predominant age groups in the catches have varied, generally reflecting the passage of dominant year classes through the fishery.

## Abundance Indices

United States research vessel bottom trawl survey catch-per-tow data (Table 9) indicate a continued decline in Atlantic mackerel abundance. The spring survey catch-per-tow (kilograms) index decreased $37 \%$ from 1976 to 1977. Both the spring and autumn indices have demonstrated a continuous biomass decline since 1968 69 (Fig. 3). The spring survey mean catch per tow in numbers has also declined continuously (Table 10) and has shown a marked decrease in the number of age 1 Atlantic mackerel in 1976 and 1977.

The standardized U.S. commercial catch-per-day index (Table 11) has generally been consistent with estimates of abundance from survey data and with stock

Table 9.-Stratified mean catch (kilograms) per tow (In and retransformed) of Atlantic mackerel from United States bottom trawl surveys in the spring (strata 1-25, 61-76) and autumn (strata 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, $13,16,19-21,23,25-26)$.

|  | Spring |  |  | Autumn- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | $\ln$ | Retransformed |  | $\ln$ |  | Retransformed |
| 1963 | - | - |  | .013 | .016 |  |  |
| 1964 | - | - |  | $<.001$ | $<.001$ |  |  |
| 1965 | - | - |  | .046 | .073 |  |  |
| 1966 | - | - | .057 | .085 |  |  |  |
| 1967 | - | - | .195 | .372 |  |  |  |
| 1968 | .575 | 3.998 |  | .117 | .217 |  |  |
| 1969 | .029 | 0.065 |  | .154 | .459 |  |  |
| 1970 | .471 | 2.039 |  | .068 | .099 |  |  |
| 1971 | .425 | 1.969 |  | .052 | .073 |  |  |
| 1972 | .354 | 1.332 |  | .070 | .107 |  |  |
| 1973 | .228 | 0.748 |  | .034 | .043 |  |  |
| 1974 | .277 | 0.769 |  | .046 | .108 |  |  |
| 1975 | .121 | 0.255 |  | .010 | .016 |  |  |
| 1976 | .144 | 0.317 |  | .028 | .039 |  |  |
| 1977 | .118 | 0.199 |  | - | - |  |  |

Based on catches with No. 41 trawl: 1968-72 catches were with No. 36 trawl and were adjusted to equivalent No. 41 catches using a $3.25: 1$ ratio ( $41 / 36$ ).
-Based on catches with No. 36 trawl.

Table 11.-Atlantic mackerel catch per standardized

| U.S. day fished. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Catch per day (metric tons) | Year | Catch per day (metric tons) |
| 1964 | 0.43 | 1971 | 1.29 |
| 1965 | 0.49 | 1972 | 0.84 |
| 1966 | 0.84 | 1973 | 0.53 |
| 1967 | 1.75 | 1974 | 0.17 |
| 1968 | 2.80 | 1975 | 0.53 |
| 1969 | 1.92 | 1976 | 0.59 |
| 1970 | 2.07 |  |  |

biomass estimates obtained from cohort analysis (Table 12), although it increased in 1975 and 1976 while the other indices continued to decrease. The U.S. commercial index may be limited as a measure of overall stock abundance because it has been based on small inshore catches, and particularly since these catches have comprised an increasingly smaller proportion of the total catch in recent years. The U.S. Atlantic mackerel catch from directed effort averaged $3.6 \%$ of the international catch each year during $1964-67,1.4 \%$ in $1968-69,0.2 \%$ during 1970-76, and $<0.1 \%$ in 1974-75. The increase in the index in 1975-76 may reflect only localized improvements in abundance.
Distant-water fleet catch-per-effort data are considered to be unreliable as a measure of Atlantic mackerel abundance. Previous analysis of distant-water fleet statistics by Anderson (1976) indicated that various country-vessel tonnage classes experienced different patterns of catch per hour fished during 1968-74, most of which were not in agreement with the change in stock biomass determined by cohort analysis. Total stock biomass peaked in 1969 (Table 12) and then declined sharply, whereas distant-water fleet catch per effort generally increased or was erratic in year-to-year changes. Anderson (1976) suggested that learning, improvements in vessel efficiency through technological changes, or both occurred in varying degrees for nearly all countrytonnage classes engaged in the Atlantic mackerel fishery which invalidates their catch rates as consistent measures of stock abundance. In view of the previous inconsistency in these data, it is difficult to interpret the current catch rates. Although 1977 data are not available, 1976 data indicated increases in catch per effort for certain Bulgarian, German Democratic Republic, and Polish vessel classes and decreases for some U.S.S.R. vessels. The difficulty in interpreting distant-water fleet catch rates was recognized at the time of the last ICNAF assessment (ICNAF 1977), and it was also felt that a schooling species such as Atlantic mackerel was subject to continued accessibility to fishing gear even at low levels of abundance.

Table 10.-Stratified mean catch (number) per tow of Atlantic mackerel by year class from the 1973-7/it. S. spring bottom trawl surveys in ICNAF Subarea 5 and Statistical Area 6. strata 1-25, 61-74.

| Year | Year class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1976 | $19 \%$ | 1974 | 1973 | 1972 | 1971 | 1970 | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | $1963+$ | Total |
| 1973 | - | - | - | - | 1.949 | 6.683 | 8.188 | 15.957 | 3.669 | 21.081 | 6.309 | 3.319 | 0.365 | 0.574 | 68.094 |
| 1974 | - | - | - | 2.067 | 0.749 | 1.347 | 0.185 | 0.492 | 0.249 | 1.401 | 0.440 | 0.237 | 0.107 | - | 7.274 |
| 1975 | - | - | 5.330 | 1.101 | 0.141 | 0.128 | 0.030 | 0.028 | 0.020 | 0.014 | 0.001 | - | - | - | 6.793 |
| 1976 | - | 0.447 | 4.928 | 0.365 | 0.070 | 0.014 | 0.006 | 0.009 | - | 0.004 | - | - | - | - | 5.843 |
| 1975 | 0.043 | 0.254 | 0.340 | 0.153 | 0.050 | 0.017 | 0.010 | 0.024 | 0.011 | 0.018 | 0.007 | 0.019 | - | - | 0.946 |

Table 12.-Atlantic mackerel stock size by age in ICNAF Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and statistical Area ( 6 ( ${ }^{2}$ illions of fish) derived from cohort analysis assuming natural mor-

| Year | Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| class | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
| 1951 | 12.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1952 | 7.8 | 5.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - | - | - |
| 1953 | 8.3 | 5.6 | - | - | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - | - |
| 1954 | 18.1 | 12.5 | 9.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1955 | 57.8 | 41.0 | 30.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1956 | 55.2 | 38.9 | 28.6 | 20.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - |
| 1957 | 39.7 | 27.9 | 20.3 | 10.9 | 4.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - |
| 1958 | 53.7 | 35.1 | 19.0 | 9.7 | 2.8 * | 1.5 | 0.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1959 | 877.3 | 630.9 | 437.1 | 303.2 | 204.3 | 128.6 | 61.0 | 38.7 | 20.5 | - | - | $\rightarrow$ | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1960 | 741.0 | 545.5 | 402.6 | 294.1 | 212.4 | 149.1 | 104.0 | 76.0 | 54.2 | 36.7 | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - |
| 1961 | 920.5 | 661.9 | 485.5 | 355.3 | 259.0 | 187.0 | 133.1 | 97.9 | 69.5 | 42.4 | 24.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1962 | - | 429.5 | 316.9 | 227.3 | 165.4 | 119.8 | 85.2 | 56.1 | 39.6 | 20.3 | 11.2 | 5.0 | - | - |  | - | - |
| 1963 | - | - | 429.5 | 304.5 | 221.9 | 158.9 | 114.0 | 69.1 | 48.3 | 30.9 | 19.7 | 7.5 | 2.3 | - | - | - | - |
| 1964 | - | - | - | 542.2 | 392.3 | 278.7 | 185.4 | 96.7 | 66.0 | 42.4 | 23.5 | 13.7 | 6.6 | 2.8 | - | - | - |
| 1965 | - | - | - | - | 1,212.9 | 873.6 | 618.8 | 395.0 | 228.1 | 143.7 | 75.6 | 35.0 | 16.6 | 6.8 | 3.0 | - | - |
| 1966 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,165.3 | 2,344.1 | 1,670.8 | 1,080.1 | 650.8 | 300.7 | 146.5 | 81.8 | 38.5 | 17.7 | 1.8 | 0.9 |
| 1967 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,786.5 | 5,617.3 | 3,904.2 | 2,413.8 | 1,289.8 | 614.5 | 285.9 | 118.6 | 44.2 | 13.5 | 6.8 |
| 1968 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,114.3 | 2,300.1 | 1,654.0 | 1,111.7 | 664.1 | 326.8 | 145.9 | 63.2 | 17.4 | 8.7 |
| 1969 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,244.9 | 2,226.5 | 1,387.1 | 803.8 | 395.0 | 194.2 | 85.3 | 28.8 | 14.4 |
| 1970 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,657.5 | 1,161.4 | 785.5 | 337.3 | 162.5 | 69.7 | 28.4 | 14.2 |
| 1971 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,711.9 | 1,248.9 | 682.2 | 277.8 | 118.6 | 43.3 | 21.7 |
| 1972 | - | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,212.6 | 759.4 | 354.1 | 164.1 | 48.6 | 24.4 |
| 1973 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,981.2 | 1,385.1 | 653.2 | 252.0 | 126.4 |
| 1974 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (2,360.0) | 1,428.6 | 760.9 | 452.4 |
| 1975 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | (810.0) | 589.4 | 408.3 |
| 1976 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (415.0) | 305.6 |
| 1977 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (415.0) |

 | Total $\left(10^{6}\right)$ | $1,500.8$ | $1,674.0$ | $1,590.9$ | $1,373.3$ | $1,266.0$ | $1,460.0$ | $2,474.4$ | $5,309.0$ | $6,660.6$ | $6,148.3$ | $4,824.2$ | $3,700.1$ | $2,514.2$ | $1,993.8$ | $1,933.3$ | $1,489.4$ | $1,231.0$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Wt (10 tons $)^{\prime}$ | 461.4 | 491.0 | 517.8 | 501.6 | 517.1 | 512.6 | 920.2 | $1,505.8$ | $1,802.1$ | 1.829 .9 | $1,811.7$ | $1,300.8$ | 931.6 | 635.6 | 519.3 | 434.7 | 402.5 | ${ }^{\text {'Adjusted using ratio of observed to calculated weights in Table } 8 .}$

## Fishing Mortality

Instantaneous fishing mortality ( $F$ ) for ages 4 and older in 1977 was estimated to be 0.39 (see section on Methods). Age-specific $F$ values computed from cohort
analysis, assuming instantaneous natural mortality ( $M$ ) $=0.30$, for $1962-76$ are given in Table 3. Mean annual $F$ values for ages 3 and older were stable during 1962-64, averaging 0.04 , and then increased steadily to a peak of 0.74 in 1976.

## Recruitment

The estimated sizes of the 1961-73 year classes at age 1, computed by cohort analysis, are given in Table 12 and plotted in Figure 9. Sizes ranged between 430 million fish (1962 and 1963 year classes) and 7,786 million fish (1967 year class) and averaged 2,108 million. Only 4 of these 13 year classes were above the mean. The median size was 1,658 million.


Figure 9.-Atlantic mackerel spawning stock biomass (metric tons) in 1962-77 and abundance at age I of the 1961-77 year classes from cohort analysis. Open circles indicate estimated year-class sizes.

The 1974 year class at age 1 was estimated to be 2,516 million fish based on the autumn survey age 0 index (Table 4, Fig. 6) and 2,104 million based on the spring survey age 1 index (Table 5, Fig. 7). At age 2 this year class was estimated to be 1,488 million fish based on the spring survey age 2 index (Table 5, Fig. 8). The corresponding catch of 349.5 million fish at age 2 in 1976 (Table 8) implies, using Equation (3), an $F$ of 0.314 . It then follows that the size of this year class at age 1 (from cohort analysis) would be 2,447 million fish. The mean of the above three estimates at age 1 was 2,356 million fish. The catch of 375.4 million fish at age 1 in 1975 (Table 8) and the year-class estimates of 2,516 and 2,104 million fish at age 1 result, using Equations (2) and (3), in yearclass estimates at age 2 of 1,543 and 1,238 million fish, respectively. The mean of these two estimates and the other estimate of 1,488 million at age 2 was 1,423 million fish. The reported catch of 349.5 million at age 2 from a year-class size of 1,423 million fish requires, from Equation (3), an $F$ of 0.331 . Cohort analysis, using this $F$ at age 2 in 1976, results in a year-class size of 2,358 million fish at age 1 in 1975. Given this estimate and the mean ( $2,356 \mathrm{million}$ ) of the three other estimates, the 1974 year class at age 1 was set at 2,360 million fish.
The 1975 year class at age 1 was estimated to be 614 million fish based on the autumn survey age 0 index (Table 4, Fig. 6) and 915 million based on the spring sur-
vey age 1 index (Table 5, Fig. 7). At age 2 this year class was estimated to be 652 million fish based on the spring survey age 2 index (Table 5, Fig. 8). The catch of 33.0 million fish at age 2 in 1977 (Table 8) implies, from Equation (3), an $F$ of 0.060 , which then infers (from cohort analysis) a year-class size of 898 million fish at age 1 in 1976. The mean of the above three estimates at age 1 was 809 million fish. The catch of 12.3 million fish at age 1 in 1976 (Table 8) and the year-class estimates of 614 and 915 million fish at age 1 result, from Equations (2) and (3), in year-class estimates at age 2 of 444 and 667 million fish, respectively. The mean of these two estimates and the other estimate of 652 million at age 2 was 588 million fish. The reported catch of 12.3 million fish at age 2 from a year-class size of 588 million fish requires an $F$ of 0.067 . Cohort analysis, using this $F$ at age 2 in 1977, results in a year-class size of 809 million fish at age 1 in 1976. Given this estimate and the mean ( 809 million) of the three other estimates, the estimated size of the 1975 year class at age 1 was considered to be 810 million fish.

The 1976 year class at age 1 was estimated to be 417 million fish based on the spring survey age 1 index (Table 5, Fig. 7). There were no fish from this year class caught at age 0 (Table 4) during the 1976 autumn survey. The survey catch-per-tow index for this year class at both ages 0 and 1 was lower than for any other year class during 1963-77 (Tables 4, 5). This indicates that this year class may be very weak. Previously the weakest year classes since 1961 appeared in 1962 and 1963 ( 430 million fish at age 1). Based on the single estimate from the 1977 spring survey data, the size of the 1976 year class at age 1 was set at 415 million fish.
There are no estimates of the size of the 1977 year class available. Since the contribution of age 1 fish to the 1978 catch is expected to be low, estimation of the size of the 1977 year class is not particularly critical to the results of the assessment. However, the consequences of overestimating the size of this year class are more detrimental to conservation management than of underestimating it. If the year class is underestimated, any unrealized catches at age 1 can be regained in later years since yield per recruit reaches a maximum at about age 4 (ICNAF 1973). However, if the year class is overestimated, the 1978 allowable catch may be set too high to achieve management objectives and the 1979 stock size would be less than projected. The 1977 year class at age 1 was, therefore, set at the minimum level of the weak 1976 year class.

## Partial Recruitment

Atlantic mackerel appear to have been fully recruited to the fishery at age 3 and older in recent years, based on age-specific mortality rates (Table 3). Partial recruitment at ages 1 and 2 varied considerably during 1963-77 (Table 13). Partial recruitment at age 1 ranged from 1 to $100 \%$ and at age 2 from 16 to $90 \%$. Values prior to 1968 are less precise than those since because the numbers-atage data for 1962-67 are based on very limited sampling data and are not as reliable as later data (Anderson et al.

Table 13.-Percentage of fishing mortality (F) of Atlantic mackerel at ages 1 and 2 compared with mean $F$ at ages 3 and older (partial recruitment).

| Year | Age 1 | Age 2 | Year | Age 1 | Age 2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1962 | 78.9 | 15.8 | 1970 | 41.6 | 16.2 |
| 1963 | 9.5 | 23.8 | 1971 | 20.9 | 64.6 |
| 1964 | 100.0 | 82.1 | 1972 | 4.7 | 28.8 |
| 1965 | 46.2 | 32.7 | 1973 | 37.3 | 67.6 |
| 1966 | 46.7 | 70.0 | 1974 | 11.3 | 89.9 |
| 1967 | 0.9 | 40.5 | 1975 | 38.0 | 85.0 |
| 1968 | 17.4 | 25.2 | 1976 | 2.4 | 44.3 |
| 1969 | 2.1 | 44.4 | 1977 | 1.5 | 17.2 |

see footnote 2). Partial recruitment at ages 1 ( $1.5 \%$ ) and 2 ( $17.2 \%$ ) in 1977 was near the low end of the range of values. In view of the wide fluctuations evident in previous years, the 1977 partial recruitment coefficients may not reflect the situation that would actually occur in 1978. An average of the 1968-77 values (except 1970, 1973, and 1975) was used for age 1 in 1978 ( $9 \%$ ). The high values in 1970 and 1975 were excluded from this average because they occurred as a result of large catches taken from strong incoming year classes which does not represent the expected situation in 1978. The high 1973 value was also excluded because it resulted from a large harvest of age 1 fish from a year class of below-averge size. This catch reflected a shifting of intensive fishing effort onto younger age groups in an attempt to maintain high levels of catch at a time when older age groups exhibited a sharp drop in abundance.
An average of the 1968-77 values (except 1974-75) was used for age 2 in 1978 ( $39 \%$ ). The 1974-75 values were excluded because they were unusually high and do not represent the expected situation for 1978. Such high values may have resulted from: 1) large catches being taken from strong year classes, and 2) apparent diversion of fishing effort onto that age group from older age groups in an attempt to maintain high levels of catch. Partial recruitment in 1978 was, therefore, predicted to be $9 \%$ at age 1, 39\% at age 2, and $100 \%$ at ages 3 and older (Table 14).

Table 14.-Summary of parameters used in the Atlantic mackerel assessment.

| Parameter | Value |
| ---: | :---: |
| Fishing mortality in 1977 (age 4+) | 0.39 |
| Recruitment at age 1: 1974 year class | $2,360.0 \times 10^{6}$ |
| 1975 year class | $810.0 \times 10^{6}$ |
| 1976 year class | $415.0 \times 10^{6}$ |
| 1977 year class | $415.0 \times 10^{6}$ |
| Partial recruitment in 1978 (\%.c): age 1 | 9 |
| age 2 | 39 |
|  | age $3+$ |
| 1978 spawning stock ( $10^{3}$ tons) projection | 100 |

## Stock Size

Age-specific stock size estimates generated from cohort analysis and summed biomass values determined by applying mean weights at age to these estimates are given in Table 12. Total stock biomass (age 1 and older) increased from about $600,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1962-66 to a peak of 2.4 million $t$ in 1969 and then declined steadily to an estimated $524,400 \mathrm{t}$ in 1977. Spawning stock biomass, con-
sisting of $50 \%$ of the age 2 fish and $100 \%$ of the age 3 and older fish (Isakov ${ }^{133}$; Moores ${ }^{14}$ ), increased from around $500,000 \mathrm{t}$ during 1962-67 to 1.8 million t in 1970-72 before decreasing to $434,700 \mathrm{t}$ in 1977 (Fig. 9).

## Catch and Stock Size Projections

Under the assumption that the 1977 catch would be $92,000 \mathrm{t}$, the total stock biomass at the beginning of 1978 was estimated to be $468,600 \mathrm{t}$ ( $11 \%$ decrease from 1977) with a spawning stock biomass of $402,500 \mathrm{t}$ ( $7 \%$ decrease from 1977). Catch options for 1978 and resultant spawning stock biomass levels in 1979 were calculated for values of $F$ ranging from 0 to 0.70 (Table 15). In the absence of any catch in $1978(F=0.00)$, the spawning stock biomass would increase about $6 \%$ from 1978 to $428,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1979. A catch of $23,500 \mathrm{t}(F=0.07)$ would maintain the spawning stock in 1979 at the 1978 level.

Table 15.-Projected Atlantic mackerel catch (metric tons) in ICNAF Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area 6 in 1978 with fishing mortality ranging from 0.00 to 0.70 , and the resulting spawning stock in 1979 and its percentage change from 1978.

| Fishing mortality $\qquad$ | Total mortality (Z) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Catch in } \\ 1978 \\ \left(10^{3} \text { tons }\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Spawning } \\ \text { stock } \\ \text { in } 1979 \\ \left(10^{3} \text { tons }\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | change in spawning stock from 1978 (by weight) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.0 | 428.0 | +6.3 |
| 0.05 | 0.35 | 16.9 | 409.6 | +1.8 |
| 0.07 | 0.37 | 23.5 | 402.5 | 0.0 |
| 0.10 | 0.40 | 33.0 | 392.6 | -2.5 |
| 0.15 | 0.45 | 48.5 | 376.3 | -6.5 |
| 0.20 | 0.50 | 63.2 | 360.8 | -10.4 |
| 0.25 | 0.55 | 77.3 | 346.0 | -14.0 |
| 0.30 | 0.60 | 90.8 | 331.9 | -17.5 |
| 0.35 | 0.65 | 103.7 | 318.5 | -20.9 |
| 0.40 | 0.70 | 116.0 | 305.6 | -24.1 |
| 0.45 | 0.75 | 127.8 | 293.4 | -27.1 |
| 0.50 | 0.80 | 139.0 | 281.7 | -30.0 |
| 0.55 | 0.85 | 149.8 | 270.6 | -32.8 |
| 0.60 | 0.90 | 160.1 | 260.0 | -35.4 |
| 0.65 | 0.95 | 170.0 | 249.8 | -37.9 |
| 0.70 | 1.00 | 179.5 | 240.1 | -40.3 |

Equilibrium yield calculations, assuming a constant level of recruitment at age 1 and partial recruitment of 9 , 39 , and $100 \%$ at ages 1,2 , and $3+$, respectively, indicate that $F_{0.1}=0.40$. The $F_{0.1}$ level, defined as the level of $F$ at which the change in yield per recruit with respect to the change in $F$ is only $10 \%$ of that which would occur if the fishery began on the virgin stock (Gulland and Boerema 1973), has been used recently within ICNAF as a basis for setting catch quotas. Fishing mortality at $F_{0,1}=0.40$ would result in a 1978 catch of $116,000 \mathrm{t}$ and would reduce the spawning stock by $24 \%$ in 1979 .

An assessment assuming a total catch of $110,000 \mathrm{t}$ in 1977 (TAC of 105,000 plus 5,000 for the U.S. recreational catch) instead of $92,000 \mathrm{t}$ has no significant effect on the

[^14]catch projections for 1978. The fishing mortality estimate for 1977 would be 0.435 instead of 0.39 and the projected spawning stock biomass in 1978 would be about $390,000 \mathrm{t}$ instead of $402,500 \mathrm{t}$. A catch of about $25,000 \mathrm{t}$, instead of $23,500 \mathrm{t}$, could be taken in 1978 and still maintain the spawning stock in 1979 at the 1978 level.

## DISCUSSION

The accuracy of the projected catch options for 1978 and the resultant spawning stock biomass levels in 1979 (Table 15) is dependent upon the accuracy of the data and parameters used in the analysis. The variability and bias associated with these data and parameters are evident.

The U.S. recreational catches (Table 6) are estimated and lack any measure of accuracy or reliability, and the validity of the international commercial statistics is uncertain. The numbers at age in the catch (Table 8) were generated from length and age samples contributed by various countries, and although ICNAF established recommended sampling procedures, the validity of the samples is unknown. Anderson et al. (see footnote 11) found significant differences in age interpretation and age-length keys between countries during 1970-76, particularly in 1976. As indicated earlier, country agelength keys for 1976 were combined in an attempt to modulate these differences. The procedure recommended by ICNAF specifies stratified age samples, whereas Kimura (1977) showed that random age samples are more accurate.

The U.S. bottom trawl survey data provided the basis for estimating the size of the recruiting year classes (Tables 4 and 5, Figs. 6-8) and also for predicting fishing mortality in 1977 (Table 2, Fig. 5). Although confidence limits were not given for any of these estimates, survey catch-per-tow data in general are subject to high variability (Grosslein 1971), and particularly so for Atlantic mackerel (Anderson 1976; Sissenwine 1978) since it is a pelagic schooling species. Therefore, even though the relationships using survey catch-per-tow data to predict year-class sizes and fishing mortality are statistically significant, the predicted values are necessarily somewhat imprecise.
The values for instantaneous natural mortality ( $M=$ 0.30 ) and partial recruitment coefficients, although having a basis for being chosen, introduce additional uncertainty to the final results.
In view of all the variability and uncertainty in the data, the results of this assessment must be treated with appropriate caution. Given the catch and stock size projections, fishery managers may set allowable catch levels for 1978 appropriate to management objectives which they have adopted. Since highly precise projections are currently not available, the decision process should include consideration of the acceptable level of risk of failing to achieve management objectives. If an objective is to rebuild the stock by a certain percentage from 1978 to 1979, it may be wise to set the catch in 1978 at a level corresponding to a greater percentage increase
in stock size as a safety factor to guard against the probability that the predicted stock size and recruitment levels are, in fact, overestimated. According to the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 enacted by Congress, the level of catch must consider relevant economic, social, or ecological factors. Since economic and social factors are beyond the scope of this paper, only ecological or biological considerations will be discussed.
The historical relationship between Atlantic mackerel spawning stock and recruitment is shown in Figure 9. The spawning biomass estimated for 1978 is slightly below the 1962-67 level when, prior to the recent decade of intensive international fishing, catches averaged only about $25,000 \mathrm{t}$ and stock size was relatively stable. The spawning biomass of about $500,000 \mathrm{t}$ present in 1962-67 produced year classes ranging from the weakest (1962-63) to the strongest (1967). The large spawning stocks present during the late 1960 's-early 1970's produced both above- and below-average year classes. It appears that for Atlantic mackerel, as for most species, spawning stock size alone exerts little influence on the size of a year class unless perhaps the spawning stock is reduced to extremely low levels. Lett and Kohler ${ }^{15}$ found in population simulations of Atlantic herring, Clupea harengus, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence that recruitment was independent of spawning stock size over a fairly wide range, and that a stock-recruitment relationship emerged only when the stock was collapsing due to overfishing. Environmental factors are obviously a major influence on Atlantic mackerel year-class size, but the present state of knowledge concerning this influence is inadequate for assessment use. Consequently, it is virtually impossible to define an optimum or minimum spawning stock size at or above which level adequate recruitment can be predicted or below which weak recruitment is likely. However, since spawning stock size has continued a steady decline and recent year classes (1975-76) appear to be as weak as any observed previously, there is reason for concluding that the spawning stock should not be allowed to fall much below the projected 1978 level.

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#### Abstract

A brief history of the artificial culture of salmonid fishes in North America is presented. The report contains a Pacific coast section followed by sections for each of six major regions on the coast: Alaska, British Columbia, Washington coastal and Puget Sound, Columbia Basin, Oregon coastal, and California. The Columbia Basin is further divided into three subregions. The Pacific coast section provides information on current production of anadromous salmon (Oncorhynchus spp.) and trout (Salmo spp.). Each regional or subregional section contains a short history and background, a map with current rearing facilities located, a general hatchery information table, and migrant release tables summarized by species. In the final portion of the report, changes in numbers of facilities, species reared, rearing techniques, and size at time of release are discussed.


## INTRODUCTION

When the report on the "Releases of Anadromous Salmon and Trout from Pacific Coast Rearing Facilities, 1960 to $1973^{\prime \prime}$ by Roy J. Wahle, William D. Parente, Paula J. Jurich, and Robert R. Vreeland (1975) was published, it had three main objectives: 1) to provide past and present trends in artificial production of Pacific coast anadromous fish, 2) to supply base information needed for analysis of production practices, and 3) to bring together in a single source, detailed release information from all anadromous fish rearing facilities in Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California. In fulfilling these objectives, it was necessary for Wahle et al. (1975) to be very detailed. We have prepared this summary report to provide the reader with a more readily usable, quick reference to anadromous fish production on the Pacific coast, Alaska to California, from 1960 to 1976.
In addition to a section on interpretation and organization, this report includes a general history section covering artificial salmonid propagation in North America. The history is followed by a coast-wide summary and sections for Alaska, British Columbia, Washington coastal and Puget Sound, Columbia Basin, Oregon coastal, and California. The last portion of this report deals with hatchery production trends. These include changes in numbers of hatcheries, species reared, rearing techniques, and the size of fish at time of release.
The two appendix tables have been provided to allow maximum use of the informational tables in each regional section. Appendix Table 1 has an alphabetized list of Pacific coast rearing facilities along with the region for each. This table can be used as an index for locating

[^16]individual facilities in the report. Appendix Table 2 contains information on all State, Federal, or Provincial agencies rearing anadromous fish on the Pacific coast. It includes addresses, phone numbers, and people to contact with each of these agencies.
The Columbia Basin, containing portions of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon, has been handled separately because of: 1) the large geographical area drained by a common river system; 2) the constant interaction of diverse resource agencies and interested user groups; 3) the need for evaluation of production and habitat improvement measures within the Basin; and 4) the contribution and value of Columbia Basin anadromous salmonids to Pa cific coast fisheries.
Each regional section includes a short history and background, a map with the facilities located, a general hatchery information table, and a release summary table. The general information table lists the approximate location, species reared, operating and funding agencies, year of construction, and the operational status in 1976 for the facilities in each region.

Unless otherwise cited, all historical information on early hatcheries has been based on Cobb (1931). One area of possible confusion to the reader concerns the use of agencies "names." During the years fish have been artificially propagated in the United States, many of the agencies concerned have undergone name changes. In this report, we have attempted to use agency names as taken from the literature rather than the names that may be in current use.

## INTERPRETATION AND ORGANIZATION

Six species of salmon (Oncorhynchus spp.) and two of anadromous trout (Salmo spp.) are included in this report. Because of their current economic and recreational importance, the primary species considered are chinook, O. tshawytcha, and coho, O. kisutch, salmon,
and steelhead trout, S. gairdneri. The other species: chum, O. keta, pink, O. gorbusha, sockeye, O. nerka, and cherry, O. masu, salmon, and sea-run cutthroat trout, $S$. clarki, are presently reared on a limited basis and are included only if they were raised in the region being considered.

We have further divided chinook salmon into three races (spring, summer, and fall) and steelhead trout into two races (summer and winter). These designations are commonly used by all fisheries agencies rearing anadromous salmonids and are based for the most part on the season during which the adult fish return to freshwater. Rearing periods differ among the races of chinook salmon.

Releases of fish included in Wahle et al. (1975) were divided into two categories: migrants and submigrants. This was done to separate production releases from those necessitated by reducing numbers of fish to achieve "optimum" pond capacity levels. The definitions used were based on the best available knowledge of the ideal size at release for obtaining the greatest immediate seaward migration, but were not used as hard and fast rules. Exceptions were made in special cases if it was felt that a group of fish belonged in a different category than indicated by the definition.

The migrant and submigrant classifications used in this report should not be confused with the terms "fry," "fingerling," and "yearling" that we have included in the various history sections. "Fry" normally refers to fish released without any rearing, as soon as the yolk sac has been absorbed. "Fingerlings" can refer to any number of different sizes depending on the author and the species. Often "fry" and "fingerlings" refer to fish we would call submigrants. "Yearlings" in the historical literature normally refers to fish reared for a year in the hatchery before release. Depending on species, we might call these fish migrants.

As reported by Wahle et al. (1975), our definitions of migrants for each species are:

Spring and summer chinook salmon-those released after 12 mo of rearing or larger than $30 / \mathrm{lb}(15.1 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish $)$.
Fall chinook salmon-those released after 90 days of rearing or larger than $300 / \mathrm{lb}$ ( $1.5 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish ).
Coho salmon-those released after 12 mo of rearing or larger than $30 / \mathrm{b}$ ( $15.1 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish $)$.
Pink and chum salmon-those released after any period of feeding at the rearing facility.
Steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout-those released after 12 mo of rearing or larger than $10 / \mathrm{lb}(45.4 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish $)$.

Migrant criteria for sockeye and cherry salmon were not presented in Wahle et al. (1975). For those species, we have relied on the hatcheries or agencies involved to indicate whether each release was migrant in nature.
We define submigrants as those releases that do not meet migrant specifications. In the case of pink and chum salmon, submigrants would be any unfed fry released.

Data for this report was obtained from Wahle et al. (1975) and the appropriate State, Federal, and Canadian fishery management agencies.

## HISTORY

Artificial propagation of salmonids began in North America in the mid-1800's. Theodatus Garlick of Cleveland, Ohio, in conjunction with H. A. Ackley, Successfully artificially bred brook trout, Salvelinus fontinalis (Milner 1874). The first hatchery in North America was established by Seth Green at Mumford, N.Y., in 1864, and the first anadromous fish hatchery was built in New Castle, Canada, in 1866 for the purpose of taking Atlantic salmon, Salmo salar, eggs (Atkins 1874).

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, efforts were made by Federal and various State commissions to introduce Pacific coast salmon into eastern waters. In 1872, Livingston Stone was sent to California by the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries to obtain salmon eggs for shipment to the east coast. He established the first Pacific fish cultural station in 1872 on the McCloud River, named after the then Commissioner of Fisheries, Spencer F. Baird. While the main purpose of this station was the shipment of eggs east, the Commission made a cooperative agreement with the State of California in which the State furnished part of the operating expense money in return for the station's releasing native fingerlings into the McCloud River. Eggs taken for shipment were kept in baskets at the hatchery until the eyes of the embryo were visible. They were then packed in moss, crated, and taken by stagecoach to Red Bluff, Calif. From there, they traveled by train to San Francisco and then on to the east coast. To assure the survival of the eggs, it was necessary to continually dampen the moss in which they were packed. In the first year of operation, 50,000 eggs were taken, but 20,000 were lost due to difficulties experienced in keeping the eggs cool prior to shipment. The remaining 30,000 eggs were shipped east and from these 7,000 fry were planted in Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River (Stone 1874).

Before the attempts to transplant Pacific salmon to the eastern United States were discontinued, Pacific coast salmon had been planted in a large number of major streams on the Atlantic coast, in the Mississippi drainage, and in the Great Lakes. Some of these transplants were moderately successful. From approximately 10,000 chinook salmon fingerlings planted in Lake Quinsigamond, Mass., 600 fish weighing between 0.68 and 2.27 kg were caught. Early plants of pink salmon in selected New England streams also met with some success. A female pink salmon weighing approximately 1.9 kg was taken in the Penobscot River. Most of these transplants resulted in failures as the selected waters were either too warm or too turbid for salmon to survive. The few runs that did become established either had so few returnees that they were not self sustaining or fishermen caught all the fish (Cobb 1931).

These early efforts at transplanting fish created a large demand for eggs. This demand resulted in construction
of hatcheries in all the Pacific Coast States. After a short time, the taking of eggs for transportation became secondary to augmenting runs in Pacific coast streams by rearing and releasing the fish (Stone 1874). From these beginnings emerged the Pacific coast salmon rearing industry.

## PACIFIC COAST

With today's increasing use of the fishery resource and the continuing degradation of the environment necessary for proper spawning and freshwater rearing of anadromous salmonids, it has become necessary to augment natural production if we are to maintain viable sport and
commercial fisheries. From 1960 through 1976 a total of 189 facilities, including 120 hatcheries and 69 rearing ponds and net pens, have made production releases for at least 1 yr. During this period, 3.44 billion migrant salmon and steelhead trout weighing over 105 million lb ( 47.6 million kg ) have been released (Tables 1, 2). Annual migrant production of all species increased from 152 millior. fish weighing 1.7 million $\mathrm{lb}(0.77$ million kg$)$ at release in 1960 to 294 million fish weighing 11.1 million lb ( 5.03 million kg ) in 1976.

## Alaska

Most early Alaska hatcheries were located in the

Table 1.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout-Pacific coast ${ }^{1}$ (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Summer chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 117.680.3 | 556.6 | 7,636.3 | 228.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14,490.7 | 444.3 | 2,593.5 | 315.2 | 233.0 | 31.0 |
| 1961 | 103,220.8 | 672.7 | 5,315.2 | 197.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26,148.8 | 864.6 | 2,522.8 | 314.6 | 674.5 | 97.3 |
| 1962 | 86,121.5 | 544.5 | 5,690.7 | 244.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.333 .4 | 995.8 | 3,509.1 | 390.5 | 723.8 | 73.4 |
| 1963 | 99,806.7 | 658.9 | 9.421 .1 | 370.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30,987.2 | 1,123.5 | 2,922.8 | 332.9 | 1,336.4 | 146.8 |
| 1964 | 106,684.2 | 752.1 | 13,963.7 | 499.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | $30,275.5$ | 1,309.0 | 4,221.9 | 556.6 | 1,784.5 | 221.0 |
| 1965 | 95,918.6 | 740.6 | 7,302.7 | 303.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34,746.8 | 1,516.8 | 4,216.2 | 536.5 | 1,660.4 | 185.2 |
| 1966 | 95,712.4 | 891.7 | 11,645.7 | 477.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40,422.2 | 1,931.2 | 6,166.6 | 829.1 | 1,770.2 | 223.3 |
| 1967 | 96,386.1 | 885.8 | 14,063.7 | 644.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40,276.6 | 2,059.9 | 5,784.1 | 774.2 | 3,316.5 | 401.2 |
| 1968 | 112,534.2 | 1,174.8 | 13,877.8 | 863.3 | 2,138.3 | 13.6 | 38,371.4 | 2,119.1 | 6,077.0 | 828.6 | 4,860.0 | 580.0 |
| 1969 | 124,125.1 | 1,266.4 | 10,392.1 | 804.6 | 2,121.3 | 20.2 | 47,988.0 | 2,814.4 | 6,380.0 | 886.1 | 4,814.1 | 593.9 |
| 1970 | 137,757.4 | 1,603.8 | 16,879.7 | 1,478.1 | 4,228.2 | 35.4 | 48,209.4 | 2,751.3 | 7,101.9 | 1,047.7 | 6,795.4 | 1,041.3 |
| 1971 | 168,388.9 | 1,706.2 | 14,726.1 | 1,151.0 | 2,184.5 | 37.0 | 51,182.3 | 3,039.6 | 8,733.5 | 1,090.6 | 8,143.4 | 1,091.5 |
| 1972 | 166,678.2 | 2,019.1 | 16,546.0 | 1,401.3 | 2,604.9 | 42.6 | 58,858.9 | 3,772.7 | 9,247.3 | 1,263.9 | 6,399.9 | 998.7 |
| 1973 | 162,515.8 | 2,266.4 | 17,604.5 | 1,761.6 | 2,312.6 | 34.3 | 53,400.0 | 3,178.5 | 8,680.1 | 1,243.3 | 8,111.9 | 972.5 |
| 1974 | 149,968.2 | 2,504.4 | 16,506.1 | 1,353.1 | 1,202.8 | 43.0 | 56,580.9 | 3,453.1 | 8,060.6 | 1,088.7 | 10,048.1 | 1,285.3 |
| 1975 | 157.707.6 | 2,554.7 | 21,389.5 | 1,848.6 | 120.8 | 3.1 | 60,936.3 | 3,854.5 | 7,376.7 | 1,067.2 | 7,126.3 | 1,068.1 |
| 1976 | 163.110 .3 | 2,775.9 | 22,462.0 | 1,974.0 | 880.5 | 42.7 | 62,928.3 | 3,710.3 | 8,895.7 | 1,360.6 | 7,043.2 | 1,035.2 |
| Total | 2,144,316.3 | 23,574.6 | $225,422.9$ | 15,602.4 | 17,793.9 | 271.9 | 723,136.7 | 38,938.6 | 102,489.8 | 13,926.3 | 74,841.6 | 10,045.7 |

[^17]Table 2.-Migrant releases of chum, pink, sockeye, and cherry salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout-Pacific coast ${ }^{\prime}$ (in thousands).

| Release year | Chum |  | Pink |  | Sockeye |  | Cherry |  | Sea-run cutthroat |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 5,031.6 | 8.8 | 555.5 | 2.5 | 3,177.0 | 69.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 155.4 | 42.8 |
| 1961 | 4,774.1 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,788.0 | 72.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 189.4 | 52.6 |
| 1962 | 1,859.3 | 4.6 | 145.7 | 0.5 | 2,224.0 | 43.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 292.0 | 77.6 |
| 1963 | 5,454.4 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,125.4 | 67.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 139.8 | 48.0 |
| 1964 | 3,358.5 | 6.9 | 525.3 | 0.9 | 3,364.0 | 58.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 258.7 | 64.3 |
| 1965 | 3,116.7 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,301.0 | 73.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 231.9 | 52.4 |
| 1966 | 1,785.4 | 6.0 | 421.0 | 1.3 | 73.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 395.9 | 95.3 |
| 1967 | 1,827.0 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 554.2 | 128.7 |
| 1968 | 1,264.3 | 3.7 | 602.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 561.6 | 121.3 |
| 1969 | 2,448.0 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 531.9 | 126.3 |
| 1970 | 1,563.0 | 4.4 | 774.9 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 639.5 | 139.8 |
| 1971 | 3,839.6 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 815.6 | 169.1 |
| 1972 | 5,624.2 | 17.2 | 1,957.9 | 5.1 | 2.5 | $\left.{ }^{3}\right)$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 491.8 | 122.0 |
| 1973 | 6,565.5 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.1 | 3.2 | 585.9 | 151.8 |
| 1974 | 10,012.1 | 34.1 | 1,211.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.4 | 4.3 | 462.3 | 112.4 |
| 1975 | 29,637.5 | 88.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 471.8 | 118.2 |
| 1976 | 23,779.9 | 86.6 | 4,850.4 | 8.7 | 16.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 496.9 | 132.5 |
| Total | 111,941.1 | 330.3 | 11,045.4 | 26.3 | 18,094.5 | $\overline{388.6}$ | 72.0 | 7.7 | $\overline{7,274.6}$ | $\overline{1,755.1}$ |

[^18]southeastern part of the State. They were funded by fish canneries and reared primarily sockeye salmon. The first hatchery in the State was a co-op built in 1891 by several canneries in Karluk, Kodiak Island. This was not an auspicious beginning for salmon culture in Alaska as the hatchery stopped production after only 1 yr because of violent disagreements among the canneries' personnel over fishing rights in the area.
By the early 1900's private hatcheries were in operation on Kodiak, Kuiu, Baranof, Etolin, Revillagigedo, Chichagof, and Prince of Wales Islands, as well as on the mainland. These facilities operated for varying periods of time through 1936. The world's largest and most costly facility to that time, the Fortmann Hatchery, was constructed in 1901 by the Alaska Packer's Association at Loring, Revillagigedo Island. It had a capacity of hatching 110 million eggs.
From 1893, when records were first kept, to 1912, releases of fry increased from 600,000 to a maximum of 156 million, and then declined to 32.5 million in 1936 when the last facility closed. During the peak years, from 1905 to 1912 , the private hatchery annual releases averaged over 106 million fish. Although most of the fish were sockeye, a few pink salmon were released from several of the facilities.

Until 1900, the operation of private hatcheries was voluntary. Thereafter, a Congressional Act required salmon canning companies in Alaska to operate hatcheries and, each year, release four sockeye salmon fry for each adult salmon of any species taken during the previous year. In addition, the companies were required to keep records of the numbers of fish spawned, eggs taken, percentage hatched, fry planted, and release locations. In 1902, the release ratio was increased to 10 fry for each salmon taken. Most companies either ignored the requirement or found it impossible to follow. Because of this, the regulation was modified in 1906 to reduce license fees and taxes for complying companies.

In 1905, the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries erected Alaska's first Federal hatchery on Yes Bay near Ketchikan. This station, along with another Bureau hatchery on Afognak Bay, Afognak Island, hatched and released primarily sockeye salmon along with a few pinks, coho, and steelhead trout fry. Numbers of fish released ranged from 6 million in 1906 to 142 million in 1910 and then declined
to 22 million in 1928. In addition, these two hatcheries shipped at least 150 million eyed eggs to Oregon, Washington, and the New England States including Maine, as well as the Province of British Columbia. The two hatcheries operated until 1933 when, because of the Depression, funding at Federal hatcheries was cut by $40 \%$. All over the country, rearing programs were cut back and nine hatcheries, including the two in Alaska, were shut down (Leach and James 1934).
Little effort other than some experiments with planting eyed eggs was expended on anadromous salmonid production between 1936 and 1955. In 1955, the Deer Mountain Hatchery at Ketchikan hatched and reared coho and sockeye salmon. Some of the eggs for these plants, as well as those for some chinook salmon plants in 1965-66, came from the Green River in Washington. A hatchery near Fairbanks and the Deer Mountain Hatchery, as well as one operated on the Karluk River by a sports group, released fall chinook salmon and steelhead trout during the late 1950 's. Fire Lake Hatchery, near Anchorage, opened in 1956. While this facility mainly reared trout for planting into lakes for resident fisheries, steelhead trout were also included in its program. Besides releasing a small number of steelhead trout fry, the hatchery also supplied eggs to the Fairbanks facility. All these hatcheries except Fire Lake have ceased anadromous rearing operations. Since 1960, one additional hatchery, Crystal Lake, and four experimental rearing facilities (one rearing pond and three saltwater net pens) have become operational (Table 3). Of the six, five are operated by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) and one by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Four are located in southeastern Alaska and two are near Anchorage (Fig. 1).
In addition to these rearing stations, ADFG also operates several chum and pink salmon incubation facilities which release unfed fry. One, Kitoi Bay Hatchery on Afognak Island, has been in operation since 1953 and has also released large numbers of sockeye salmon fry. Others have been constructed in the past 3 yr by ADFG Fisheries Rehabilitation Enhancement and Development (FRED) Division using special monies appropriated by the State legislature. These incubation stations are being built to offset dramatic drops in Alaska's fish stocks (Alaska Department of Fish and Game 1976).

Table 3.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-Alaska. 1960-76.

| Facility | General location | Operating agency ${ }^{3}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | Anadromous releases in 1976 | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crystal Lake | Petersburg | ADFG | sc, co, sh | Yes | 1972 | ADFG, Anadromous Fish Act ${ }^{3}$ |
| Fire Lake | Anchorage | ADFG | sc. co | Yes | 1956 | ADFG |
| Ponds and net pens |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut Cove Lagoon net pen | Homer | ADFG | sc, co | Yes | 1972 | ADFG |
| Little Port Walter net pen | S.E. Baranof Island | NMFS | sc, co, sk | Yes | 1967 | NMFS |
| Mendenhall Pond | Juneau | ADFG | sc. co | Yes | 1972 | ADFG |
| Starrigavan net pens | Sitka | ADFG | sc, co | Yes | 1971 | ADFG |

$A D F G=$ Alaska Department of Fish and Game, NMFS $=$ National Marine Fisheries Service.
'sc $=$ spring chinook salmon, $c o=$ coho salmon, sh $=$ steelhead trout, sk $=$ sockeye salmon.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service monies.


Figure 1.-Map of locations of Alaskan salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

The State legislature also appropriated monies to be used to finance nonprofit, low-interest, State-secured loans for fish culture. The initial facilities built with these funds are still in the developmental stage. Releases made from both these private facilities and the FRED Division incubation stations are not included in this report because they normally consist of unfed fry.

Presently, the two agencies rearing fish in Alaska are concentrating on chinook and coho salmon (Table 4). Since a large majority of the chinook salmon plants have resulted from eggs taken from native stocks which closely approximate the spring race as we have defined it, we have called all of the chinook salmon plants spring chinook.

In 10 yr , releases of migrant chinook salmon went from a meager 400 fish weighing $4 \mathrm{lb}(1.8 \mathrm{~kg})$ to almost 600,000 fish weighing $33,000 \mathrm{lb}(15,000 \mathrm{~kg})$ in 1974 . Coho salmon have also increased, from 171,000 migrants weighing $9,000 \mathrm{lb}(4,000 \mathrm{~kg}$ ) released in 1968 to approximately 1 million migrants weighing $50,000 \mathrm{lb}(27,700 \mathrm{~kg})$ in 1974.

Five of the Alaskan rearing facilities presently operating are noteworthy. The first of these, Fire Lake Hatchery, is actually a complex made up of a main hatchery and satellite ponds located at nearby Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base. These ponds are unique as they are the only ones currently using condenser cooling water heated as a byproduct during the thermal generation of electricity. This free supply of warm water allows fish to easily reach migrant size in an area were extreme weather conditions and cold-water temperatures would normally necessitate the use of expensive heating equipment to achieve similar growth.

Little Port Walter is a NMFS Research Station which was established in the late 1930's. It was expanded to in-

Table 4.-Migrant releases of chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon and steelhead trout-Alaska (in thousands).

| Release year | Spring chinook |  | Coho |  | Sockeye |  | Winter steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | Lb. ${ }^{2}$ | No. | Lb. | No. | Lb. | No. | Lb. |
| 1960 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1962 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1964 | 0.4 | (3) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1965 | 8.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1966 | 166.9 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1967 | 538.3 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1968 | 82.4 | 2.8 | 171.7 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1969 | 95.9 | 5.7 | 187.4 | 13.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1970 | 45.7 | 1.6 | 227.0 | 21.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1971 | 217.4 | 11.6 | 92.7 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1972 | 71.8 | 3.8 | 309.7 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1973 | 177.3 | 11.0 | 143.3 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1974 | 598.8 | 33.3 | 969.0 | 50.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1975 | 154.8 | 6.9 | 1.032 .1 | 72.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.5 | 0.6 |
| 1976 | 225.7 | 9.7 | 930.6 | 48.1 | 16.2 | 0.6 | 16.5 | 1.4 |
| Total | 2,384.2 | $\overline{100.0}$ | 4,063.5 | 257.0 | 16.2 | 0.6 | 34.0 | 2.0 |

Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974 and from Alaska Department of Fish and Game and National Marine Fisheries Service release reocrds thereafter.
$\therefore \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$
$<100 \mathrm{lb}$.
clude saltwater net pen rearing of coho salmon in the mid-1960's. The net pens are suspended from a floating platform anchored near the shore of a small saltwater bay. The salinities of the net pens are controlled using freshwater piped from nearby Sashin Creek. To obtain the initial supply of coho salmon for rearing, fingerlings were seined from the bay and placed in the pens. After migrating to the ocean, the adult fish return to the area of the net pens where they are trapped and spawned.

The Starrigavan net pens are patterned after the Little Port Walter facility. They are anchored in the bay near Sitka. Like its prototype, the facility pipes water from a nearby creek to control salinity. Local and Crystal Lake Hatchery coho salmon fry were initially reared. As they become more available, endemic stocks are replacing those from Crystal Lake.

Halibut Cove is the saltwater net pen facility southwest of Anchorage. It is also an offshoot of the Little Port Walter and Starrigavan facilities. Rearing salmon in this near Arctic environment is challenging because the lagoon freezes in the winter and the water temperature drops to $-2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(18^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$. Freshwater from a nearby lake is available only during the warmer months. There are no local salmon stocks available and no hatching facilities on the site, so Fire Lake chinook and coho salmon fry are brought in for rearing.
Mendenhall Rearing Pond is located just off the Mendenhall River near Juneau. It is supplied with water from the melting Mendenhall Glacier. This pond is covered by ice each year from October to May so fish can be fed only during the warmer months. During the winter, water under the ice must be aerated with an electric pump. Coho salmon eggs are obtained from returns to the rearing pond. Because of the cold water, eggs taken from Mendenhall Pond are transferred to Crystal Lake Hatchery near Petersburg for hatching. The fry are then brought back to the pond for rearing and release.

## British Columbia

The program of anadromous fish propagation in British Columbia began in 1884 with the establishment of a hatchery on the Fraser River near the town of New Westminster. From 1901 through the mid-1930's additional facilities were constructed and operated by the Provincial government and private fisheries organizations on the Finger and Skeena Rivers, at Rivers Inlet, and on Vancouver Island. As in Alaska, all of these hatcheries concentrated on sockeye salmon production, but also intermittently hatched a few chum, coho, chinook, and pink salmon. All fish were released as fry. From 1885 to 1927 more than 2 billion sockeye salmon fry were released.
The operation of hatcheries decreased and then finally stopped completely in the late 1930's due to the Depression and the outbreak of World War II. Nothing was done on a production basis again until 1967 when a pilot project began at the newly constructed Big Qualicum Hatchery on Vancouver Island. At present, Canadian Fisheries and Marine Services (CFMS) operates six fa-
cilities in British Columbia (Table 5). Five of these are on Vancouver Island and the sixth, Capilano, is on the mainland just north of the city of Vancouver (Fig. 2).
Hatchery emphasis has been placed on fall chinook and coho salmon (Table 6) rather than sockeye salmon as was the case in the early years. In 9 yr (1968-76) fall chinook salmon migrant releases have increased twentyfold (from 147,000 to 30 million fish). Coho salmon releases also increased, from almost 70,000 migrants in 1970 to over 2.3 million in 1976. In addition, the CFMS has begun a steelhead trout rearing program with the first migrant fish released in 1973 and has been experimenting with summer chinook salmon.

While numbers and pounds released by British Columbia hatcheries each year have been small when compared with the production of the large Columbia River complexes, results have been encouraging. To date, the most dramatic success has been the survival of the 1971-brood coho salmon released from Capilano hatchery. Of 284,000 fish released, there was a return of 2,700 jacks (fish returning as $2-\mathrm{yr}$ olds) in 1973 and 37,000 adults in 1974. This is a hatchery return of almost $14 \%$. In addition, these fish contributed heavily in the fishery, exhibiting a 1:1 catch to escapement ratio. The total survival for this brood of fish was almost $28 \%{ }^{2}$
It is interesting to note that of the six CFMS facilities, three began as spawning channels. All three of these have either been modified to include rearing facilities or have been converted to hatcheries. Big Qualicum Hatchery originally had two spawning channels; one is still being used for that purpose for chum salmon and the other has been converted to a rearing channel. Puntledge and Robertson Creek were unsuccessful as spawning channels primarily due to unsuitable water supplied during egg incubation. After several years of operation with poor results, the two facilities were converted to hatcheries.

## Washington Coastal and Puget Sound

The Baker Lake Hatchery built in 1896 by the State of Washington on a tributary of the Skagit River, was the State's first facility located outside the Columbia River

[^19]system. At this hatchery sockeye salmon were spawned, the eggs hatched, and the fry released back into the Skagit River. After several years, the hatchery was sold to the U.S. Fish Commission and was operated as part of the Federal hatchery system.

Between 1899 and 1925 more than 50 different salmon facilities were constructed and operated in this region by State and Federal agencies. Most were eventually failures due in part to lack of suitable water supplies, an insufficient supply of eggs, lack of funds, or, in many cases, lack of knowledge. A few, such as the Quilcene National Fish Hatchery (1911) operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Dungeness (1902), Green River (1901), Nooksack (1899), Puyallup Salmon (1917), Samish (1899), Skykomish (1905), and Willapa (1899) hatcheries operated by Washington Department of Fisheries (WDF), are still in operation today.

All species of salmon were reared at these early facilities with coho and fall chinook salmon being predominant at the State hatcheries and fall chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon at the Federal hatcheries. In addition, both State and Federal hatcheries raised steelhead trout. In 1932, responsibility for steelhead and other anadromous trout was transferred to the newly formed Washington Department of Game (WDG) (Berg 1968). The majority of fish from the early State hatcheries were released as unfed fry while the Federal hatcheries reared a considerable number to larger sizes before release.
Due to the serious decline of the fishery resource, WDF, WDG, and USFWS have constructed new facilities to improve the runs of salmon and steelhead trout (Chaney and Perry 1976). Since 1960, these three agencies have operated or supervised a total of 26 hatcheries and 32 rearing ponds or net pens (Table 7). Of these, all of the hatcheries and 19 of the rearing ponds and net pens released anadromous fish in 1976. The rearing facilities in this region are located in two areas: Puget Sound (Fig. 3) and Pacific coast (Fig. 4).
This region has produced a large percentage of the total anadromous salmonids raised on the Pacific coast. The 921 million migrant fish that have been released over the 17 yr since 1960 , constitute $27 \%$ of the total coastal releases by number (Tables 8, 9). By weight, the 23.4 million lb ( 10.6 million kg ) of migrants are $22 \%$ of the coastal total. Migrant releases in 1976 totaled 89.4 mil-

Table 5.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-British Columbia, 1960-76.

| Hatcheries | General location | Operation agency $^{2}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | Anadromous releases in 1976 | Year anadromous operations began |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big Qualicum | Qualicum Beach | CFMS | fc, co, sh | Yes | 1967 |
| Capilano River | North Vancouver | CFMS | fc, $\mathrm{co}, \mathrm{sh}$ | Yes | 1971 |
| Puntledge | Courtenay | CFMS | fc | Yes | 1971 |
| Quinsam | Campbell River | CFMS | fc, co, sh | Yes | 1975 |
| Robertson Creek | Port Alberni | CFMS | fc, co, sh | Yes | 1972 |
| Rosewall ${ }^{3}$ | Fanny Bay | CFMS | co | Yes | 1972 |

${ }^{1}$ CFMS $=$ Canadian Fisheries and Marine Service.
${ }^{2} \mathrm{fc}=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{co}=$ coho salmon, $\mathrm{sh}=$ steelhead trout, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon . 'Operated as research facility.


[^20]Table 6.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout-British Columbia ${ }^{1}$ (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1962 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1964 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1965 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1966 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1967 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1968 | 147.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1969 | 460.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1970 | 67.5 | 0.7 | 69.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1971 | 299.0 | 3.0 | 88.0 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1972 | 822.7 | 9.0 | 210.0 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1973 | 2,038.3 | 23.4 | 507.6 | 19.6 | 41.7 | 2.0 |
| 1974 | 2,361.1 | 31.7 | 517.7 | 20.7 | 23.0 | 3.1 |
| 1975 | 2,220.1 | 36.3 | 998.4 | 43.8 | 25.8 | 2.8 |
| 1976 | 3,005.5 | 36.8 | 2.385 .7 | 143.8 | 80.5 | 6.3 |
| Total | 11.421 .2 | 146.9 | 4.776 .4 | 240.6 | 171.0 | 14.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974 and from Canadian Fisheries and Marine Service records thereafter.
${ }^{1} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.
lion fish and 2.7 million lb ( 1.2 million kg ). In 1976, fall chinook salmon were the most numerous with 35 million released, followed by coho salmon, steelhead trout, and chum salmon. By weight, coho salmon were dominant with 1.3 million $\mathrm{lb}(0.59$ million kg ) stocked, followed in order by fall chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and spring chinook salmon. No summer chinook salmon are reared in this region.

As noted in Table 7, the two State fisheries agencies use Dingell-Johnson Act and Anadromous Fish Act monies to partially fund some of their hatchery programs. Dingell-Johnson monies come from a Federal tax on recreational fishing gear and are divided among the States based on the number of fishing licenses sold. It is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
The Anadromous Fish Act (Public Law 89-304) is administered jointly by the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Under this Act, cooperative agreements with States are made and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development, and enhancement of, among others, the anadromous fishery resources of the Nation. Federal matching funds of up to $50 \%$ may be used to finance project costs if one state is

Table 7.- Anadromous fish rearing facilities-Washington coastal and Puget Sound, 1960-76.

| Facility | General location | Operating agency ${ }^{1}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Anadromous } \\ \text { releases } \\ \text { in } 1976 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aberdeen | Aberdeen | WDG | sh, sre | Yes | 1936 | WDG |
| Arlington | Oso | WDG | sh (src) | Yes | 1956 | WDG |
| Bellingham | Bellingham | WDG | sh (src) | Yes | 1935 | WDG |
| Chambers Creek | Tacoma | WDG | sh | Yes | 1973 | WDG, Anadromous Fish Act ${ }^{3}$ |
| Dungeness | Sequim ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | WDF | fc, sc, co (ch, pi) | Yes | 1902 | WDF |
| George Adams | Shelton | WDF | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ch}(\mathrm{pi})$ | Yes | 1960 | WDF, Tacoma PUD |
| Green River | Auburn | WDF | fc , co (sc, ch) | Yes | 1901 | WDF |
| Hood Canal | Hoodsport | WDF | fc, sc, co, ch, pi | Yes | 1953 | WDF |
| Issaquah | Issaquah | WDF | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{co}$ (sk) | Yes | 1937 | WDF |
| Minter Creek | Purdy | WDF | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ch}(\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{pi}, \mathrm{ce})$ | Yes | 1937 | WDF |
| Nemah | Nemah | WDF | fc, co, ch | Yes | 1953 | WDF |
| Nooksack | Kendall | WDF | fc, co | Yes | 1899 | WDF |
| Puyailup salmon | Orting | WDF | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{co}$ (sc, pi) | Yes | 1917 | WDF |
| Puyallup trout | Puyallup | WDG | sh | Yes | 1947 | WDG |
| Quilcene | Quilcene | USFWS | fc, co, ch (sh) | Yes | 1911 | USFWS |
| Quinault | Neilton | USFWS | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{sh}$ | Yes | 1968 | USFWS |
| Samish | Burlington | WDF | fc, co (ch) | Yes | 1899 | WDF |
| Seward Park | Seattle | WDG | sh | Yes | 1935 | WDG |
| Shelton | Shelton | WDG | sh, sre | Yes | 1947 | WDG, Anadromous Fish Act ${ }^{3}$ |
| Simpson | Matlock | WDF | fc, co (ch) | Yes | 1949 | WDF, PP\&L |
| Skagit | Marblemount | WDF | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ch}(\mathrm{pi}, \mathrm{sh})$ | Yes | 1947 | WDF |
| Skykomish | Startup | WDF | fc, sc, co (ch, pi) | Yes | 1905 | WDF |
| Soleduck | Sappho | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1970 | WDF |
| South Tacoma | Lakewood | WDG | sh | Yes | 1933 | WDG |
| Tokul Creek | Fall City | WDG | sh | Yes | 1933 | WDG |
| Willapa | Lebam | WDF | fc, co (ch, sk) | Yes | 1899 | WDF |
| Rearing ponds and net pens |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Barnaby Pond | Rockport | WDG | sh | Yes | 1961 | WDG, Dingell-Johnson ${ }^{3}$ |
| Blue Slough Pond | Darrington | WDG | sh | No | 1961 | WDG |
| Bogachiel Pond | Forks | WDG | sh | Yes | 1968 | WDG, Anadromous Fish Act ${ }^{3}$ |
| Garrison Creek <br> (Western State) | Steilacoom | WDF | fc, co, pi (sc, ch) | Yes | 1973 | WDF, Sports Club |
| Green River pond | Palmer | WDG | sh | Yes | 1968 | WDG, Anadromous Fish Act ${ }^{3}$ |

Table 7.-Continued.

| Facility | Genera! <br> location | Operating agency ${ }^{\text {t }}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{3}$ | Anadromous releases in 1976 | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Harrison | Rockport | WDG | sh | No | 1970 | WDF, Dingell-Johnson ${ }^{3}$ |
| Mayr Bros. pond | Aberdeen | WDG, Private | sh | Yes | 1974 | WDG, Private |
| Olympic rearing channel | Port Angeles | WDF | fc, co | Yes | 1975 | WDF |
| Percival-Deschutes Complex (including Capital Lake) | Olympia | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1949 | WDF, Olympic Salmon Club |
| Salt Creek pond | Joyce | WDG | sh | No | 1964 | WDG, Sportsmen's Group |
| Skykomish ponds | Gold Bar | WDG | sh | Yes | 1974 | WDG |
| South Sound net pens | Tacoma | WDF | fc. $\mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ch}$ | les | 1972 | WDF |
| Squaxin | Squaxin Island | WDF, Squaxin Tribe | fc. sc. co | Yes | 1971 | WDF, Squaxin Tribe |
| Tualip | Marysville | WDF, Tualip Tribe | fc. co | les | 1973 | WDF, Tualip Tribe |
| Whitehorse | Darrington | WDG | $\mathrm{sh}(\mathrm{src})$ | les | 1962 | WDG, Dingell-Johnson ${ }^{3}$ |
| WDF minor facilities and coops |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bay Center | Bay Center | Bay Center <br> Mariculture | fc, ch, pi | No | 1972 | Private |
| Bowmans Bay | Anacortes | WDF | fc. sc. co, ch | No | 1947 | WDF |
| Domsea Farms | Manchester | Domsea Farms Mariculture | co | No | 1969 | Domsea Farms Mariculture |
| Elliot Pond | Seattle | WDF, NW Steelheaders | fc, co | No | 1974 | WDF, NW Steelheaders |
| Gig Harbor net pens | Gig Harbor | WDF, Puget Sound Herring Sales, Peninsula High Key Club | f., ch | Ves | 1975 | WDF, Puget Sound herring sales |
| Gorst Creek | Bremerton | WDF, Sports Club | fc | No | 1962 | WDF |
| Little Clam Bay | Port Orchard | WDF | co | No | 1962 | WDF |
| Lummi | Bellingham | Lummi Tribe | co | les | 1972 | Lummi Tribe |
| Manchester | Port Orchard | UDF | fc, co | No | 1973 | WDF |
| NW Steelheaders | Palmer, Renton | WDF, NW Steelheaders | sc, co | No | 1971 | WDF, NW Steelheaders |
| Ocean Shores pond | Ocean Shores | Sports Group | co | Yes | 1974 | Sports Group |
| Peninsula | Port Angeles | Peninsula Jr. College | co | Yes | 1975 | Peninsula Jr. College |
| Sultan Pond | Sultan | WDF, Sultan Sportsmen's Club | co | Yes | 1973 | Sultan Sportsmen's Club |
| Tacoma net pens (including Totem Marina) | Tacoma | WDF, City of Tacoma | fc, co | Yes | 1973 | WDF, City of Tacoma |
| Westport boat basin | Westport | WDF, Ocosta <br> School | co | Yes | 1972 | WDF |
| Whidby Island | Oak Harbor | WDF, Sports Club | fc, sc, co | No | 1972 | WDF, Sports Club |
| Wynoochee Pond | Montesano | WDF, NW Steelheaders | fc, co | No | 197\% | WDF, NW Steelheaders |

[^21]involved. If two states cooperate on a project, the matching funds can total $662 / 3 \widetilde{c}_{c_{0}}{ }^{3}$

State and Federal anadromous salmonid rearing programs in this region are augmented by: 1) State and private cooperative efforts, 2) commercial enterprises, 3) regulated Indian tribe rearing programs, and 4) unregulated Indian tribe rearing programs.

The WDF cooperates with sport and school groups in salmon rearing programs. The agency supplies surplus fry for rearing in saltwater net pens or ponds. The coop-

[^22]erating groups supply equipment, fish food, and labor needed to rear the fish to migrant size. Releases are made directly from the pens or ponds. Facilities operated in this manner include Northwest Steelheader (various Puget Sound areas), Gorst Creek, Percival, Salt Creek, Whidby Island, and Westport boat basin.
Two commercial fish rearing companies, Domsea Farms and Bay Center Mariculture, have released salmon in this region. Normally these companies buy surplus eggs from State hatcheries, rear the fish to smolt size in freshwater, and then transfer the fish to saltwater net pens for final rearing to market size. Although emphasis is placed on commercial production, cooperative experimental releases have been made. Under Washington law,
the companies have no special harvest rights to fish returning to the release site. ${ }^{4}$

While the private companies are prohibited by State law from engaging in "ocean ranching," (see Oregon Coastal section), the treaty Indian tribes are not. Many tribal councils have become active in this form of aquaculture. The operations take place either on streams completely within reservation boundaries or on streams where the tribe has been granted exempt status through treaty. In one example of this type of operation, the Quinault Indians, as a tribal enterprise, hatch and rear salmon and release them into the Quinault River system. After maturing in the ocean, adult fish return to the Quinault River where many are caught in the exclusively Indian river net fishery. ${ }^{5}$

The fish released by these Indian operated facilities do contribute to ocean sports and commercial catches before they return to the rivers where only tribal members may fish for them. Because of difficulties in obtaining accurate release information from some of the operations, we have included in this report only the releases from facilities that provide information to WDF.

## Columbia Basin

The Columbia Basin, as referred to in this report, contains the portions of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon drained by the Columbia River (Fig. 5). The five State and Federal fish management agencies in this region account for $54 \%$ (by number) and $55 \%$ (by weight) of the total Pacific coast anadromous releases made in 1976 (Tables 10, 11). Migrant releases for the 17 -yr period starting in 1960 amount to over 2 billion fish and 61 million lb ( 27.7 million kg ), raised at a total of 81 facili-ties- -63 hatcheries and 18 rearing ponds. During the 17 yr, all species of fish included in this report, except pink salmon, were released into streams of the basin. During 1976, anadromous migrants were released from 53 hatcheries and 14 rearing ponds.
The Columbia Basin is unique in the number of hatcheries constructed and operated as compensation for habitat destroyed by water use projects on the Columbia River and its tributaries. Compensation was initiated on the Columbia River by the Mitchell Act passed by Congress in 1938. The Act provided for a cooperative fisheries management program involving the Federal Government and the States of Oregon and Washington. Initially a small amount of money was appropriated for the implementation of the Act under the Department of Commerce. Little was accomplished until 1946 when the Act was amended to create the Lower Columbia River Development Program (subsequently referred to as the Program) at the time under the Department of Interior. Initial funding came from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Program was administered by the

[^23]USFWS. The funds were used for stream clearance and construction and modernization of hatcheries.
In 1956, the Program was expanded to include the upper Columbia and Snake River drainages extending into Idaho. The word "Lower" was subsequently dropped from the Program name. The funding is now administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, Portland, Oreg.
Since 1960, releases from Program hatcheries have accounted for $74 \%$ of the Columbia Basin migrant release by number and $57 \%$ by weight (Tables 12, 13).
In recent years, an additional source of funds for construction and operation of hatcheries in the basin has been the power producing agencies and companies. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has funded the construction or modernization of nine hatcheries as mitigation and compensation for their hydroelectric projects and is presently providing operational monies for these facilities. Also in the basin, 17 facilities were constructed by public utility districts or private power companies in connection with the effects of their water related projects.

Columbia Basin-Washington.-The State Fish Commissioner, James Crawford (1890), stated in his first report to the Governor of Washington concerning artificial propagation: "To foster and replenish the streams of our state with salmon and trout, the establishment of a hatchery is a positive necessity. While though much could be done by the passage and enforcement of a stringent law protecting our fish during the spawning season, still, as has been demonstrated in the older states without the aid of artificial propagation, the stock of wild fish will eventually be exhausted." This statement was based on declining populations of fish in Washington's rivers, especially the Columbia, even at that early date. Diversions and obstructions were blocking access to historically important spawning and rearing areas. Also, operators of gill nets, fish wheels, and traps, along with the Indians and their dip nets, were taking excessive numbers of fish. It was estimated that each fish wheel took more than 100 tons of fish per year (Crawford 1890). The pack of salmon by Washington canneries had increased from 4,000 cases in 1866 to a high of 629,000 cases in 1883 (Crawford 1892) and then declined to 321,000 cases in 1889 (Cobb 1931).
In light of this dwindling resource, the 1891 legislature appropriated $\$ 15,000$ for securing a site and erecting a hatchery. The commission first selected a location in Okanogan County, but was unable to build there because of title and land survey problems (Crawford 1892).
In 1894, Commissioner Crawford investigated the possibility of enhancing upper Columbia stocks of salmon by taking and eyeing eggs artificially in the lower reaches of the Columbia River and transporting them to suitable hatching sites up the river. Working with fishermen using pound net traps in Baker's Bay, near the mouth of the Columbia River, he secured 150 chinook salmon which he held for spawning. He obtained only 6,000 eggs before the holding area was washed out. No


Figure 3.-Map of locations of Washington-Puget Sound salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.
further efforts to take eggs were made that year, but the idea was proven feasible as the eggs survived the transfer (Crawford 1896).

A law passed in 1893 provided for licensing of all Washington commercial fishermen. The fishermen supported the measure. The monies were to be placed in the Fish Commission fund to be used for fishery projects. In $1895, \$ 20,000$ was appropriated from this fund and the
first hatchery in Washington was built on the Kalama River, 4 mi above its junction with the Columbia River. The land was donated by the citizens of Cowlitz County. Its initial capacity, 4 million eggs, was increased to 6 million in 1896. An auxiliary station was built on the Chinook River near the mouth of the Columbia River for collecting eggs as well as for hatching additional fish (Crawford 1896).

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Map } \\ & \mathrm{Nop} \end{aligned}$ | Focility | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mop } \\ & \text { No } \end{aligned}$ | Facility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Nouksock | 23 A | Domsea Farms-Freshwater |
| 2 | Lummı Ponds and Net Pens | 238 | Domsea Farms-Saliwater |
| 3 | Bellingham | 24 | Seward Park |
| 4 | Samish | 25 | Liple Clam Bay |
| 5 | Shagit |  | Monchester |
| 6 | Horrison Pond | 26 | Issaquah |
|  | Barnaby Pond | 27 | Hood Conal |
| 7 | Bowmans Bay | 28 | Minter Creek |
| 8 | Whidbey Island Rearing Pond | 29 | Green Rivar Hatchary |
| 9 | Arlington | 30 | Green River Pond |
| 10 | Blue Slough | 31 | Gig Harbor |
| 11 | Whipahorse | 32 | Shelton |
| 12 | Olympic Rearing Channel | 33 | George Adams |
| 13 | Peninsula College | 34 | Totem Morine (Tocoma Net Pens) |
| 14 | Tulalip | 35 | South Tacoma |
| 15 | Dungeness |  | Gorrison Creek |
| 16 | Sultan Pand |  | Chombers Greek |
| 17 | Skykomish Harchery | 36 | South Sound Net Pens |
| 18 | Skykomish Rearing Ponds | 37 | Puyallup Trout |
| 19 | Quilcene | 38 | Squaxin Island Net Pens |
| 20 | Ellot Bay Net Pens | 39 | Puyallup Salmon |
|  | Tokul Craek Hatchery and Pond | 40 | Percival-Deschutes Complex |
| 22 | Gorst Creek Pond |  | (including Capital Lake) |

Mop
No
23A Dornsea Farms-Freshwater
238 Domsea Farms-Saliwater
24 Seward Park
25 Liqle Clam Bay
Monchester
Issaquah
Hood Conal
Minter Creek
Green Rivar Hatchary
Green River Pond
Gig Harbor
Shelton
George Adams
Totem Morine (Tocoma Nef Pens)
South Tacoma
Garrison Creek
South Sound Net Pens
Puyallup Trout
Squaxin Island Net Pens
Puyallup Saimon
(including Capital Lake)
Nol Shown-Misc Northwest
Steelheaders Nel Pens

By 1900, State hatcheries were being constructed on the Wenatchee, Wind, Little Spokane, Methow, and Klickitat Rivers (Berg 1968). In addition, the U.S. Fish Commission constructed a station on the Little White Salmon River in 1897, supplemented by an auxiliary station on the Big White Salmon River. All these early hatcheries concentrated their efforts on chinook salmon fry plants. Coho salmon fry and chinook salmon fingerling releases became more prevalent after 1900, especially at the Federal facilities. In addition, some steelhead trout and chum salmon fry were also produced. In 1932, the Washington State legislature divided the anadromous fish programs between two newly created agencies. The Washington Department of Fisheries (WDF) assumed responsibility for salmon and the Washington Department of Game (WDG) became responsible for trout (steelhead and sea-run cutthroat).

The program of artificial propagation in Washington continued at about the same level until the early 1940 's when the Columbia River Development Program (see Columbia Basin section) became active in this area. Under the Program, fish ladders were built over impassible barriers and log jams were removed from such Columbia River tributaries as Abernathy Creek and the Kalama, Cowlitz, Wind, and Klickitat Rivers to open up new spawning areas that were previously blocked to migrating fish. New hatcheries including Willard National Fish Hatchery (NFH), Klickitat, and Skamania were constructed, and Spring Creek NFH, Little White NFH, and Carson NFH remodeled.
From 1960 to 1976, 30 hatcheries and 12 rearing ponds raised anadromous salmonids in this region (Table 14). In 1976, the USFWS operated 3 hatcheries and 2 hatchery complexes, WDF operated 10 hatcheries and 5 ponds, and WDG operated 11 hatcheries and 4 ponds. The two USFWS hatchery complexes, Little White Salmon NFH and Leavenworth NFH, were formed in 1976 by placing
one and two formerly independent stations (Willard, and Winthrop and Entiat, respectively) under the managers of these two complexes. Although the facilities in this region are scattered throughout the Columbia River drainage, there is a large concentration in the lower river and its tributaries within 75 mi of Portland, Oreg. (Fig. 6).

This region, with 1.2 billion migrant releases between 1960 and 1976, is the largest producer of salmon and steelhead trout on the coast. In 1976 releases numbered 92.6 million smolts, $31 \%$ of the coastal total, weighing 3.4 million lb ( 1.5 million kg ), $31 \%$ of the total (Tables 15 , 16).

Columbia Basin-Idaho.-Artificial production of salmon and steelhead in Idaho began around the turn of the century. A substation of Clackamas Hatchery, operated in Oregon by the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries, was constructed on the Salmon River to take salmon and steelhead eggs. Additionally, eggs were shipped into the State from Clackamas Hatchery and another of its substations, Little White Salmon Hatchery, located in Washington. Fry hatched were released to the Pahsimeroi and Lemhi Rivers as well as the Salmon River (Leach 1932, 1933). This substation was phased out during the mid-1930's when the Federal hatchery system underwent a drastic budget reduction.

In addition to the Federal hatchery, the State of Idaho included a few salmon and steelhead with trout programs of their early hatcheries. In one example, the State took eggs from brood steelhead trout trapped in the Lewiston Dam fish ladder, eyed them in a spring at Hatwai Creek, and reared them at Grangeville Hatchery. ${ }^{6}$

All of the early hatchery efforts were minor in scope. The State relied instead on wild stocks of fish to perpetuate the anadromous fish runs. In 1956, because of the decline in the stocks, the Columbia River Development Program extended to the upper Columbia and Snake Rivers. (See the Columbia Basin section.) Under the Program, natural spawning and rearing areas were increased in Idaho through, among others, the construction of fishways over Sellway Falls and the now removed Lewiston Dam in the Clearwater River drainage and Dagger Falls on the Middle Fork Salmon River. Approximately 220 screens were built on irrigation diversions to prevent the loss of fish onto irrigated fields. Obstructions and debris were also removed from tributaries of the Clearwater River.

It had become obvious by 1960 that the increase in the number of dams in the Columbia and Snake Rivers had caused upstream passage problems for adult fish and downstream mortality for juvenile fish. About this time, Idaho Power Company was required to construct fish rearing facilities below Oxbow Dam on the Snake River, and more attention was focused on rearing anadromous fish in Idaho's hatcheries (Chaney and Perry 1976).

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Figure 4.-Map of locations of Washington coastal salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

Table 8.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout-Washington coastal and Puget Sound ${ }^{1}$ (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 20,065.3 | 89.0 | 302.4 | 7.5 | 6,094.2 | 126.5 | 1,128.2 | 156.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 19,508.0 | 123.9 | 694.7 | 10.6 | 9,612.6 | 243.5 | 847.0 | 135.6 | 20.4 | 1.7 |
| 1962 | 20,914.1 | 112.0 | 584.6 | 12.6 | 9,541,6 | 185.1 | 1,215.3 | 168.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 19,224.1 | 114.1 | 466.3 | 7.1 | 5,297.8 | 96.7 | 1,236.0 | 165.4 | 206.6 | 21.4 |
| 1964 | 29,380.5 | 185.9 | 294.8 | 16.9 | 9,687.2 | 305.1 | 1,205.2 | 175.9 | 121.6 | 13.0 |
| 1965 | 30,955.2 | 196.5 | 491.8 | 15.5 | 10,763.3 | 358.1 | 1,204.5 | 177.5 | 132.2 | 13.8 |
| 1966 | 27,566.0 | 212.8 | 62.8 | 4.6 | 12,907.0 | 500.5 | 1,380.2 | 205.1 | 97.0 | 12.6 |
| 1967 | 29,938.7 | 238.3 | 378.5 | 32.7 | 12,787.3 | 634.0 | 1,152.9 | 179.0 | 77.3 | 9.2 |
| 1968 | 30,163.1 | 290.7 | 558.9 | 45.3 | 13,855.3 | 721.5 | 1,305.2 | 186.6 | 193.0 | 22.7 |
| 1969 | 36,030.0 | 320.0 | 256.8 | 21.4 | 14,901.0 | 779.8 | 1,960.0 | 278.0 | 124.9 | 17.7 |
| 1970 | 31,745.1 | 290.1 | 309.4 | 17.7 | 18,297.2 | 940.8 | 1,606.6 | 256.8 | 325.4 | 37.0 |
| 1971 | 47,330.8 | 434.2 | 190.1 | 24.0 | 16,497.0 | 928.8 | 1,581.0 | 227.4 | 364.7 | 62.9 |
| 1972 | 36,221.1 | 418.8 | 708.2 | 48.5 | 18,969.7 | 1,083.2 | 1,454.7 | 257.0 | 392.6 | 63.5 |
| 1973 | 43,007.7 | 635.2 | 1,267.0 | 170.4 | 18,425.3 | 1,049.7 | 1,796.1 | 321.2 | 421.7 | 62.4 |
| 1974 | 31,004.3 | 688.0 | 829.5 | 96.0 | 21,270.0 | 1,313.7 | 1,533.1 | 283.2 | 528.4 | 67.9 |
| 1975 | 33,342.7 | 702.1 | 1,030.3 | 164.4 | 22,858.7 | 1,263.6 | 1,582.4 | 288.7 | 564.4 | 75.3 |
| 1976 | 34,902.5 | 759.0 | 693.6 | 118.5 | 23,539.4 | 1,255.4 | 2,296.5 | 389.9 | 399.9 | 58.8 |
| Total | 521,299,2 | 5,810.6 | 9,119.7 | 813.7 | 245,304.6 | 11,786.0 | 24,484.9 | 3,852.5 | 3,970.1 | 539.9 |

${ }^{1}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974, Foster et al. (Foster, R., R. Kolb, and V. Fletcher. 1975.1974 hatchery statistical report of production and plantings. Wash. Dep. Fish., Olympia, 156 p.) for WDF 1974, Fletcher et al. (Fletcher, V., B. Kiser, B. Rogers, and B. Foster. 1976. 1975 hatchery statistical report of production and planting. Wash. Dep. Fish., Olympia, 154 p.) for WDF 1975, Foster et al. (1977) for WDF 1976, and from WDG release records and USFWS hatchery annual reports.
${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.

Table 9.-Migrant releases of chum, pink, sockeye, and cherry salmon and sea-run cutthroat troutWashington coastal and Puget Sound ' (in thousands).

| Release year | Chum |  | Pink |  | Sockeye |  | Cherry |  | Sea-run cutthroat |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 5,031.6 | 8.8 | 555.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 4,710.5 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1962 | 1,141.8 | 2.8 | 145.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 3,683.6 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1964 | 3,207.7 | 6.7 | 525.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1965 | 2,911.4 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.0 | 1.5 |
| 1966 | 1,047.3 | 3.6 | 421.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 134.7 | 24.1 |
| 1967 | 1,302.9 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 156.6 | 20.3 |
| 1968 | 1,090.7 | 3.1 | 602.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 155.4 | 22.3 |
| 1969 | 2,318.1 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 136.3 | 29.2 |
| 1970 | 1,500.5 | 4.3 | 774.9 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 85.2 | 16.1 |
| 1971 | 3,839.6 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 251.5 | 48.3 |
| 1972 | 4,985.7 | 16.0 | 1,957.9 | 5.1 | 2.5 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 111.8 | 26.3 |
| 1973 | 6,001.9 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.3 | 3.1 | 130.0 | 31.7 |
| 1974 | 9,384.8 | 30.7 | 1,211.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.4 | 4.3 | 107.7 | 19.3 |
| 1975 | 29,637.5 | 88.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 96.0 | 22.0 |
| 1976 | 22,653.1 | 81.9 | 4,850.4 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 79.8 | 21.2 |
| Total | 104,448.7 | 308.0 | 11,045.4 | 26.3 | 6.9 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | 70.2 | 7.6 | 1,469.0 | 282.3 |

[^25]By 1976, releases had been made from two USFWS hatcheries and 11 hatcheries and 1 rearing pond operated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) (Table 17). Of these, two are especially notable. Dworshak NFH was constructed at a cost of over $\$ 16$ million by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It was built as compensation for the loss of a large run of steelhead trout cut off by the construction of Dworshak Dam. It is one of the largest and most modern of the Pacific coast facili-
ties. The State's Rapid River Hatchery (funded by Idaho Power Company) has been very successful as a spring chinook salmon station. From initial return of 1,039 immature male fish (jacks) in 1968, the run has grown until in 1973 the total number of returning fish reached a high in excess of 17,000 .

Of the 14 facilities, only the 6 on the Clearwater and Salmon River drainages are directly accessible to returning fish (Fig. 7). The remainder are above the limits for

Columbia Basin - Washington

Columbia Basin - Idaho

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$\underbrace{0}_{\text {Scale in Kilometers }} 160 \quad 240$

Figure 5.-Columbia Basin regions.
salmon and steelhead trout migration. In these cases, the State has been very successful with the program of transferring fish reared to suitable release sites, and trapping and returning brood stock, spawning them, and transporting the eggs back to the hatchery. In this way, IDFG has been able to make good use of off-site hatcheries on good water sources.

Summer steelhead trout and spring chinook salmon are the two species reared in the greatest numbers in Idaho. Although the facilities in the State have released only $6 \%$ of the Pacific coast migrant totals by weight since 1960 , they have accounted for $42 \%$ of the summer steelhead trout and $11 \%$ of the spring chinook salmon by weight during that period (Table 18). Summer steelhead trout production has increased from an initial release in 1965 of 24,000 migrant fish weighing $2,600 \mathrm{lb}(1,200 \mathrm{~kg})$ to
a high of 6.3 million fish weighing $750,000 \mathrm{lb}(340,200 \mathrm{~kg})$ in 1974. This is largely due to the opening of Dworshak NFH in 1969.

Columbia Basin-Oregon.- The first hatchery in Oregon was constructed by a private corporation, the Oregon and Washington Fish Propagating Company. Its hatchery, the first in the Columbia Basin, was built in 1876 on the Clackamas River near its confluence with the Willamette River. The company operated the hatchery from 1876 to 1880 when lack of funds forced a closure. In 1887, the Oregon Fish and Game Commission rented and renovated the facility, but was able to operate it for only 1 yr because of funding problems. In 1889, the operation of the hatchery was transferred to the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries. One condition of this transfer was

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Summer chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead Summer steelhead |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 91,923.9 | 341.1 | 7,235.5 | 207.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7,394.8 | 249.8 | 933.9 | 125.8 | 153.8 | 22.5 |
| 1961 | 49,269.2 | 319.6 | 4.483 .3 | 171.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15,088.2 | 526.0 | 894.2 | 100.5 | 480.7 | 64.1 |
| 1962 | 57.573 .4 | 290.7 | 4.854 .4 | 190.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14,617.1 | 610.9 | 1,812.4 | 169.8 | 355.5 | 41.1 |
| 1963 | 60,043.0 | 331.8 | 8,742.4 | 327.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22,416.9 | 811.2 | 1,314.9 | 120.3 | 837.6 | 101.6 |
| 1964 | 66,782.5 | 415.6 | 13,037.7 | 432.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18,128.4 | 838.8 | 1,342.6 | 173.6 | 1,328.0 | 180.0 |
| 1965 | 58.355 .8 | 381.4 | 6,387.2 | 251.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20,713.8 | 947.9 | 1,701.9 | 227.0 | 1,259.8 | 144.4 |
| 1966 | 56,324.2 | 498.1 | 11,277.4 | 455.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24,663.0 | 1,205.8 | 1,733.1 | 206.5 | 1,467.3 | 188.1 |
| 1967 | 57,808.3 | 512.9 | 12,881.6 | 560.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23,791.9 | 1,181.2 | 1,997.7 | 234.7 | 2,940.0 | 348.1 |
| 1968 | 65,360.3 | 671.2 | 12,448.2 | 734.0 | 2,138.3 | 13.6 | 19,294.4 | 1,064.8 | 1,773.1 | 200.5 | 4,329.4 | 503.8 |
| 1969 | 68,593.1 | 686.3 | 9,190.4 | 692.7 | 2,121.3 | 20.2 | 28,043.6 | 1,661.9 | 1,665.6 | 197.0 | 4,212.0 | 502.9 |
| 1970 | 86,255.7 | 902.6 | 15,986.0 | 1,387.9 | 4,228.2 | 35.4 | 25,160.8 | 1,474.3 | 2,112.4 | 299.0 | 5,921.8 | 911.5 |
| 1971 | 84,414.2 | 697.3 | 13,336.2 | 991.1 | 2,184.5 | 37.0 | 29,424.2 | 1,728.2 | 2,241.1 | 257.6 | 7,187.5 | 935.6 |
| 1972 | 90,689.5 | 993.4 | 15,140.3 | 1,267.0 | 2,604.9 | 42.6 | 34,176.7 | 2,264.5 | 2,073.5 | 267.6 | 5,334.5 | 836.6 |
| 1973 | 93,619.3 | 1,122.7 | 15,243.9 | 1,450.8 | 2,312.6 | 34.3 | 29,235.5 | 1,747.8 | 2,640.3 | 392.2 | 7,207.3 | 824.7 |
| 1974 | 91,303.9 | 1,203.9 | 14,060.4 | 1,093.3 | 1,202.8 | 43.0 | 28,733.7 | 1,740.7 | 2,236.0 | 294.7 | 8,956.5 | 1,117.2 |
| 1975 | 92,382.6 | 1,239.6 | 19,243.5 | 1,538.1 | 120.8 | 3.1 | 30,079.6 | 2,016.2 | 1,949.4 | 279.8 | 6,177.2 | 915.5 |
| 1976 | 98,855. 7 | 1,342.5 | 20,236.9 | 1,672.5 | 880.5 | 42.7 | 29,808.3 | 1,823.4 | 2,274.4 | 340.0 | 6,247.6 | 910.5 |
| Total | 1,269,554.6 | 11,956.7 | 203,785.3 | 13,424.3 | 17,793.9 | 271.9 | 400,770.9 | 21,893.4 | 30,696.5 | 3,886.6 | 64,396.5 | 8,548.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974 and from appropriate State and Federal agencies thereafter. ${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.

Table 11.-Migrant releases of chum, sockeye, and cherry salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout-Columbia Basin ${ }^{1}$ (in thousands).

| Release year | Chum |  | Sockeye |  | Cherry |  | Sea-run cutthroat |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | Lb. ${ }^{2}$ | No. | Lb. | No. | Lb . | No. | Lb. |
| 1960 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,177.0 | 69.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 1961 | 63.6 | 0.4 | 2.788 .0 | 72.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.9 | 2.6 |
| 1962 | 717.5 | 1.8 | 2,224.0 | 43.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 3.1 |
| 1963 | 1.770 .8 | 2.5 | 3.121 .0 | 67.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.9 | 2.7 |
| 1964 | 150.8 | 0.2 | 3,364.0 | 58.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 82.5 | 10.0 |
| 1965 | 205.3 | 0.3 | 3,301.0 | 73.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 86.9 | 13.9 |
| 1966 | 738.1 | 2.4 | 73.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 87.0 | 17.5 |
| 1967 | 524.1 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 190.0 | 40.9 |
| 1968 | 173.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 248.2 | 52.5 |
| 1969 | 129.9 | 0.3 | 23.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 261.3 | 50.3 |
| 1970 | 62.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 303.5 | 59.1 |
| 1971 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 371.3 | 66.9 |
| 1972 | 638.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 172.9 | 40.6 |
| 1973 | 563.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 210.9 | 48.7 |
| 1974 | 627.3 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 150.3 | 31.9 |
| 1975 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 173.7 | 43.9 |
| 1976 | 1,126.8 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 192.7 | 45.9 |
| Total | 7,492.4 | 22.3 | 18,071.4 | 388.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 2,570.9 | 531.8 |

'Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974 and from appropriate State and Federal agencies thereafter.
${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.
that no eggs or fry obtained were to be taken out of Oregon.

Around the turn of the century, several other hatcheries and egg taking stations were built on the Clackamas River by government and private organizations. Due to financial difficulties, ownership of these often changed hands, and most were operated by the Federal Government for at least part of their existence. One, built by the Columbia River Packer's Propagating Company on the upper Clackamas River, was operated privately in 189596 , Federally in 1897-98, and finally by the State in 1899.

Propagation of steelhead trout in the State began in 1897. The U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries had fair success with a temporary egg taking station for steel-
head trout on the Salmon River, a tributary of the Sandy River. The following year, eggs were taken at Willamette Falls and again at the Sandy River station. The State also did some experimental steelhead trout research work on the upper Columbia River and its tributaries.

In 1909, the State constructed Bonneville Hatchery on Tanner Creek near the present site of Bonneville Dam. It was designed as a central hatching station, receiving all of its eggs from other facilities on the river. With a capacity of approximately 60 million eggs, it was one of the largest on the coast. Prior to Bonneville's construction there were no significant runs of salmon into Tanner Creek. After a number of years of rearing the transferred eggs and releasing fry into Tanner Creek, adult fish began to return to Bonneville at maturity. These developed stocks of fish became the hatchery's main egg source and the transfer programs were scaled down. In the past several years Bonneville has been able to rely on its egg source and actually supply surplus for other stations.
In 1920, the Legislature split the Oregon Fish and Game Commission's responsibility for anadromous fish between two new agencies: the Fish Commission of Oregon ( FCO ) took over salmon production and the Oregon Game Commission (OGC) concentrated on steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout. The existing hatcheries were realigned under these two agencies, those raising primarily steelhead trout were placed under the OGC and those raising primarily salmon under the FCO.

In 1976, there were 15 hatcheries and 4 ponds operated in this region by the USFWS and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) (Table 19). As noted in the tables, the FCO and OGC were recombined into the ODFW in 1975. Most of the current facilities are concentrated near the mouth of the Columbia River, on the Willamette and Deschutes River systems, or near Bonneville Dam (Fig. 8). Wallowa Hatchery, located in ex-

Table 12.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout-Pacific coast by Columbia River Development Program hatcheries' (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Summer chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 89,105.2 | 329.7 | 1,836.1 | 60.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,359.8 | 217.6 | 916.9 | 124.7 | 67.5 | 11.3 |
| 1961 | 46,640.1 | 305.5 | 827.3 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14,182.8 | 507.4 | 605.1 | 65.2 | 303.1 | 43.2 |
| 1962 | 55,783.6 | 283.3 | 1,666.8 | 57.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12,863.8 | 571.4 | 1,408.9 | 110.4 | 227.2 | 28.6 |
| 1963 | 58,845.0 | 325.8 | 2,391.4 | 85.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19,589.1 | 756.8 | 1,027.7 | 83.9 | 366.7 | 53.6 |
| 1964 | 65,501.5 | 407.5 | 7,643.3 | 220.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16,529.8 | 775.3 | 1,106.7 | 145.6 | 562.3 | 87.1 |
| 1965 | 56,191.0 | 370.5 | 3,042.4 | 102.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17,919.4 | 853.9 | 1,352.9 | 174.8 | 595.3 | 73.5 |
| 1966 | 54,944.7 | 488.9 | 3,812.4 | 111.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21,170.4 | 1,074.7 | 1,733.1 | 206.5 | 745.7 | 101.8 |
| 1967 | 55,118.5 | 497.8 | $5,484.8$ | 177.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20,208.9 | 1,000.3 | 1,411.1 | 161.4 | 855.7 | 126.3 |
| 1968 | 55,514.9 | 595.5 | 3,788.8 | 166.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15,715.2 | 866.9 | 1,425.9 | 149.3 | 1,527.7 | 175.7 |
| 1969 | 57,927.3 | 574.1 | 3,496.8 | 164.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18,620.3 | 1,103.7 | 1,494.9 | 171.6 | 822.7 | 96.6 |
| 1970 | 62,175.2 | 689.6 | 2,578.7 | 148.3 | 393.8 | 9.8 | 17,450.8 | 1,002.7 | 1,363.6 | 196.9 | 1,525.6 | 258.1 |
| , 1971 | 63,277.3 | 483.3 | 3,784.3 | 238.9 | 400.3 | 13.9 | 21,281.2 | 1,207.2 | 1,287.4 | 151.7 | 1,130.3 | 156.1 |
| 1972 | 67,053.7 | 721.8 | 3.619 .8 | 253.1 | 231.7 | 13.3 | 23,887.6 | 1,520.5 | 1,315.3 | 172.8 | 1,233.0 | 198.7 |
| 1973 | 70,384.2 | 831.4 | 4,822.9 | 401.3 | 217.1 | 4.3 | 20,879.2 | 1,196.4 | 1,385.9 | 223.5 | 1,151.4 | 189.4 |
| 1974 | 65,476.3 | 887.5 | 4,423.5 | 269.2 | 330.0 | 8.1 | 20,163.6 | 1,177.4 | 1,137.9 | 162.7 | 1,168.5 | 176.7 |
| 1975 | 70,455.2 | 918.9 | 5,229.8 | 326.7 | 114.6 | 2.9 | 21,104.2 | 1,382.9 | 937.3 | 144.7 | 1,025.3 | 153.9 |
| 1976 | 80,866.8 | 1,108.1 | 5,933.6 | 479.8 | 406.6 | $\underline{15.8}$ | 22,217.8 | 1,325.9 | 1,216.7 | 184.9 | 950.4 | 150.5 |
| Total | 1,075,260.5 | 9,819.2 | 64,382.7 | 3,293.2 | 2,094.1 | 68.1 | 310,143.9 | 16,541.0 | 21,127.3 | 2,630.6 | 14,258.4 | 2,081.1 |

${ }^{1}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974, Foster et al. (see footnote 1, Table 8) for WDF 1974, Fletcher et al. (see footnote I, Table 8) for WDF 1975, Foster et al. (1977) for WDF 1976, and from WDG release records and USFWS hatchery annual reports. ${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.

Table 13.-Migrant releases of chum and cherry salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout-Pacific coast-Columbia River Development Program hatcheries' (in thousands).

| Release year | Chum |  | Cherry |  | Sea-run cutthroat |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 63.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 0.8 |
| 1962 | - 717.5 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 1.770 .8 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 0.8 |
| 1964 | 150.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 82.5 | 10.0 |
| 1965 | 205.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 85.9 | 13.6 |
| 1966 | 738.1 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 41.5 | 6.7 |
| 1967 | 524.1 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 119.4 | 23.9 |
| 1968 | 173.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 121.2 | 25.8 |
| 1969 | 129.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.3 | 7.5 |
| 1970 | 62.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 10.6 |
| 1971 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40.1 | 8.0 |
| 1972 | 638.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.8 | 5.7 |
| 1973 | 563.6 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 27.0 | 9.0 |
| 1974 | 627.3 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 1.1 |
| 1975 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1976 | 1.126 .8 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 3,492.4 | 22.3 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 643.3 | 123.5 |

${ }^{2}$ Derived from W'ahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974, Foster et al. (see footnote 1. Table 8) for WDF 1974, Fletcher et al. (see footnote 1, Table 8) for WDF 1975. Foster et al. (1977) for WDF 1976, and from WDG release records and U'SFW'S hatchery annual reports.
${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.
treme eastern Oregon near Enterprise, is the only exception.

Migrant releases from Oregon Columbia Basin hatcheries represent $20 \%$ ( 698 million migrants) of the 1960-76 Pacific coast total by number and 19\% (20.3 million pounds ( 9.2 million kg )], by weight (Tables 20, 21). Fall chinook salmon, with 44 million migrants released, was the main species by number reared in 1976 followed by coho salmon, spring chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. The same year, the largest release by weight was of coho salmon, $600,000 \mathrm{lb}(272,200 \mathrm{~kg})$ followed by fall chi-
nook salmon, spring chinook salmon, and steelhead trout.
The Columbia River Development Program ("Program") had an important impact on anadromous fish in Oregon's portion of the Columbia Basin. Funds were provided for stream clearance and improvement as well as for fishway and hatchery construction or reconstruction. Fishways were built on the Clatskanie River, Eagle Creek, and Scappoose Creek, among others, and the existing fishway at Willamette Falls was rebuilt. On streams such as the Calpooia and Clatskanie Rivers as well as Big, Tide, Goble, Eagle, Deep, Clear, Abernathy, and Delph Creeks, where needed, accumulated debris, $\log$ jams, and splash dams were removed. The State fisheries agencies screened problem irrigation diversion ditches and canals to prevent loss of trout and salmon fingerlings. Sandy, Cascade, Eagle Creek, and Gnat Creek hatcheries were constructed under the Program. Bonneville, Oxbow, Klaskanine, and Big Creek hatcheries were either renovated or completely reconstructed.

One of the major accomplishments of the Program in Oregon was the development or improvement of runs of several salmonid species in the area above Willamette Falls. A three-part project, the initial phase was a cooperative study of passage problems over Willamette Falls. Monies were then provided to stock the upper Willamette River and its tributaries as well as for stream clearance and improvement. In the final phase, the Program provided the major portion of funding the $\$ 4.1$ million fishway. As a result of these efforts, runs of fall chinook salmon and summer steelhead trout have been developed and spring chinook and coho salmon have increased.

## Oregon Coastal

The first anadromous fish facility on the Oregon coast

Table 14.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-Columbia basin-Washington, 1960-76.

| Facility | General location | Operating agency ${ }^{1}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | Anadromous releases in 1976 | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abernathy | Longview | USFWS | $\mathrm{fc}(\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{sh})$ | Yes | 1959 | USFWS, NMFS |
| Beaver Creek | Cathlamet | WDG | sh, sre | Yes | 1958 | NMFS |
| Carson | Carson | USFWS | sc (fc, co, sh) | Yes | 1937 | USFWS. NMFS |
| Chelan PUD | Chelan | WDG | sh | Yes | 1964 | Chelan PUD |
| Columbia Basin | Moses Lake | WDG | sh | Yes | 1961 | Chelan PUD |
| Cowlitz Salmon | Salkum | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1967 | Tacoma P\&L |
| Cowlitz Trout | Ethel | WDG | sh. src | Yes | 1967 | Tacoma P\&L |
| Elokomin | Cathlamet | WDF | fc, co (ch) | Yes | 1954 | NMFS |
| Goldendale | Goldendale | WDG | sh | No | 1943 | WDG |
| Grays River | Grays River | WDF | fc, co, ch | Yes | 1961 | NMFS |
| Kalama Falls | Kalama | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1959 | NMFS |
| Klickitat | Glenwood | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1950 | NMFS |
| Leavenworth complex | Leavenworth | USFWS | sc, co, sk (fc) | Yes | 1938 | USFWS |
| Entiat | Entiat | USFWS | smc (sc, co) | Yes | 1942 | USFWS |
| Winthrop | Winthrop | USFWS | sms (fc, sc, co, sh) | Yes | 1967 | USFWS |
| Lewis River | Woodland | WDF | co (fic, sc) | Yes | 1909 | WSF, Pacific P\&L |
| Little White Salmon complex | Cook | USFWS | fc, sc, co (ch) | Yes | 1898 | USFWS, NMFS |
| Willard | Cook | USFWS | co (sc) | Yes | 1951 | NMFS, USFWS |
| Lower Kalama | Ǩalama | WDF | fc, $\mathrm{co}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | Yes | 1895 | WDF |
| Mossyrock | Mossyrock | WDG | sh, sre | Yes | 1972 | Tacoma P\&L |
| Naches | Yakima | WDG | sh | Yes | 1933 | WDG |
| Skamania | Washougal | WDG | sh (fc) | Yes | 1956 | NMFS, WDG |
| Speelyai | Yale | WDF | sc. co (fc) | Yes | 1958 | Pacific P\&L |
| Spring Creek | Underwood | USFWS | fc (co) | Yes | 1901 | USFWS, NMFS, Corps |
| Big White Salmon pond | Underwood | USFWS | fc, co | Yes | 1901 | USFWS, NMFS, Corps |
| Toutle | Toutle | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1952 | NMFS |
| Tucannon | Pomeroy | WDG | sh | Yes | 1971 | WDG |
| Vancouver | Vancouver | WDG | sh, sre | Yes | 1936 | WDG |
| Washougal | Washougal | WDF | fc, co (ce) | Yes | 1958 | NMFS |
| Wells Trout | Azwell | WDG | sh | Yes | 1968 | Douglas Co. PUD |
| Yakima | Yakima | WDG | sh | Yes | 1937 | WDG |
| Rearing Ponds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alder Creek | Toutle | WDG | sh | Yes | 1973 | NMFS, WDG |
| Gobar | Toutle | WDG | sh | Yes | 1975 | NMFS, WDG |
| Nelson Bridge | Yakima | WDG | sh | No | 1964 | WDG |
| Nile Springs | Yakima | WDF, Sportsmen Group | Sc | Yes | 1976 | Sportsmens Group |
| Priest Rapids | Priest Rapids Dam | WDF | fc | Yes | 1972 | Grant PUD |
| Ringold Salmon | Ringold | WDF | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1962 | NMFS |
| Ringold Trout | Ringold | WDG | sh | Yes | 1962 | NMFS |
| Rocky Reach | Wenatchee | WDF | fc. co | Yes | 1970 | Chelan PUD |
| Swofford Island | Mossyrock | WDG | sh | Yes | 1968 | WDG |
| Washburn Island | Brewster | WDG | sh | No | 1966 | Douglas PUD |
| Wells Salmon | Azwell | WDF | fc, sc, sme, co | Yes | 1968 | Douglas PUD |

${ }^{1}$ USFWS $=$ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NMFS $=$ National Marine Fisheries Service, WDG $=$ Washington Department of Game, WDF $=$ Wash ington Department of Fisheries, Chelan PUD = Chelan County Public Utility Division, Tacoma P\& L = Tacoma Power and Light, Pacific P\&L = Pacific Power and Light, Corps $=$ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Douglas PUD $=$ Douglas County Public Utility Division, Grant PUD $=$ Grant County Public Utility Division.
${ }^{\text {n }} \mathrm{fc}=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon, sme $=$ summer chinook salmon, co $=$ coho salmon, sh $=$ steelhead trout, ch $=$ chum salmon, src $=$ sea-run cutthroat trout, sk $=$ sockeye salmon, $c e=$ cherry salmon .
was a private hatchery constructed by R. D. Hume. The hatchery was completed in 1877 on a site near Ellensburg on the lower Rogue River. Hume, a local salmon packer, operated the hatchery without assistance for 11 yr. In 1889, the Oregon Legislature supported his efforts with monies appropriated for enlargement as well as for operation and maintenance of the hatchery. Hume continued to operate the facility until his death in 1908 at which time it was turned over to the State. He built another hatchery in 1897 on the Rogue River at the mouth of Oak Creek. The U.S. Fish Commission, as
agreed prior to construction, assumed responsibility for operating this hatchery after its completion.

Hume was an early developer of hatchery techniques. He is credited with the concept of adult holding ponds. The adult chinook salmon needed for the hatchery egg supply were trapped in tidewater on their way to the upper Rogue River. At trapping, these fish had not yet reached sexual maturity. Hume constructed a large, concrete-lined, covered holding pond to retain the fish until spawning time. Most present day hatcheries are built with a similar type adult holding facility.


Figure 6.-Map of locations of Columbia Basin-Washington salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

Table 15.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout-Columbia Basin-Washington' (in thousands).

| Release уеат | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Summer chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 57,338.0 | 242.0 | 1,218.1 | 39.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,849.0 | 93.2 | 545.1 | 64.8 | 136.4 | 20.9 |
| 1961 | 33,531.9 | 241.5 | 667.7 | 27.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9,161.6 | 259.3 | 586.5 | 73.1 | 417.6 | 57.2 |
| 1962 | 42,537.5 | 233.2 | 1,822.5 | 61.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,802.2 | 197.0 | 715.5 | 97.0 | 355.5 | 41.1 |
| 1963 | 42,646.2 | 238.7 | 1,680.9 | 55.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15,096.9 | 428.9 | 568.7 | 74.4 | 767.2 | 95.0 |
| 1964 | 40,611.0 | 240.8 | 3,607.1 | 120.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9,833.6 | 401.5 | 647.6 | 111.3 | 1,192.0 | 166.8 |
| 1965 | 37,073.6 | 234.4 | 2,072.4 | 77.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13,950.5 | 557.5 | 943.7 | 151.8 | 1,176.7 | 135.4 |
| 1966 | 38,121.2 | 322.5 | 2,425.4 | 67.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17,932.4 | 811.1 | 879.1 | 117.1 | 1,175.5 | 150.0 |
| 1967 | 34,969.8 | 313.1 | 3,269.7 | 122.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15,092.7 | 709.6 | 992.8 | 138.1 | 1,460.3 | 214.0 |
| 1968 | 42,448.4 | 405.5 | 2,399.9 | 121.0 | 2,138.3 | 13.6 | 12,256.9 | 653.3 | 792.2 | 114.4 | 1,904.9 | 237.2 |
| 1969 | 45,846.5 | 459.1 | 3,876.2 | 317.4 | 2,121.3 | 20.2 | 20,808.5 | 1,181.1 | 782.6 | 110.0 | 1,948.9 | 257.8 |
| 1970 | 52,857.2 | 541.4 | 5,633.1 | 527.5 | 3,834.4 | 25.6 | 18,441.7 | 1,054.7 | 1,399.9 | 209.7 | 2,292.3 | 355.9 |
| 1971 | 50,830.3 | 421.3 | 6,706.0 | 530.3 | 1,784,2 | 23.1 | 23,336.8 | 1,330.6 | 1,493.0 | 184.6 | 1,813.8 | 236.5 |
| 1972 | 58,504.5 | 651.5 | 7,063.5 | 712.8 | 2,373.2 | 29.3 | 22,445.3 | 1,450.0 | 1,185.7 | 154.2 | 1,990.4 | 298.9 |
| 1973 | 61,036.0 | 751.1 | 5,899.1 | 635.5 | 2,095.5 | 30.0 | 21,317.9 | 1,266.1 | 1,815.9 | 269.0 | 1,578.6 | 249.4 |
| 1974 | 57,986.7 | 844.0 | 6,826.0 | 584.4 | 872.8 | 34.9 | 20,616.4 | 1,257.8 | 1,187.2 | 157.0 | 1,618.0 | 231.9 |
| 1975 | 60,938.2 | 867.0 | 7,863.2 | 729.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21,785.9 | 1,440.6 | 1,099.5 | 153.9 | 1,789.0 | 259.3 |
| 1976 | 58,174.1 | 816.8 | 9,431.8 | 877.9 | 294.0 | 18.2 | 20,573.6 | 1,223.8 | 1,325.3 | 212.9 | 1,461.4 | 231.9 |
| Total | 815,451.1 | 7,823.9 | 72,462.6 | 5,606.3 | 15,513.7 | 194.9 | 273,301.9 | 14,316.1 | 16,960.3 | 2,393.3 | 23,078.5 | 3,239.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974, Foster et al. (see footnote 1, Table 8) for WDF 1974, Fletcher et al. (see footnote 1, Table 8) for WDF 1975, Foster et al. (1977) for WDF 1976, and from WDG release records and USFWS hatchery annual.
${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.

Table 16.-Migrant releases of chum, sockeye, and cherry salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout-Columbia Basin-Washington' (in thousands).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sea-run <br> Release <br> year |  | Chum |  |  | Sockeye |  |  |  | Cherry |  |  | cutthroat |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

${ }^{2}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974, Foster et al. (see footnote 1, Table 8) for WDF 1974, Fletcher et al. (see footnote 1, Table 8) for WDF 1975, Foster et al. (1977) for WDF 1976, and from WDG release records and USFWS hatchery annual reports.
${ }^{2} \mathrm{I} \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.
Hume was also one of the first to raise anadromous fish to larger than fry size on a production basis. Prior to his work, and in many cases afterwards, fish were released just after absorption of the yolk sac. A few fish were raised to fingerling and yearling size as a curiosity. While raising fish to larger sizes was not physically difficult, increased cost and need for larger facilities prevented the general adoption of the rearing procedure. Hume, among others, correctly predicted higher survival of larger fish with little increased costs of rearing. Presently, all
anadromous facilities, with the exception of several chum and pink salmon hatcheries, rear their production fish for at least 30 days.
In the 1890's and early 1900's, there were hatcheries or egg taking stations built on most of Oregon's coastal streams. In 1902 alone, hatcheries were built on the Coquille, Siuslaw, Alsea, Yaquina, and Tillamook Rivers. One of these, built by the State on the Siuslaw River and then turned over to the U.S. Fish Commission, is interesting because of the reason for its failure. Adult fish were unable to reach the hatchery because fishermen working downstream blocked fish passage with nets stretched completely across the river. This is an extreme example of the intensive coast-wide pressure placed on the resource.

In 1920, the responsibility for rearing anadromous salmonids was split between the newly formed FCO and the OGC. By 1929, there were 10 State hatcheries and 1 Federal hatchery in operation. The total accumulated production through 1929 was almost 650 million fish with most coming from State facilities. Emphasis was placed on fall chinook and coho salmon which accounted for $56 \%$ and $31 \%$ of these releases, respectively.
There are presently 12 hatcheries in operation on the major coastal tributaries (Figs. 9, 10). Up until 1975 when the two State fisheries agencies were recombined to form the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, five of these were operated by FCO and another five by OGC (Table 22). Nine of the 10 State hatcheries were built to enhance existing or depleted runs. The tenth, Cole Rivers Hatchery, is similar to many of the Columbia Basin facilities in that it was built on the Rogue River to compensate for the loss of spawning grounds and resultant fish from Lost Creek Dam.

In 1976, species reared in the greatest numbers at Oregon coastal hatcheries were coho salmon, fall chinook

Table 17.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-Columbia Basin-Idaho, 1960-76.

| Facility | General location | Operating agency ${ }^{1}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Anadromous } \\ \text { releases } \\ \text { in } 1976 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dworshak | Orofino | USFWS | sh | Yes | 1969 | USFWS, Corps |
| Eagle | Boise | IDFG | smc | Yes | 1976 | IDFG |
| Hagerman | Hagerman | IDFG | smc , sh (sc) | Yes | 1969 | IDFG |
| Hayden Creek | Salmon | IDFG | sc, sh | Yes | 1973 | NMFS, IDFG, USFWS |
| Kooskia | Kooskia | USFWS | sc | Yes | 1966 | USFWS |
| MacKay | MacKay | IDFG | smc | Yes | 1976 | NMFS |
| McCall | McCall | IDFG | smc | Yes | 1976 | IDFG, PNRC |
| Mullen | Mullen | IDFG | sc | Yes | 1976 | IDFG |
| Niagara Springs | Buhl | IDFG | sh | Yes | 1966 | Idaho Power Co. |
| Oxbow | Oxbow Dam | IDFG | fc | No | 1964 | Idaho Power Co. |
| Pahsimeroi | Challis | IDFG | sme, sh | Yes | 1970 | IDFG, NMFS |
| Rapid River | Riggins | IDFG | sc | Yes | 1964 | Idaho Power Co. |
| Sandpoint | Sandpoint | IDFG | sc | Yes | 1972 | IDFG, NMFS |
| Ponds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Decker Flats | Stanley | IDFG | sc | No | 1968 | USFWS, NMFS, IDFG |

[^26]salmon, and winter steelhead trout, respectively. Summer steelhead trout and spring chinook salmon also accounted for a substantial number of releases. The first three represented $52 \%, 19 \%$, and $13 \%$ of the migrant numbers released (Table 23).
There are also two private fish cultural operations active on the coast. They are a part of a new concept in commercial rearing of salmon by private companies termed "ocean ranching." Ocean ranching consists of raising fish to migrant size, releasing them into the ocean, and recovering returning adults. In Oregon, these returnees can then be sold commercially, hopefully at a profit, by the company. The enterprises are licensed by ODFW and must receive their initial egg supply from hatchery excesses at the State hatcheries. After their returns reach a sufficient number, the private hatcheries will be able to secure their own eggs without having to depend on the State. The primary species to be raised at these private facilities will be chinook, coho, and chum salmon.

## California

Anadromous salmonid production on the Pacific coast began in California in 1872 with the activities of Livingston Stone. The Federally operated fish hatchery he built on the McCloud River was first used solely as a collection site for eggs to be shipped to the east coast. After several years, the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries cooperated with the State in egg shipments and fry releases in local streams to augment natural spawning. The first State operated salmon hatchery was authorized and constructed in 1885 on Hat Creek, a tributary of the Pit River. The local source of chinook salmon eggs proved inadequate so operations were transferred in 1888 to the newly constructed Mt. Shasta Hatchery on a site near Sisson in Siskiyou County. This station is still in full-scale operation pro-
ducing rainbow trout, making it the oldest functional hatchery on the west coast (Leitritz 1970).
Up to the 1920's, many State and Federal hatcheries were built in northern California on the Klamath and Sacramento Rivers and their tributaries. There were also hatcheries on coastal tributaries such as the Eel, Russian, and Mad Rivers. A hatchery operated by the county of Santa Cruz at Brookdale was the most southerly location of early fish cultural operations.

Plants from these early hatcheries were made throughout the Sacramento and Klamath River drainages and most northern coastal streams. Some releases were made as far south as the Ventura River, south of Santa Barbara. While the majority of these fish were fall chinook salmon, the State hatcheries also liberated a few coho salmon fry. In 1902, the State hatcheries began a substantial steelhead trout program. As fish propagation was a cooperative effort between the Federal and State governments, the Federal hatcheries supplied a large portion of the eggs that State hatcheries reared for release. In 1914, the Federal installations began to artificially feed the small fall chinook salmon and release them as fingerlings or yearlings rather than planting them as unfed fry. This followed the example set by R. D. Hume in Oregon.
In 1976, 1 Federal, 10 State, and 2 private hatcheries and ponds were operated in California (Table 24). Of the 13, 6 are on tributaries of the Sacramento River (Fig. 11). Fall chinook salmon, coho salmon, and winter steelhead trout are the three primary species reared in California, but the hatcheries are also undertaking spring chinook salmon and summer steelhead trout programs (Table 25).

As shown in the "Funding Agency" column of Table 22 , over one-half of the hatcheries and ponds are either partially or wholly supported by organizations other than the California Department of Fish and Game. While


Figure 7.-Map of locations of Columbia Basin-Idaho salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

Table 18. - Migrant releases of chinook salmon and steelhead trout-Columbia BasinIdaho (in thousands).

| Release <br> year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Summer chinook |  | Summer steelhead |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1962 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1964 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1965 | 1,282.3 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.1 | 2.6 |
| 1966 | 214.7 | 1.3 | 580.0 | 25.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 138.8 | 15.5 |
| 1967 | 1,473.5 | 5.9 | 449.3 | 19.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,364.8 | 121.9 |
| 1968 | 202.3 | 1.1 | 1,471.5 | 58.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,034.2 | 228.1 |
| 1969 | 255.5 | 1.9 | 1,057.6 | 40.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,732.5 | 185.3 |
| 1970 | 497.3 | 2.3 | 3,377.0 | 177.2 | 393.8 | 9.8 | 3,173.3 | 491.7 |
| 1971 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,489.3 | 172.5 | 400.3 | 13.9 | 4,932.0 | 634.8 |
| 1972 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,954.6 | 198.2 | 231.7 | 13.3 | 2,585.1 | 411.2 |
| 1973 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,830.5 | 206.3 | 217.1 | 4.3 | 4,619.6 | 400.0 |
| 1974 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,511.8 | 187.9 | 330.0 | 8.1 | 6,340.0 | 752.6 |
| 1975 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5,134.1 | 309.9 | 114.6 | 2.9 | 3,511.6 | 520.4 |
| 1976 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5,994.6 | 354.8 | 523.7 | $\underline{22.3}$ | 3,774.4 | 487.4 |
| Total | 3,925.6 | 18.2 | $32,850.3$ | 1,751.3 | 2,211.2 | 74.6 | 34,230.4 | 4,251.5 |

'Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974, Idaho Department of Fish and Game release records, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery annual reports.
${ }^{-1} \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.

Table 19.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-Columbia Basin-Oregon, 1960-76.

| Facility | General <br> location | Operating agency | Species reared during year span | Anadromous <br> releases in 19.6 | Year anadromous operation began | Funding Agency ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Big Creek | Knappa | ODFW (FCO) | fic, $\mathrm{co}, \mathrm{sh}(\mathrm{ch})$ | Yes | 1938 | NMFS, Oregon |
| Bonneville | Bonneville | ODFW (FCO) | fc, co (sh) | Yes | 1909 | NMFS, Oregon, Corps |
| Cascade | Cascade Locks | ODFW (FCO) | fic, co (sc, ch) | Yes | 1958 | NMFS |
| Eagle Creek | Estacada | USFWS | sc, co,sh (fc) | les | 1957 | NMFS |
| Fall River | LaPine | ODFW (OGC) | sc | No | 1929 | Oregon |
| Gnat Creek | Westport | ODFW (OGC) | sh (fic, sc, ch) | Les | 1960 | NMFS |
| Hood River | Dee | ODFW (OGC) | co, sh | No | 1958 | Oregon |
| Klaskanine | Astoria | ODFW (FCO) | ic. co, sh | Yes | 1911 | NMFS, Oregon |
| Leaburg | Leaburg | ODFH (OGC) | sc (co, sh) | Yes | 1954 | Corps |
| Marion Forks | Idanha | ODFW (FCO) | $\mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{sh}$ | les | 1950 | Corps, Oregon |
| Mckenzie | Leaburg | ODFW (FCO) | sc (co) | Yes | 1930 | Corps, Oregon |
| Metolius | Camp Sherman | ODFW (FCO) | sc. sh | No | 1947 | Oregon |
| Oakridge (Willamette) | Oakridge | ODFW (FCO) | sc (co) | les | 1911 | Oregon, Corps |
| Oak Springs | Maupin | ODFW: OGC | sh (sc) | Yes | 1920 | Oregon |
| Oxbow | Cascade Locks | ODFW (FCO) | fic. sc (co) | Yes | 1938 | NMFS, Oregon |
| Roaring River | Scio | ODFW (OGC) | sh | les | 1925 | Oregon |
| Round Butte | Madras | ODFW (OGC) | sc, sme, sh | les | 1972 | PGE |
| Sandy | sandy | ODFW (FCO) | ic. co (sc, sh) | Yes | 1950 | NMFS |
| South Santiam | Foster | ODFW (FCO) | sc.sh (ic) | les | 1923 | Corps, Oregon |
| Wallowa | Enterprise | ODFW (OGC) | sh | No | 1924 | Oregon |
| Wizard Falls | Camp Sherman | ODFW (OGC) | sc, sh | No | 1949 | Oregon |
| Ponds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aumsville | Aumsville | ODFW (FCO) | ic | les | 1970 | Oregon, NMFS |
| Dexter | Dexter | ODFW (FCO) | $\therefore$ | yes | 1955 | Corps, Oregon |
| Salem | Salem | ODFW (FCO) | fic | No | 1968 | Oregon, NMFS |
| Stayton | Stayton | ODFW (FCO) | ic | Yes | 1969 | Oregon, NMFS |
| Wahkenn | Bunneville | ODFW (FCO) | fic, ${ }^{\text {co }}$ | Yes | 1961 | NMFS |

Present agency with premerger agency in parentheses.
$\mathrm{ffc}_{\mathrm{fc}}=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon, $\mathrm{co}=$ coho salmon, sh $=$ steelhead trout, ch $=$ chum salmon (minor species in parentheses).
ODFW = Oregon Department of Fish and Wildhe, OGC - Oregun Game Commission. FCO = Fish Commission of Oregon, NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service, USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Corps = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon = State of Oregon General Funds, PGE $=$ Portland General Electric.


Figure 8.-Map of locations of Columbia Basin-Oregon salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

Table 20.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon-Columbia Basin-Oregon' (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Summer chinook |  | Coho |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 34.585 .9 | 99.1 | 6,017.4 | 168.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3,545.8 | 156.6 |
| 1961 | 15.737 .3 | 78.1 | 3,815.6 | 144.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5,926.6 | 266.7 |
| 1962 | 15,035.9 | 57.5 | 3,031.9 | 128.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7,814.9 | 413.9 |
| 1963 | 17,396.8 | 93.1 | 7,061.5 | 272.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7,320.0 | 382.3 |
| 1964 | 26,171.5 | 174.8 | 9,430.6 | 312.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8,294,8 | 437.3 |
| 1965 | 19,999.9 | 141.3 | 4,314.8 | 173.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,763.3 | 390.4 |
| 1966 | 17,988,3 | 174.3 | 8,272.0 | 363.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,730.6 | 394.7 |
| 1967 | 21,365.0 | 193.9 | 9,162.6 | 419.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8,699.2 | 471.6 |
| 1968 | 22,709.6 | 270.6 | 8,576.8 | 554.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7,037.5 | 411.5 |
| 1969 | 22.491 .1 | 225.3 | 4,256.6 | 232.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7,235.1 | 480.8 |
| 1970 | 32,901.2 | 358.9 | 6.975 .9 | 683.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,719.1 | 419.6 |
| 1971 | 33,583.9 | 276.0 | 3.140 .9 | 288.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,087.4 | 397.6 |
| 1972 | 32,185.0 | 341.9 | - 4.122 .2 | 356.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11,731.4 | 814.5 |
| 1973 | 32,583.3 | 371.6 | 5,514.3 | 609.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7,917.6 | 481.7 |
| 1974 | 33,317.2 | 359.9 | 3,722.6 | 321.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8,117.3 | 482.9 |
| 1975 | 31,444.4 | 372.6 | 6,246.2 | 498.5 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 8,293.7 | 575.6 |
| 1976 | 40,681.6 | 525.7 | 4,810.5 | 439.8 | 62.8 | 2.2 | 9,234.7 | 599.6 |
| Total | 450.177 .9 | 4.114 .6 | 98,472.4 | 6,066.7 | 69.0 | 2.4 | $\overline{127,469.0}$ | $\overline{7,577.3}$ |

[^27]Table 21.- Migrant releases of chum salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout-Columbia Basin-Oregon' (in thousands).

| Release <br> year | Chum |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead |  | Sea-run cutthroat |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds: | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 388.8 | 61.0 | 17.4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 1961 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 307.7 | 27.4 | 63.1 | 6.9 | 9.0 | 1.8 |
| 1962 | 314.6 | 0.6 | 1.096 .9 | 72.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 3.1 |
| 1963 | 280.9 | 0.4 | 746.2 | 45.9 | 70.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 1.9 |
| 1964 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 695.0 | 62.3 | 136.0 | 13.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1965 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 758.2 | 75.2 | 59.0 | 6.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| 1966 | 315.4 | 2.0 | 854.0 | 89.4 | 153.0 | 22.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1963 | 372.0 | 2.8 | 1,004.9 | 96.6 | 114.9 | 12.2 | 7.5 | 2.4 |
| 1968 | 135.0 | 0.5 | 980.9 | 86.1 | 390.3 | 38.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1969 | 82.6 | 0.2 | 883.0 | 87.0 | 530.6 | 59.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1970 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 712.5 | 89.3 | 456.2 | 63.9 | 1.2 | 3.9 |
| 1971 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 748.1 | 73.0 | 441.7 | 64.3 | 7.0 | 1.8 |
| 1972 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 887.8 | 113.4 | 759.0 | 126.5 | 13.7 | 3.4 |
| 1973 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 824.4 | 123.2 | 1,009.1 | 175.3 | 8.5 | 2.4 |
| 1974 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,048.8 | 137.7 | 998.5 | 132.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1975 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 849.9 | 125.9 | 876.6 | 135.8 | 34.1 | 11.1 |
| 1976 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 949.1 | 127.1 | 1,011.8 | 191.2 | 40.9 | 11.3 |
| Total | 1.513.3 | 6.6 | 13,736.2 | 1.493.3 | 7,087.6 | 1,057.5 | 140.3 | 44.7 |

Derived from Wahle et al. (19\%5) prior to 1974, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife release records, and L.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery annual reports.
${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.
some of these are voluntarily funded by county governments or private industry, most were constructed and are supported as compensation for loss of fish spawning areas due to construction of dams and other water related projects. Coleman NFH, operated by the USFWS, was built in 1942 in conjunction with Shasta Dam and the Central Valley Project which blocked salmonid access to a large area of the Sacramento River drainage. The Trinity River and Nimbus hatcheries were both built by the Bureau of Reclamation to compensate for construction of the Trinity Dam and the Folsom and Nimbus Dams, respectively. Additionally, Iron Gate and Mokelumne are
funded by power companies and the Feather River Hatchery is supported by the California Department of Water Resources.

## HATCHERY TRENDS

## Hatchery Numbers

Since the first Pacific coast hatchery was built in 1872, rearing of salmon and steelhead trout has become a big business, both in efforts and dollars expended and benefits derived. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, many


Figure 9.-Map of locations of northern Oregon coastal salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

State, Federal, and local government agencies and private enterprises rushed to build hatcheries. Though many of these early efforts ended in failure for various reasons, there were 72 hatcheries and rearing ponds on the coast in 1929. The total releases from all early hatcheries through 1928 were in excess of 12 billion fry and 1 billion fingerlings and yearlings (Cobb 1931).

Between 1929 and the early 1940's, there was a decline in the number of active hatcheries due in part to the Depression and World War II. All but 3 of the 18 U.S.

Bureau of Fisheries (now U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) hatcheries were closed, replaced, or turned over for State operation. The Alaskan, Canadian, and California facilities in production in 1929 were also closed, or in a few cases, converted to trout culture. Only the State hatcheries of Washington and Oregon did not decline significantly in number. Many of those built in these two States prior to 1929 are currently in production. Additionally, new facilities built in the Washington coastal region in the 1930's are still in operation today.


Figure 10.-Map of locations of southern Oregon coastal salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

Table 22.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-Oregon coastal, 1960-76.

| Facility | General location | Operating agency ${ }^{1.3}$ | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | Anadromous releases in 1976 | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alsea | Philomath | ODFW (OGC) | sh, sre (fc, co) | Yes | 1937 | Oregon |
| Anadromous Inc. | Coos Bay | Private | co | Yes | 1975 | Private |
| Bandon | Bandon | ODFW (OGC) | sh, src (fc, co) | Yes | 1924 | Oregon |
| Butte Falls | Butte Falls | ODFW (OGC) | sc, sh | No | 1916 | Oregon |
| Cedar Creek | Hebo | ODFW (OGC) | fc, sc, sh, sre (co) | Yes | 1935 | Oregon |
| Cole Rivers | McLead | ODFW (OGC) | sc, sh | Yes | 1972 | Corps |
| Elk River | Port Orford | ODFW (FCO) | fc (co, sh) | Yes | 1969 | Oregon, Fed |
| Fall Creek | Alsea | ODFW (FCO) | fc , co (sc) | Yes | 1952 | Oregon |
| Nehalem | Nehalem | ODFW (FCO) | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{sh}$ (sc, ch) | Yes | ${ }^{4} 1968$ | Oregon |
| Oregon Aqua Foods | Newport | Private | fc, sc, co | Yes | 1972 | Private |
| Rock Creek | Idleyld Park | ODFW (OGC) | sc, co, sh (fc) | Yes | 1922 | Oregon |
| Siletz River | Nashville | ODFW (FCO) | co (fc, sc) | Yes | 1937 | Oregon |
| South Coos | Coos Bay | ODFW (FCO) | co | No | 1900 | Oregon |
| Trask River | Tillamook | ODFW (FCO) | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{co}(\mathrm{ch})$ | Yes | 1914 | Oregon |
| Rearing ponds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cape Mears | Tillamook | ODFW (OGC) | fc | No | 1967 | Oregon |
| Hemlock Meadows | Roseburg | ODFW (OGC) | sh | No | 1964 | Oregon |
| Indian Creek | Shady Cove | ODFW (OGC) | co | No | 1969 | Oregon |
| Libby | Gold Beach | ODFW (OGC) | fc | No | 1965 | Oregon |
| Lint Slough | Waldport | ODFW (OGC) | fc, co | No | 1963 | Oregon |
| Medco | Prospect | ODFW (OGC) | sh | No | 1962 | Oregon |
| Whistlers Bend | Roseburg | ODFW (OGC) | fc | No | 1967 | Oregon |

[^28]${ }^{2} \mathrm{fc}=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon, $\mathrm{co}=$ coho salmon, $\mathrm{sh}=$ steelhead trout, sre $=$ sea-run cutthroat trout, $\mathrm{ch}=\mathrm{chum}$ salmon.
${ }^{3}$ ODFW $=$ Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, FCO $=$ Fish Commission of Oregon, OGC $=$ Oregon Game Commission, Oregon $=$ State of Oregon General Fund, Corps = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fed $=$ Federal Fund 89-304.
"Hatchery moved to this location in 1968. It was constructed on the original site in 1918.

Table 23.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout-Oregon coastal ${ }^{1}$ (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead Sea-run cutthroat |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 304.5 | 1.0 | 98.4 | 13.9 | 1,001.7 | 68.0 | 216.3 | 16.7 | 79.2 | 8.5 | 154.2 | 41.5 |
| 1961 | 358.1 | 2.6 | 137.2 | 15.6 | 1,390.0 | 89.2 | 263.5 | 28.8 | 173.4 | 31.5 | 173.5 | 50.0 |
| 1962 | 340.7 | 1.1 | 251.7 | 42.2 | 2,810.7 | 167.8 | 294.1 | 33.2 | 368.3 | 32.3 | 280.4 | 74.1 |
| 1963 | 677.2 | 7.5 | 212.4 | 35.7 | 2,773.6 | 171.7 | 299.6 | 36.8 | 292.2 | 23.8 | 126.9 | 45.3 |
| 1964 | 359.5 | 1.9 | 330.8 | 39.6 | 1,960.6 | 121.2 | 511.0 | 60.8 | 334.9 | 28.0 | 173.5 | 53.4 |
| 1965 | 77.8 | 0.9 | 190.4 | 23.8 | 2,172.3 | 129.0 | 573.1 | 57.4 | 268.4 | 27.0 | 114.2 | 35.9 |
| 1966 | 806.5 | 9.2 | 138.6 | 14.9 | 2,105.0 | 138.7 | 617.1 | 90.4 | 205.9 | 22.6 | 163.5 | 51.1 |
| 1967 | 890.7 | 10.7 | 265.3 | 39.9 | 2,432.8 | 156.8 | 606.5 | 79.2 | 299.2 | 43.9 | 200.0 | 65.5 |
| 1968 | 2,706.7 | 42.6 | 259.7 | 39.9 | 3,229.0 | 193.8 | 869.0 | 127.2 | 337.6 | 53.5 | 152.7 | 45.2 |
| 1969 | 1,599.1 | 61.7 | 175.6 | 27.4 | 3,407.9 | 235.8 | 935.6 | 136.3 | 477.2 | 73.3 | 131.2 | 45.5 |
| 1970 | 2,880.5 | 107.5 | 417.8 | 56.1 | 3,303.3 | 219.2 | 1,213.1 | 173.4 | 529.5 | 90.6 | 195.8 | 60.8 |
| 1971 | 2,138.8 | 96.4 | 412.5 | 57.8 | 3,834.9 | 261.3 | 1,292.5 | 206.3 | 457.6 | 74.5 | 192.8 | 53.9 |
| 1972 | 1,669.2 | 103.6 | 378.4 | 57.2 | 3,528.3 | 244.1 | 1,378.5 | 211.4 | 460.6 | 71.7 | 206.3 | 55.0 |
| 1973 | 2,143.4 | 97.5 | 408.7 | 64.9 | 3,926.6 | 266.2 | 1,285.3 | 183.5 | 445.8 | 81.6 | 244.0 | 70.8 |
| 1974 | 2,631.9 | 162.4 | 534.5 | 83.3 | 4,287.7 | 273.5 | 1,187.4 | 159.0 | 421.6 | 73.0 | 204.3 | 61.2 |
| 1975 | 1,924.6 | 120.1 | 657.7 | 106.3 | 4,196.4 | 307.8 | 1,277.3 | 196.5 | 384.7 | 77.3 | 106.0 | 51.5 |
| 1976 | 1,902.2 | 166.4 | 417.3 | 57.5 | 5,217.7 | 349.2 | 1,279.3 | 206.8 | 317.9 | 53.3 | 220.1 | 64.2 |
| Total | 23,411.4 | 993.1 | 5,287.0 | 776.0 | 51,578.5 | 3,393.3 | 14,099.2 | 2,003.7 | 5,854.0 | 866.4 | 3,129.4 | 924.9 |

${ }^{1}$ Derived from Wahle et al. (1975) prior to 1974 and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife hatchery release reports. $21 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.

In the late 1940 's salmon and steelhead trout populations along the Pacific coast began to decline because of increased fishing pressure, loss of habitat, and fish passage problems at newly constructed hydroelectric projects. This decline stimulated increased hatchery production efforts. The Lower Columbia River Development Program, of the then Bureau of Commercial Fish-
eries, funded the construction of a number of hatcheries, including Willard, Kalama Falls, Abernathy, and Klickitat, and the renovation of other facilities already in operation. Several new hatcheries were built in California including the Coleman NFH constructed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the USFWS to replace two facilities inundated by the filling of Shasta Lake.

Table 24.-Anadromous fish rearing facilities-California, 1960-76.

| Facility | General <br> location | Operating agency | Species reared during year span ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Anadromous } \\ & \text { releases } \\ & \text { in } 1976 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Year anadromous operation began | Funding agency ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatcheries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coleman | Anderson | USFWS | fc , sh (co) | Yes | 1942 | USFWS |
| Crystal Lake | Burney | CDFG | sh (co) | Yes | 1948 | CDFG |
| Darrah Springs | Paynes Creek | CDFG | co (fc) | Yes | 1954 | CDFG |
| Feather River | Oroville | CDFG | fc, sc, sh | Yes | 1967 | CDWR |
| Iron Gate | Hornbrook | CDFG | fc , sc, co, sh | Yes | 1966 | CDFG, PP\&L |
| Mad River | Blue Lake | CDFG | fc, co, sh | Yes | 1971 | CDFG, NMFS |
| Merced rearing facility | Snelling | CDFG | fe, co | Yes | 1973 | CDFG |
| Mokelumne | Clements | CDFG | fc, sh | Yes | 1964 | EBMUD |
| Nimbus | Rancho Cordova | CDFG | fc. sh | Yes | 1955 | BR |
| Prairie Creek | Orick | Humbolt County | fc, co, sh, sre | Yes | 1928 | Humbolt County |
| Trinity | Lewiston | CDFG | $\mathrm{fc}, \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{sh}$ | Yes | 1963 | BR |
| Ponds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cochran Creek | Eureka | Fish Action Council Humbolt County | f., co | Yes | 1968 | CDFG |
| Pacific Lumber Co. | Scotia | Pacific Lumber Co., CDFG | sh | No | 1972 | Pacific Lumber Co. |
| Talmadge | Talmadge | Sports Club, CDFG | sh | Yes | 1972 | Mendocino County |

'USFWS $=$ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, $\mathrm{CDFG}=$ California Department of Fish and Game, CDWR = California Department of Water Resources, PP\&L = Pacific Power and Light, NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service (Anadromous Fish Act), EBMUD = East Bay Municipal Utility District, $\mathrm{BR}=$ Bureau of Reclamation.
${ }^{2} \mathrm{fc}=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon, $\mathrm{co}=$ coho salmon, $\mathrm{sh}=$ steelhead trout, src $=$ sea-run cutthroat trout.

As water-use projects continued to block access to anadromous salmonid spawning and rearing areas, it was necessary to build hatcheries to compensate for the resulting loss of fish. Some of these hatcheries include Trinity River and Iron Gate in California, Chelan PUD and the two Cowlitz hatcheries in Washington, and Round Butte in Oregon.
The 1960 's saw the re-entry of Alaska and British Columbia into the salmonid propagation field. Again, this was necessitated by decline in fish stocks and the decreases in catches in those two areas. Idaho was also forced into the hatchery salmon and steelhead trout program because of the adverse effects of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

In 1960 there were 72 hatcheries, pens, and saltwater net pens producing salmon and steelhead trout on the coast (Fig. 12). This was approximately the same number as in 1929. The number increased to a maximum of 154 in 1976, over a twofold gain. In all, 192 facilities reared anadromous fish for at least 1 yr on the Pa cific coast during the 17 -yr span ending in 1976.

## Species Reared

One of the major trends in hatchery production of salmonids has been the shift in emphasis placed on rearing different species of salmon and anadromous trout. Prior to 1929 , of the over 12 billion fry and 1 billion fingerlings and yearlings released, almost half were sockeye salmon. In 1910 alone there were almost 400 million sockeye salmon fry released (Cobb 1931).

With the closing of large Alaska and British Columbia sockeye salmon stations in the 1920's and 1930's species emphasis changed. For the 17 yr since 1960, the major species reared have been chinook salmon, coho salmon,
and steelhead trout (Fig. 13). The sockeye salmon releases had declined to only 3 million in 1960 with most of these coming from Leavenworth NFH on the upper Columbia River in Washington. Since 1967, when Leavenworth terminated its sockeye salmon program, only two releases of this species have been made totaling 27,000 fish.

## Rearing Trends

One of the major changes in hatchery operations has been the switch from releasing unfed fry to releasing salmon and steelhead trout after a period of rearing. In the late 1800 's and early 1900 's, the standard hatchery practice was to release fish soon after the eggs hatched, when the yolk sac had been absorbed. The small number that were retained and fed were kept as curiosities. Although no difficulty was experienced raising these fish, the added expense of fish food as well as the inadequate rearing space at the hatcheries precluded general adoption of rearing programs.

As previously stated, a few fish culturists, including R. D. Hume from Oregon, disagreed with the practice of releasing unfed fry. It was their belief that unfed fry were ill equipped to survive competition with wild fish and predators and the increased survival and contribution obtained from releasing larger fish would outweigh the additional expense of rearing. Over the years this has proven to be true and today almost all anadromous fish are fed for a period of time before they are released.

The early efforts of rearing fish depended on diet based on ground meat and fish products. Liver, spleen, and salmon carcasses were common ingredients, supplemented with various grains and meals. These diets were not very efficient and were messy and time consuming to

| Mop <br> No. | Facility |
| :--- | :--- |

Map Facility
No.

| 1 Iron Gate | 8 | Darrah Springs |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 2 | Prairie Creek | 9 |
| Crystal Lake |  |  |
| 3 | Mad River | 10 |
| 4 Feather River |  |  |
| 4 Cochran Creek | $1 \mid$ | Talmadge Pond |
| 5 Pacific Lumber Co. Pond | 12 | Nimbus |
| 6 Trinity River | 13 | Mokelumne Facility |
| 7 Coleman | 14 | Merced River |

Figure 11.-Map of locations of northern California salmonid rearing facilities, 1960-76.

Table 25.-Migrant releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout-Californial (in thousands).

| Release year | Fall chinook |  | Spring chinook |  | Coho |  | Winter steelhead |  | Summer steelhead Sea-run cutthroat |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Pounds ${ }^{2}$ | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds | Number | Pounds |
| 1960 | 5,386.6 | 125.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 315.1 | 16.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1961 | 34,085.5 | 226.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.0 | 5.9 | 518.1 | 49.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1962 | 7,293.3 | 140.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 364.0 | 32.0 | 187.3 | 18.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.4 |
| 1963 | 19,862.4 | 205.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 498.9 | 43.9 | 72.3 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1964 | 10,161.7 | 148.7 | 300.0 | 10.4 | 499.3 | 43.9 | 1,163.1 | 146.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.9 |
| 1965 | 6,529.8 | 161.8 | 224.5 | 12.8 | 1,097.4 | 81.8 | 736.7 | 74.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 1.1 |
| 1966 | 11,015.7 | 171.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 747.2 | 86.2 | 2,436.2 | 327.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 2.6 |
| 1967 | 7,748.4 | 123.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,264.6 | 87.9 | 2,027.0 | 281.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 2.0 |
| 1968 | 14,157.1 | 163.0 | 528.6 | 41.3 | 1,821.0 | 130.1 | 2,129.7 | 314.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 1.3 |
| 1969 | 17,442.9 | 193.7 | 673.4 | 57.4 | 1,448.1 | 123.1 | 1,818.8 | 274.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 1.3 |
| 1970 | 16,808.6 | 302.9 | 120.8 | 14.8 | 1,152.1 | 93.0 | 2,169.8 | 318.5 | 18.7 | 2.2 | 55.0 | 3.8 |
| 1971 | 34,206.1 | 475.3 | 569.9 | 66.5 | 1,245.5 | 112.1 | 3,618.9 | 399.3 | 133.6 | 18.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1972 | 37,275.7 | 494.3 | 247.3 | 24.8 | 1,664.5 | 153.3 | 4,340.6 | 527.9 | 212.2 | 26.9 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| 1973 | 21,707.1 | 387.6 | 507.6 | 64.5 | 1,161.7 | 79.3 | 2,916.7 | 344.4 | 37.1 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| 1974 | 22,667.0 | 418.4 | 482.9 | 47.2 | 802.8 | 54.4 | 3,081.1 | 348.7 | 141.6 | 27.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1975 | 27,837.6 | 456.6 | 303.2 | 32.9 | 1,771.1 | 151.0 | 2,524.3 | 298.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 0.8 |
| 1976 | 24,444.4 | 471.2 | 888.5 | 115.8 | 1,046.6 | 90.4 | 2,948.5 | 416.2 | 77.8 | $\underline{12.6}$ | 4.3 | 1.2 |
| Total | 318,629.9 | 4,667.3 | 4,846.7 | 488.4 | 16,642.8 | 1,368.3 | 33,004.2 | 4,167.3 | 621.0 | 91.2 | 105.3 | 16.1 |

'Derived from Wahel et al. (1975) prior to 1974 , U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery annual reports, and California hatchery records.
${ }^{4} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.


Figure 12.-Number of Pacific coast salmonid rearing facilities releasing anadromous salmonids by year, 1960-76.


Year

Figure 13.-Numbers of Pacific coast releases of chinook and coho salmon and steelhead trout (in millions).
prepare. In the 1950's, conversion ratios as low as 5.6 lb ( 25 kg ) of food fed per pound ( 0.45 kg ) of weight gained were reported from the ground-meat base diets used at several FCO hatcheries. At most hatcheries today, less than $2 \mathrm{lb}(0.91 \mathrm{~kg})$ of food are required for a $1 \mathrm{lb}(0.45 \mathrm{~kg})$ gain in weight. Another disadvantage of the meat diets was the spread of bacteria and viral diseases, to young fish from diets that included salmon carcasses. Although the diets did have disadvantages, they still allowed larger fish to be reared.
Several developments in the late 1950's had important effects on rearing practices. Improved pasteurization methods were developed to treat salmon viscera, an important component of many meat based diets. This process was used to kill disease-causing organisms that would otherwise have affected the young fish. Commercial, dry, pelletized trout diets received much attention experimentally as a salmon diet. Few of the standard trout feeds showed promise and all required meat diets to be used while the fish started feeding.

In 1959, after many years of experimentation, the FCO began feeding Oregon moist pellets (OMP) to fish at 16 of their salmon hatcheries. The OMP diet, developed jointly by the FCO and Oregon State University scientists with funds supplied by the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (now National Marine Fisheries Service), was a breakthrough in the area of hatchery nutrition. This easily fed diet does not require any preparation at the hatchery and is readily accepted by the fish. It consists of a combination of cereals, fish meals, fish oils, dried skim milk, and vitamin supplements. Fish fed this diet have shown, in almost all cases, better survival and contribution to the fishery than fish fed old ground meat type diets (Hublou et al. 1959, Hublou 1963). Development of the OMP has opened the way for other types of diets including the Abernathy dry pellet developed at Abernathy Salmon Cultural Development Center. These new diets have made hatcheries biologically and economically feasible ventures.

## Size at Time of Release

One of the most interesting trends of hatchery production over the last 17 yr has been the change in release size of migrant coho, spring chinook, and fall chinook salmon. Until the early 1960's hatcheries emphasized numbers of fish liberated. It was common for a hatchery to take more eggs than could be reared to migrant size. As fish grew and crowding occurred, fish in excess of hatchery capacities were released. Out of an egg-take of over 13 million fall chinook salmon eggs in 1959, Spring Creek NFH produced only 7.8 million migrants in May of 1960. The other 5.8 million were thinned out 3 mo earlier (Wahle et al. 1975). The average size for all species of migrant salmon released from Pacific coast rearing facilities in 1960 was 88 fish/lb ( $5.2 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{fish}$ ) (Fig. 14a). Fall chinook salmon, reared for 5 or 6 mo , averaged 211 fish/lb ( $2.29 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{fish}$ ) (Fig. 14b). Spring chinook and coho salmon, reared for an average of 20 mo , both averaged 33 fish/lb ( $13.8 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish) (Fig. 14c, d).


Figure 14.-Average size of various species of Pacific coast anadromous salmonid releases (all species combined), 1960-76. (1 lb equals 0.454 kg .)

In the early 1960 's, a trend developed away from maximizing numbers at hatcheries. Instead, the philosophy of raising less fish to a larger size began to gain acceptance among the fish rearing agencies. Marking experiments showed that these larger fish had better survival and contribution to the fisheries (Senn and Noble 1968; Johnson 1970; Wallis ${ }^{7}$; Senn et al. ${ }^{8}$; Washington Department of Fisheries ${ }^{9}$ ). Numbers of migrant fish released actually declined slightly from 1960 to 1962 (Fig. 15) even though the number of facilities increased (Fig. 12). While migrant numbers held fairly constant from 1960 to 1976, the number of migrant pounds increased almost six times (Fig. 15). In 1976, fall chinook salmon smolts averaged 59 fish/lb ( $7.7 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish) (Fig. 14b). Spring chinook and coho salmon showed similar size change, going from approximately 32 fish $/ \mathrm{lb}$ ( $4.2 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish $)$ to 11 fish $/ \mathrm{lb}(41.2 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish $)$ and from 33 fish/b (13.6) to 17 fish/lb ( $26.7 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{fish}$ ), respectively (Fig. 14c,d). During this time, the average size for all species combined went from 88 fish $/ \mathrm{lb}(5.2 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{fish})$ to 26 fish/lb ( $17.5 \mathrm{~g} /$ fish) (Fig. 14a).

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Figure 15.-Total Pacific coast migrant anadromous salmonid releases (all species combined), 1960-76. (1 lb equals 0.4 à 4 kg .)

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Appendix Table I.-Pacific coast anadromous fish rearing facilities.

| Facility name | Region | Facility name | Region |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aberdeen State Fish Hatchery <br> $\ddagger 203$ Central Park Drive <br> Aberdeen, WA 98520 | Washington coastal and Puget Sound | Big White Salmon Rearing Pond c/o Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Linderwood, WA 98651 | Columbia Basin-Washington |
| Abernathy Salmon Cultural <br> Development Center <br> 1.140 Abernathy Road <br> Longriew. WA 98632 | Columbia Basin-Washington | Blue Slough Rearing Pond (Closed) c/0 Washington Dept. of Game 600 N . Capitol Way Olympia, WА 98504 | Washington coastal and Puget Sound |
| Alder Creek Rearing Pond co Beaver Creek State Fish Hatchery <br> Route 1, Box 274 <br> Cathiamet. WA 98612 | Columbia Basin-Washington | Bonneville Fish Hatchery P.O. Box 262 <br> Bonneville. OR 97008 | Columbia Basin-Oregon |
| Alsea Fish Harchery <br> Star Route 2. Box 52 <br> Fhilomath. OR 97370 | Oregon coastal | Bowman's Bay Rearing Ponds <br> (Closed) <br> c/o Washington Dept. of Fisheries Rm 115, Gen. Admin. Bldg. <br> Olympia, WA 98504 | Washington coastal and Puget Sound |
| Anadromous Ine. | Oregon coastal |  |  |
| Route 2. Box 2012 <br> Deer Island. OR 97054 |  | Butte Falls Fish Hatchery 580 Fish Lake Road Butte Falls, OR 97522 | Oregon coastal |
| Arlington Trout Hatchery <br> Route 3. Box 10 IT <br> Arlington. WA 98223 | Washington coastal and Puget So ind | Cape Mears (Closed) c/o Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife P.O. Box 3503 | Oregon coastal |
| Aumstille Pond 8.43 Bishop Rd S.E. Aumsville, OR 97:325 | Columbia Basin-Oregon | Portland, OR 97208 ATTN: Mr. Jefferies |  |
| Bandon Fish Hatchery <br> Route 1. Box 195 <br> Bandon. OR 9:411 | Oregon coastal | Capilano Hatchery <br> 4500 Capilano Park Road <br> North Vancouver, British Columbia | British Columbia |
| Barnaby Rearing Pond P.O. Box 102 | Washington coastal and Puget Sound | Carson National Fish Hatchery Carson, WA 98610 | Columbia Basin-Washington |
| Rockport. WA 98283 |  | Cascade Fish Hatchery Star Route, Box 526 | Columbia Basin-Oregon |
| Bay Center Mariculture Box 303 | Washington coastal and Puget Sound | Bonneville, OR 97008 |  |
| Bay Center. WA 98525 |  | Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery Route 1, Box 9 | Oregon coastal |
| Beaver Creek Trout Hatchery Route 1, Box 274A | Columbia Basin-Washington | Hebo, OR 97122 |  |
| Cathlamet. WFA 98612 |  | Chambers Creek Trout Hatchery c/o South Tacoma Hatchery | Washington coastal and Puget Sound |
| Bellingham Fish Hatchery Whatcom Falls Park Bellingham. W'A 98225 | Washington coastal and Puget Sound | Ti23 Phillips County Road, S.W. <br> Tacoma, WA 98498 |  |
| Big Creek Fish Hatchery <br> Rosute 4. Box 594 <br> Astoria. OR 97103 | Columbia Basin-Oregon | Chelan PLD Trout Fish Hatchery Star Route Chelan, WA 98816 | Columbia Basin-Washington |
| Big Qualicum Hatchery $\mathrm{RR}=3$ <br> Gualicum Beach. British Columbia | British Columbia | Cochran Creek Rearing Pond c/o Humbolt Fish Action Council P.O. Box 154 <br> Eureka, CA 95501 | California |

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Anderson, CA 96007
Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery
Laurelhurst Road
Trail, OR 97541
Columbia Basin State Fish Hatchery
Route 2, Box 333C
Moses Lake, WA 98837
Coos River State Hatchery (Closed)
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Petersburg, AK 99833
Crystal Lake Hatchery
Route 2, Box 1113
Burney, CA 96013
Darrah Springs Hatchery
P.O. Box 8

Paynes Creek, CA 960 T5
Decker Flats Rearing Pond
P.O. Box 1196

Salmon, ID 8346i
Deschutes Rearing Pond c/o Washington Dept. of Fisheries
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Olympia, WA 98504
Dexter Rearing Pond
General Delivery
Lowell, OR 97456
Domsea Farms Aquaculture
Salt water-P.O. Box 372 Manchester, WA 98353
Fresh water-510 Washington Bremerton. WA 98310

Dungeness Salmon Hatchery
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Sequim, WA 98383
Dworshak National Fish Hatchery
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Eagle Hatchery
Eagle, ID 83616
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Estacada, OR 97023
Elk River Fish Hatchery
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Feather River Hatchery
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Oroville, CA 95965
Fire Lake Hatchery
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Eagle River, AK 995:7
Garrison Spring Salmon Hatchery
P.O. Box $941 \neq 1$

Fort Steilacoom, W'A 98494

George Adams Hatchery
Rt. 5, Box 125
Shelton, WA 98584
Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery
Star Route?
Clatskanie, OR 97016
Goldendale Trout Hatchery
Route 2, Box 111
Goldendale, WA 98620
Gorst Creek Pond
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Grays River Salmon Hatchery
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Grays River, WA 98621
Green Riser Salmon Hatchery
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Auburn, WA 98002
Green River Rearing Pond
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Palmer, WA 98048
Hagerman State Fish Hatchery
Hagerman. ID 83332
Halibut Cove Lagoon
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Harrison Rearing Pond
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Elma, WA 93541
Skagit Salmon Hatchery
Cascade Route
Marblemount, WA 98267
Skamania Trout Hatchery
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Washougal, WA 98611
Skykomish Rearing Ponds
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#### Abstract

Through 1976, 3,712 small cetaceans were tagged in the course of research cruises operating out of the Southwest Fisheries Center. These included 2,996 spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata; 324 spinner dolphins, S. longirostis; 193 common dolphins, Delphinus delphis; and 113 bottlenose dolphins, Tursiops truncatus. Others tagged in small numbers included Pacific whitesided dolphins, Lagenorhynchus obliquidens; striped dolphins, Stenella coeruleoalba; and a short-finned pilot whale, Globicephala macrorhynchus. Several types of tags were used. Tags have been recovered from 97 spotted dolphins and 7 spinner dolphins. Time at liberty ranged from less than 2 h to more than 4 yr. Net distance traveled ranged from 7 to $582 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. Average short-term movement in the spotted dolphin is $30-50$ $\mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$./day; range is $200-300 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. in diameter, and seasonal onshore-offshore migrations may exist.


## INTRODUCTION

Populations of pelagic dolphins are important to the purse seine fishery for yellowfin tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific and are affected by the fishery. ${ }^{3}$ Adequate assessment of the impacts of the fishery on the dolphin populations requires knowledge of such aspects of life history as home range and seasonal migration. For this reason, we began a program of tagging dolphins in 1969. The tagging program was specifically designed to examine movements, but the tagging itself was largely opportunistic. In addition, research projects with other objectives but involving tagging have also yielded information on movements. The main purpose of this report is to summarize and to report the results of analyses of data on movements of spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, and spinner dolphins, S. longirostris, yielded by tag returns through 1976. A secondary purpose is to summarize and document all dolphin tagging operations carried out in conjunction with dolphin/tuna research at the Southwest Fisheries Center, La Jolla, Calif., from 1969 through 1976. This is necessary because of the possibility that tagged dolphins released by us may be recovered by other investigators not familiar with our program. We suspended field work in our tagging program in 1976, pending development of better tags and design of a plan for large-scale tagging aimed at estimating population sizes. The results of the expanded program will be the subject of future reports.

[^30]Many small marine odontocetes are thought to undergo migrations of varying scale in time and distance. Most published conclusions about movements have been based on sightings or strandings and have to do with season of the year or sea surface temperature. Fraser (1934) noted a possible intrusion of elements of the warm-temperate Atlantic cetacean fauna (including Delphinus delphis) into the North Sea during a year of anomalous sea-surface warming. Sightings and correlated oceanographic data suggest that the distributions of dolphins (Lissodelphis peroni, Lagenorhynchus cruciger, Lagenorhynchus obscurus, and Delphinus delphis) off the east coast of New Zealand are "closely associated with certain temperature ranges and consequently with specific water masses and convergence regions," causing different animals to be seen in summer than in winter (Gaskin 1968). Similarly, Kasuya (1971) found, on the basis of aerial sightings, that warm-water delphinids, including Stenella attenuata, in Japanese waters migrate north in the summer season as far as Hokkaido; whereas cold-water forms, such as Phocoenoides dalli and Lissodelphis borealis, migrate south in the winter. The northern extent of the distribution of the warm-water forms may vary seasonally as much as $13^{\circ}$ of latitude ( $780 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. ) (Miyazaki et al. 1974). Evans (1975) demonstrated the existence of similar seasonal migrations by the common dolphin, $D$. delphis, off the coasts of southern California and Baja California. Several other similar studies have been carried out, and this review is not exhaustive.

Very little information has been available on home range of pelagic dolphins. As Norris (1967) noted, some dolphins seem quite sedentary. He found that herds of spinner dolphins, Stenella longirostris, are consistently found off limited stretches of coast; five such home ranges have been tentatively recognized off Oahu, Hawaii. On the other hand, some other dolphins are very
mobile. Herds of common dolphins off southern California and Baja California may move as far as 120 km in a 24 -h period, following underwater escarpments (Evans 1971, 1974).

Preliminary results of our tagging program through early 1974 have been previously published (Perrin 1975). Time at liberty for tagged spotted dolphins ranged from 1.7 h to 502 days and minimum distance traveled from 13 to 532 km . ${ }^{4}$ The tentative conclusion was that these data indicate a great deal of east-west and north-south movement within the eastern portion of the range of the off-

[^31]shore race of S. attenuata. Tag returns for S. longirostris showed less net movement.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

During the course of research on the dolphin/tuna problem, 3,712 small cetaceans were tagged (Table 1), including 2,996 spotted dolphins (Fig. 1) and 324 spinner dolphins (Fig. 2). One of us (Evans) carried out other dol-phin-tagging operations during the period 1969-76, but these did not involve Stenella spp. and will be described in another report. Several types of tags and tag legends were used:

1. Spaghetti tag with plastic dart. This tag was described and figured by Nishiwaki et al. (1966). The

Table 1.-Dolphins and small whales tagged, 1969-76. Radiotags included.

|  | Stenella | Stenella <br> attenuata <br> longirostris | Delphinus <br> delphis | Tursiops <br> truncatus | Other |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | Uniden- | tified |
| :---: | Total

'Probability is high that these were either spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, or spinner dolphins, S. longirostris.
${ }^{2}$ Pacific white-sided dolphin, Lagenorhynchus obliquiders.
${ }^{3}$ Spotted or spinner dolphins.
'Striped dolphin, Stenella coeruleoalba.
${ }^{5}$ Two striped dolphins and two short-finned pilot whales, Globicephala macrorhynchus.


Figure 1.-Number of releases of tagged spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, by 2-degree area, 1969-76. Releases given in Table 1 for which precise localities are not available are not included.


Figure 2.-Number of releases of tagged spinner dolphins, Stenella longirostris, by 2-degree area, 1969-76. Two dolphins given in Table 1 for which precise localities are not available are not included.
tags released in 1969 and 1970 were yellow and bore one of two legends (in addition to serial number):

## a. RETURN TUNA COMM SAN DIEGO or <br> b. REWARD BU COMM FISHERIES SAN DIEGO.

2. Spaghetti tag with steel dart. This type of tag was developed for use on large pelagic fishes (Mather 1963) and was first used on cetaceans by Sergeant and Brodie (1969). It has been modified from its original design by addition of a clear plastic sleeve to protect the legend (Evans et al.1972). It is manufactured by Floy Tag and Manufacturing, Inc., Seattle, Wash. Four versions of the tag were used in the operations described here:
a. $15-\mathrm{cm}$ long, orange, with legend:

REWARD U.S. BUR COMM FISH LA JOLLA, CALIF(CF)
b. $12-\mathrm{cm}$ long, yellow, with legend:

REWARD NATL MARINE FISH SERVICE LA JOLLA, CAL
c. $32-\mathrm{cm}$ long, yellow, with legend:

NUC-502 SAN DIEGO, CAL. 92132 REWARD
d. $30-\mathrm{cm}$ long, orange, with legend:

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE LA JOLLA, CA U.S.A. REWARD.
3. Spaghetti tag with steel dart/braided. These tags were designed at sea for use in underwater observations of tagged dolphins during the research cruise of the Elizabeth C. J. in 1976 (see following section on Chronological Account of Tagging Operations, 196976). Three-strand braids of spaghetti tubing of various colors were linked together in unique color/length com-
binations and fastened to steel-dart tags from which all but 1 in of tubing (bearing the serial number) has been removed. Six-inch lengths of $1 / 2$-in wide flexible, bright orange plastic streamers were added to the ends of some of the tags to further increase visibility.
4. Plastic deer ear tag. This tag ("jumbo rototag") was described and figured by Norris and Pryor (1970). Tag and applicators are manufactured by Dalton, Henley, United Kingdom.
a. Tags released in 1971 were yellow and bore the legend:

DEVUELVA OF. DE PESCA PREMIO. 150 PESOS BU COMM FISH SAN DIEGO CON CABEZA
b. Tags released in 1972 were yellow, with the legend:
\$15 DOLLAR REWARD FOR RETURN WITH HEAD BU COM FISH SAN DIEGO
c. Tags released in 1973 were white and bore no legend other than the serial number.
5. Radiotag. Martin et al. (1971) and Evans (1971, 1974) described and figured the radiotags used.

## CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF TAGGING OPERATIONS, 1969-76

1. In 1969 and 1970, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) conducted tuna-tagging operations on three cruises on the chartered tuna seiners, the Connie Jean and the Anne M. At NMFS' request, tuna tags (spaghetti tag with plastic dart-see discussion of tag types above) were also placed in dol-
phins captured with tuna (see Bayliff 1973 for description of tagging operations). Nine hundred and forty-nine dolphins were thusly tagged (Table 2).
2. In 1970, a crewman on the seiner Conquest volunteered to tag dolphins during fishing operations. He tagged 37 dolphins (probably spotted and spinner dolphins) with plastic-dart spaghetti tags.
3. Beginning in 1971, scientific observers from NMFS each year have accompanied some tuna seiners to the "porpoise-fishing" grounds. Through 1975, these observers tagged dolphins on an opportunity basis. The observers tagged 105 dolphins on 3 cruises in 1971, 316 on 9 cruises in 1972, 204 on 16 cruises in 1973, 1,221 on 25 cruises in 1974, and 416 on 22 cruises in 1975 (Table 3). Two short-finned pilot whales,

Table 2.-Tags released from commercial seiners, 1969-76. Releases by NUMFS observers aboard nonchartered seiners are detailed in Table 3. Tag type $P D=$ plastic-dart spaghetti tag, $M D=$ metal-dart spaghetti tag (see Table 3 ), DE $=$ deer ear tag, and $R X=$ radio-transmitter tag. Letters $a, b$, and $c$ refer to tag type subcategories defined in text.

| Vessel | Cruise number | Cruise period | Tagged |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tag type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spotted dolphin | Spinner dolphin | Common dolphin | Bottlenosed dolphin | Other | Unidentified | Total |  |
| Connie Jean | 1055 | Oct-Nov 69 | 207 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | PD (a) |
| Anne M | 1057 | Jun-Aug 70 | $\geq 278$ | $\geq 46$ | 10 | - | - | 9 | 343 | PD (61a, 278b) |
| Anne M | 1058 | Sep-Nov 70 | 340 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 388 | PD (b) |
| Conquest | - | Mar-Apr 70 | - | - | - | - | - | 37 | 37 | PD (b) |
| Queen Mary | 13 | Nov-Dec 71 | $\geq 105$ | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | ${ }^{1} 15$ | 120 | MD (107b, 24c) |
|  |  |  | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | DE (a) |
|  |  |  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | RX |
| Independence | 26 | Sep-Oct 72 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 0 | ${ }^{21}$ | 0 | 24 | MD (a) |
|  |  |  | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | DE (b) |
| Trinidad | 52 | Oct-Nov 73 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | MD (a) |
| John F. Kennedy | 53 | Nov-Dec 73 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | MD (a) |
|  |  |  | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | $\mathrm{DE}(\mathrm{c})^{3}$ |
| Elizabeth CJ | 208 | Oct-Dec 76 | 124 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | MD ${ }^{4}$ |
|  |  |  | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | RX |
| Total |  |  | 1,234 | 119 | 35 | 0 | 1 | 61 | 1,450 |  |

Spotted or spinner.
'Pacific white-sided dolphin, Lagenorhynchus obliquidens.
${ }^{3}$ With 2 -in disc.
${ }^{4}$ With braided tubing.

Table 3.-Tag releases (steel-dart spaghetti tags) by NMFS observers aboard commercial tuna seiners, 1971-75. Tag types defined in text.

| Cruise number | Year | Tagged |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tag type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Spotted dolphin | Spinner dolphin | Common dolphin | Bottlenose dolphin | Other | Unidentified | Totals |  |
| 6 | 1971 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 24 | (a) |
| 8 |  | 8 | 18 | 17 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 54 | (a) |
| 9 |  | 16 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27105 | (10c, 95a) |
| 14 | 1972 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | (a) |
| 15 |  | 43 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | (a) |
| 16 |  | 22 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | (a) |
| 17 |  | 6 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 23 | (a) |
| 20 |  | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | (a) |
| 21 |  | 54 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 56 | (a) |
| 22 |  | 32 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | (a) |
| 23 |  | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | (a) |
| 24 |  | 38 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 55316 | (a) |
| 29 | 1973 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | (a) |
| 30 |  | 12 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | (a) |
| 31 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 32 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 33 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 34 |  | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | (a) |
| 38 |  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | (a) |
| 39 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 40 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 41 |  | 12 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | (a) |
| 43 |  | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | (a) |
| 44 |  | 11 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 18 | (a) |
| 45 |  | 23 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | (a) |
| 47 |  | 7 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | (a) |
| 48 |  | 9 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 45 | (a) |

Table 3.-Continued.

| Cruise number | Year | Tagged |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tag type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Spotted dolphin | Spinner dolphin | Common dolphin | Bottlenose dolphin | Other | Unidentified | Totals |  |
| 49 |  | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11204 | (a) |
| 54 | 1974 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | (a) |
| 55 |  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | (b) |
| 57 |  | 16 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | (a) |
| 58 |  | 47 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 59 | (a) |
| 59 |  | 24 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 38 | (a) |
| 61 |  | 51 | 8 | 4 | 17 | ${ }^{1} 3$ | 0 | 83 | (b) |
| 65 |  | 17 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | (a) |
| 66 |  | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | (a) |
| 67 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 68 |  | 20 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | (b) |
| 71 |  | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | (a) |
| 72 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (b) |
| 73 |  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | (a) |
| 74 |  | 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | (b) |
| 75 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | (a) |
| 76 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | (a) |
| 78 |  | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | (b) |
| 80 |  | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | (a) |
| 81 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | (b) |
| 82 |  | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | (a) |
| 87 |  | 91 | 5 | 6 | 32 | ${ }^{14}$ | 0 | 138 | (b) |
| 90 |  | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | (a) |
| 91 |  | 623 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 639 | (a) |
| 94 |  | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | (a) |
| 96 |  | 20 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 1,221 | (a) |
| 99 | 1975 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (a) |
| 100 |  | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | (d) |
| 102 |  | 43 | 2 | 0 | 0 | ${ }^{2} 1$ | 0 | 46 | (d) |
| 104 |  | 42 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ${ }_{3} 2$ | 48 | (d) |
| 105 |  | 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | (d) |
| 106 |  | 45 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 49 | (d) |
| 110 |  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ${ }^{2} 1$ | 0 | 4 | (d) |
| 112 |  | 42 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | (d) |
| 113 |  | 27 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | (d) |
| 114 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (d) |
| 115 |  | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | (b) |
| 116 |  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | (d) |
| 117 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (d) |
| 118 |  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | (d) |
| 119 |  | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | (d) |
| 120 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (d) |
| 121 |  | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | (d) |
| 123 |  | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | ${ }^{4} 2$ | 0 | 13 | (d) |
| 124 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | (d) |
| 125 |  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | (d) |
| 129 |  | 16 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $47 \quad 416$ | (d) |
|  | Totai | 1,762 | 205 | 158 | 113 | 20 | 4 | 2,262 |  |

${ }^{1}$ Pacific white-sided dolphin, Lagenorhynchus obliquidens.
${ }^{2}$ Striped dolphin, Stenella coeruleoalba.

Globicephala macrorhynchus, were also tagged in 1975. Before application, the tag heads were sprayed with Topazone, a topical antibiotic. The tags were applied in several different ways:
a. from the bow (when animals rode the bow wave), with a quick-release head (Beckett 1968) mounted on a long wooden pole or with a crossbow (as described by Kasuya and Oguro 1972, but using a rubber stop on the crossbow bolt rather than a brass stop);
b. from a skiff at the corkine of the seine during the dolphin-rescue maneuver called "backing-down" (see Perrin 1969 for details of fishing operation), using short ( 40 cm ) wooden wands, with permanently mounted tag pins, as applicators; and
c. on the work-deck, when live dolphins were extricated from the net or the catch and then thrown overboard, using short applicators.
4. In late 1971, NMFS chartered the tuna seiner Queen Mary for a dolphin/tuna research cruise on the fishing
grounds. Three tagging operations were carried out on the cruise.
a. Radiotags were attached to spotted dolphins, to monitor herd movements, herd integrity, and recruitment of associated yellowfin tuna to the herd. The technique has been described by Evans (1971, 1974). Five dolphins were radiotagged and followed.
b. Fifteen spotted dolphins were measured, sexed, and injected with lead acetate and tagged with plastic deer ear tags placed in the dorsal fin. The animals were pulled into a small skiff for examination and tagging. Technique of application was described by Norris and Pryor (1970). The purpose of the injection of lead acetate was to lay down a time check in the hard tissues, so that growth rates in teeth and bone could be calibrated through examination of recaptured animals. The technique was developed by Nishiwaki and Yagi (1953). The tagged animals were also injected with an antibiotic to combat sepsis. Results of this experiment will be analyzed when tags are returned (none returned with sufficient data to date).
c. One hundred and twenty dolphins were also tagged with steel-dart spaghetti tags.
5. In late 1972, NMFS chartered the seiner Independence for a dolphin/tuna cruise. Sixty-one spotted dolphins were injected with lead acetate and tagged with plastic deer ear tags. Tagging was accomplished through use of an aluminum chute supported by two skiffs at the corkline of the seine (Fig. 3). In addition, 24 dolphins were tagged with steel-dart spaghetti tags.
6. Also in 1973, the seiner Trinidad was chartered by NMFS for technological research on dolphin rescue methods and equipment. During the cruise, 20 dolphins were tagged with steel-dart spaghetti tags.
7. In late 1973, NMFS chartered the seiner John F. Kennedy. The main purpose of the cruise was to conduct research on dolphin-rescue methods, but some tagging was also carried out. Twenty-two spotted dolphins in a single herd were tagged with white deer ear tags, inserted in the dorsal fin. A 2 -in diameter thin red plastic dise was placed on the tag post on each side of the fin to increase visibility of the tag in the water. The objective was to tag dolphins in several herds, using a different color for each herd, and then to study herd structure and integrity through observation of tagged animals in the seine in subsequent hauls in the same area. Rough weather, however, prevented further use of the tagging chute (described above) and completion of the scheduled tagging. In addition to the 22 dolphins tagged with ear tags, 59 spotted dolphins were tagged with steel-dart spaghetti tags.
8. In late 1976, NMFS chartered the seiner Elizabeth C. $J$. for a combined dolphin/tuna behavioral research and gear research cruise sponsored by several governmental and private organizations. Two types of tags were used to mark dolphin schools so that they could be followed and recaptured and the tagged dolphins observed in the net. Radiotags were placed on seven spotted dolphins and one spinner dolphin. The radiotags failed after only a few hours, but two were subsequently recovered (the recoveries are treated below like other tag returns; the radio-transmitted data will be presented elsewhere). In addition, 124 spotted dolphins and 8 spinner dolphins were tagged with steeldart spaghetti tags modified for greater underwater visibility (see 3 . Spaghetti tag with steel dart/braided above).

## ACCOUNT OF RADIOTRACKING EXPERIMENT

Transmitters were placed on one adult male (animal A) and two adult females (animals B and C) captured in a tuna seine on 21 November 1971. The object of the experiment was to track the school and set the net on what was assumed to be the same herd five times, at $24-\mathrm{h}$ intervals and at about 1000 . The initial set was in the afternoon, and the tagged animals were not released until almost sunset. The chronology of events (Fig. 4) may be summarized as follows:

After the release of the tagged animals it became increasingly obvious that the behavior of the male was quite different from that of the females. At first all animals appeared to stay on the same relative heading. After sunset the females began to move away from the male and the decision was made to stay with the male. After 6 h of tracking the females were separated from the male by an estimated $12 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. and their transmitted signals were extremely weak. It was assumed the transmitter on at least one of the two animals ( B and C ) had failed.

The vessel followed the male (A) until 1040 on 22 November when the first recapture set was made (set 2). Net distance traveled between initial release and this recapture was $59 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$., in about 16 h . One of the females (C) rejoined the male (A) at 0800 but separated from him again at 0930 prior to the net set. An additional longrange transmitter was placed on another male (D) during set 2. Also, a long-life, short-range transmitter was placed on another female (E). After release, A and D stayed together and were rejoined by one of the females from the first set (C). Female B was not seen again following her separation from $A$ and $C$ after initial release in set 2. A, D, E, and C were followed until 1036 (set 3) on 23 November. Net distance traveled in 24 h was $28 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. During this period, the males ( A and D ) were separated by some distance ( 3 n.mi.) from the school containing the females (C and E). The set (3) was made on the portion of the school containing the males A and D. They evaded capture by passing between the boat and the net skiff be-




Figure 4.-Cruise track of chartered purse seiner Queen Mary while tracking movement of school of radiotagged spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, in November-December 1971. Heavy lines represent portions of the cruise track when radio contact was maintained with the school. The lines represent movements of the vessel, not necessarily the exact route of the radio-tagged animals.
fore completion of the net circle. After the set, A and D were followed until 2200 when they separated. Male D was followed, with a faint signal in the background from A, until 1020 on 24 November (set 5). Net distance traveled in this 24 -h period was 69 n.mi., but actual distance traveled was about 110 n.mi. (Fig. 4). At this time, A and D had reconverged, but the set was made on the portion of the school containing D. Animal D again eluded capture in the seine. A and D rejoined after the set and were followed until 0700 on 25 November when the track was terminated because of an approaching storm. Net distance traveled during this $22-\mathrm{h}$ period was approximately $75 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. The school had doubled back and was heading north on almost exactly the same path it had followed south 3 days before. Total net distance traveled during the 110 h of the 5 -day radiotrack was only about 75 n.mi., about one-fourth of the actual distance traveled. Maximum distance between any two points on the track was about 160 n.mi.

On 6 December, 11 days and approximately 285 n.mi. distance from termination of the first track, signals from both of the males (A and D) were picked up at 1255 and followed until 0750 on 7 December when strong signals were received from $\mathbf{A}$ in a school of $<30$ spotted dolphins. The school was chased to allow close approach and a good estimate of size, but no net set was made, and the school was not further followed. Net distance traveled during this $19-\mathrm{h}$ second radiotrack was about $75 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. Three days later, on 10 December, at 0925, signals were again received from A and D , and, this time, also from
the female $C$, which had not been heard from since separating from the males on 23 November. The males and females were again segregated within the school. The school was not set on or followed after this recontact, and the research cruise ended shortly thereafter. Net distance traveled by the school between initial release and last contact ( 19 days) was 357 n.mi. ( 19 n.mi./day, southsoutheast).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Of 3,712 tags released from 1969 through 1976, 104 had been returned as of 1 January 1977 (Tables 3, 4). Tags were recovered only from spotted dolphins (97) and spinner dolphins (7). Time at liberty ranged from 1 h and 40 $\min$ to 1,478 days for $S$. attenuata and from 15 h and 48 $\min$ to 776 days for $S$. longirostris. Minimum distance traveled (distance between release and recovery locations) ranged from 7 to $582 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. for $S$. attenuata (Fig. 5) and 12 to 275 n.mi. for S. longirostris (Fig. 6). Details of returns are presented in Tables 4, 5. Returns are sufficient for the spotted dolphin to allow some analyses based on these and on the results of radiotagging.

## Short-Term Movements

Twenty-six tagged spotted dolphins were recaptured within 2 days ( 48 h ) after release (Fig. 7). Longer term recoveries were not included in the analysis because of the increasing potential for bias caused by the animals doubling back on themselves (see results of radiotagging experiment above). A linear regression line fitted to the data has a slope indicating an average movement rate of about $1.2 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi} . / \mathrm{h}$ (about $30 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi} . / \mathrm{day}$ ).

The results of the radiotagging experiment indicate daily movement rates of similar scale (Fig. 4), yielding estimates of net daily travel rate ranging from 5 to 89 n.mi. and an average of 54 n.mi./day (Table 6), as compared with the estimate of about $30 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$./day based on short-term tag returns. The former can be assumed to be less affected by the "doubling back" factor.

## Long-Term Movements

A plot of minimum distance traveled on time at liberty for all tag returns shows maximum movement of 500 to 600 n.mi. (Fig. 8). The data may have a periodic component. Average minimum distance traveled is $100 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. for 10 - to 50 -day returns ( $n=21$ ) and 274 n.mi. for 50 - to 200 -day returns $(n=12)$ but only $93 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. for 200 - to 400 day returns ( $n=15$ ). A major question in interpreting these results is that of recovery effort. Tags are recovered during the fishing operation. Was there significantly more fishing effort in areas <200 n.mi. from areas in which tags were released 200 to 400 days earlier than in areas more than $200 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. from areas of release? In other words, could the data reflect periodic fishing effort rather than periodic movement of dolphins? In an attempt to settle this question, we examined, for each of the 50 - to 200 -day returns (12) and each of the 200 - to

Table 4.-Tag return data for spotted dolphin, Stenella attenuata, 1969-76. Recovered radiotags included. Tag type codes defined in text.


|  | Release |  |  |  | Recapture |  |  | Days at liberty (or h) | Minimum <br> distance <br> traveled <br> (n.mi.) | Direction net movement |  | Tag type |  | Tag number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Date | Cruise number | Position |  | Date | Position |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | lat. N | long. W |  | lat. N | long. W |  |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{T}$ | bearing |  |  |  |
| 68 | 3 Aug 74 | 91 | $19^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ | $113^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ | 20 Apr 75 | $17^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 09^{\prime}$ | 259 | 124 | 200 | SSW | MD | (b) | 02618 |
| 69 | 4 Aug 74 | 91 | $19^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ | 14 Apr 75 | $17^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ | $113^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ | 252 | 123 | 156 | SSE | MD | (b) | 02622 |
| 70 | 4 Aug 74 | 91 | $19^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ | 20 Apr 75 | $17^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 09^{\prime}$ | 258 | 98 | 171 | S | MD | (b) | 02646 |
| 71 | 8 Aug 74 | 91 | $18^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ | 22 May 75 | $17^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ | 287 | 53 | 190 | S | MD | (b) | 02152 |
| 72 | 9 Aug 74 | 91 | $18^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ | $113^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ | 10 Apr 75 | $17^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | 244 | 92 | 192 | SSW | MD | (b) | 02155 |
| 73 | 17 Aug 74 | 91 | $11^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ | 18 Aug 75 | $11^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ | $108^{\circ} 16^{\prime}$ | (19 h) | 52 | 68 | ENE | MD | (b) | 02275 |
| 74 | 17 Aug 74 | 91 | $10^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ | 18 Aug 75 | $11^{\circ} 34^{\prime}$ | $108^{\circ} 16^{\prime}$ | (25 h) | 71 | 52 | NE | MD | (b) | 02784 |
| 75 | 17 Aug 74 | 91 | $10^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ | 17 Aug 75 | $11^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ | ( 5 h ) | 22 | 20 | NNE | MD | (b) | 02786 |
| 76 | 17 Aug 74 | 91 | $10^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ | 17 Aug 75 | $11^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ | ( 5 h ) | 22 | 20 | NNE | MD | (b) | 02792 |
| 77 | 17 Aug 74 | 91 | $10^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ | 17 Aug 75 | $11^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ | ( 5 h ) | 22 | 20 | NNE | MD | (b) | 02799 |
| 78 | 7 Jan 75 | 99 | $20^{\circ} 14^{\prime}$ | $110^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ | 13 Jan 75 | $19^{\circ} 35^{\prime}$ | $110^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ | 6 | 41 | 164 | SSE | MD | (a) | 01321 |
| 79 | 21 Jan 75 | 100 | $13^{\circ} 35^{\prime}$ | $100^{\circ} 35^{\prime}$ | 30 Mar 75 | $12^{\circ} 59^{\prime}$ | $103^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ | 68 | 146 | 256 | WSW | MD | (d) | 04509 |
| 80 | 30 Jan 75 | 102 | $14^{\circ} 47^{\prime}$ | $99^{\circ} 09^{\prime}$ | 3 May 75 | $15^{\circ} 31^{\prime}$ | $109^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ | 93 | 572 | 276 | W | MD | (d) | 04227 |
| 81 | 31 Jan 75 | 112 | $13^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ | 1 Feb 75 | $13^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ | (16 h) | 12 | 71 | ENE | MD | (d) | 04366 |
| 82 | 31 Jan 75 | 112 | $13^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ | 1 Feb 75 | $13^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ | (16 h) | 12 | 71 | ENE | MD | (d) | 04391 |
| 83 | 31 Jan 75 | 112 | $13^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ | 18 Feb 75 | $12^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ | 18 | 47 | 165 | SSE | MD | (d) | 04377 |
| 84 | 18 Feb 75 | 112 | $9^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ | $95^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | 5 Aug 75 | $9^{\circ} 13^{\prime}$ | $99^{\circ} 18^{\prime}$ | 168 | 240 | 267 | W | MD | (d) | 04389 |
| 85 | 19 Feb 75 | 113 | $9^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ | $95^{\circ} 43^{\prime}$ | 21 Feb 75 | $9^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ | $96^{\circ} 55^{\prime}$ | 2 | 72 | 261 | W | MD | (d) | 04407 |
| 86 | 21 Feb 75 | 113 | $9^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | $97^{\circ} 57^{\prime}$ | 23 Feb 75 | $8^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ | $98^{\circ} 28^{\prime}$ | 2 | 42 | 227 | sw | MD | (d) | 04413 |
| 87 | 21 Feb 75 | 113 | $9^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | $97^{\circ} 57^{\prime}$ | 23 Feb 75 | $8^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ | $98^{\circ} 28^{\prime}$ | 2 | 42 | 227 | SW | MD | (d) | 04414 |
| 88 | 22 Feb 75 | 119 | $12^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ | $92^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ | 2 Mar 75 | $12^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ | $92^{\circ} 37^{\prime}$ | 8 | 46 | 325 | NW | MD | (d) | 04963 |
| 89 | 14 Apr 75 | 121 | $17^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ | $113^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ | 21 Apr 75 | $17^{\circ} 29^{\prime}$ | $114^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ | 7 | 42 | 301 | NNW | MD | (d) | 04264 |
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| 93 | 24 Oct 76 | 208 | $9^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ | $104^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ | 26 Oct 76 | $9^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | (15 h) | 26 | 214 | SW | MD ${ }^{1}$ | - | 05194 |
| 94 | 25 Oct 76 | 208 | $9^{\circ} 33^{\prime \prime}$ | $104^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ | 26 Oct 76 | $9^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | (15 h) | 26 | 214 | SW | MD ${ }^{1}$ | - | 05200 |
| 95 | 25 Oct 76 | 208 | $9^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ | $104^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ | 26 Oct 76 | $9^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | (15 h) | 26 | 214 | sw | MD ${ }^{2}$ | - | 05217 |
| 96 | 25 Oct 76 | 208 | $9^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ | $104^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ | 26 Oct 76 | $9^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | (15 h) | 26 | 214 | SW | RX | - | - |
| 97 | 25 Oct 76 | 208 | $9^{\circ} 33^{\prime}$ | $104^{\circ} 46^{\prime}$ | 26 Oct 76 | $9^{\circ} 11^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | (15 h) | 26 | 214 | SW | RX | - | - |

'With braided tubing.

Table 5.-Tag return data for spinner dolphin, Stenella longirostris, 1969-76. Tag type codes defined in text.

|  | Release |  |  |  | Recapture |  |  | Days at liberty (or h) | Minimum distance traveled (n.mi.) | Direction of net movement |  | Tag type |  | Tag number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Date | Cruise number | $\frac{\mathrm{Po}}{\text { lat. } \mathrm{N}}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{ition}}{\text { long. } W}$ | Date | $\frac{\mathrm{Po}}{\text { lat. }}$ N | $\frac{\text { tion }}{\text { long. }}$ W |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 18 Aug 70 | 26 | $10^{\circ} 47^{\prime}$ | $127^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ | 17 Sep 71 | $11^{\circ} 17$ | $123^{\circ} 09^{\prime}$ | 395 | 275 | 83 | E | PD | (a) | A6242 |
| 2 | 23 Nov 71 | 13 | $13^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ | $108^{\circ} 00^{\prime}$ | 8 Jan 74 | $11^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ | 776 | 172 | 124 | SE | MD | (a) | 01116 |
| 3 | 8 Dec 71 | 13 | $10^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $104^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ | 28 Feb 72 | $11^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | $101^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | 82 | 199 | 76 | ENE | MD | (a) | 00741 |
| 4 | 8 Dec 71 | 13 | $10^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | $104{ }^{\circ} 32^{\prime}$ | 28 Feb 72 | $11^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | $101^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$ | 82 | 199 | 76 | ENE | MD | (a) | 00016 |
| 5 | 10 Jan 72 | 16 | $9^{\circ} 04^{\prime}$ | $105^{\circ} 01^{\prime}$ | 6 Feb 72 | $9^{\circ} 35^{\prime}$ | $108^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ | 37 | 189 | 280 | W | MD | (a) | 00413 |
| 6 | 31 Jan 75 | 112 | $13^{\circ} 08^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ | 1 Feb 75 | $13^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ | $91^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ | (16 h) | 12 | 71 | ENE | MD | (d) | 04363 |
| 7 | 13 Apr 75 | 105 | $6^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ | $93^{\circ} 21^{\prime}$ | 16 Apr 75 | $6^{\circ} 54{ }^{\prime}$ | $94^{\circ} 43^{\prime}$ | , | 83 | 281 | W | MD | (d) | 04464 |

Table 6.-Net distance traveled and net travel rates for radiotrack segments < 50 h long.

| Track segment <br> (Fig. 4) | Duration <br> (h) | Minimum <br> distance <br> (n.mi.) | N.mi. <br> h | N.mi. <br> day |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-2$ (set) | 16 | 59 | 3.7 | 89 |
| $2-3$ (set) | 24 | 28 | 1.2 | 29 |
| $3-4$ (set) | 24 | 69 | 2.9 | 70 |
| 4.5 (set) | 22 | 75 | 3.4 | 82 |
| $1-3$ | 40 | 70 | 1.8 | 43 |
| $2-4$ (set) | 48 | 80 | 1.7 | 41 |
| $3-5$ | 46 | 10 | 0.2 | 5 |
| $6-7$ (chase) | 19 | 60 | 3.2 | 77 |
| Average | - | - | 2.3 | 54 |

400-day returns (15), the logged take of yellowfin tuna ${ }^{5}$ within a radius of $250 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. and a radius of 250 to 600 n.mi. during the period after 50 days following release and before capture, or after 200 days and before recapture, respectively (Table 7) (catch of yellowfin tuna is the closest correlate of actual tag recapture effort (i.e., number of dolphins captured) for which data of sufficient geographical and temporal precision are available). For both groups of tag returns, the catch of yellowfin tuna in each instance was greater in the 250- to 600-

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Figure 5.-(Top) Minimum distance and net direction of travel, with days at liberty, of spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, tagged 1969-76 and recaptured before 1 January 1977. Returns from radio transmitters not included. (Bottom) Blow up of inset.

Figure 6.-Minimum distance and net direction of travel, with days at liberty, of spinner dolphins, Stenella longirostris, tagged 1969-76 and recaptured before 1 January 1977.



Figure 7.-Movement of tagged spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, recaptured within 48 h of release. When more than one dolphin was tagged and recovered from the same school at the same time, the number is indicated in parentheses. Dashed line is linear regression line fitted to unweighted data points.
n.mi. area than in the $250-\mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. area. This result shows that the pattern in Figure 8 of apparent annual migration or dispersal of at least some of the tagged animals is real and not an artifact of the distribution of recapture effort.

The net direction of movements of $<300 \mathrm{n}$.mi. was essentially random, but movements $>300 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. had a very strong east-west component (Fig. 9). This apparent predominance of longitudinal movement in long-distance returns is probably not due to chance. If it is assumed that the distribution of deviations in Figure 8 would be random, given that neither longitudinal nor latitudinal movement predominate, the probability that all seven of the over $300 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. net movements would have deviations of $\angle 20^{\circ}$ is described by a binomial probability distribution. If $n=7$ and $P=90$, then the probability is $2.6 \times 10^{-5}$. The data, therefore, show that, if seasonal migration or dispersal does indeed exist, it is primarily onshore-offshore. The time-of-year data for the few tag returns indicating movements $>300 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. indicate that movement may be generally onshore (E) in fall and winter and offshore (W) in late spring and summer

Table 7.-Estimated catch of yellowfin tuna within 250 n.mi. and within $250-600 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. of point of tag release for 12 tagged dolphins recovered between 50 and 200 days after release and traveling up to 582 mi (average 174 mi ) and 15 tagged dolphins recovered between 200 and 400 days after release and traveling <223 mi (average 93 mi). Catches for the first group are between 50 days after release and before recapture and for the second group between 200 days and recapture.

| Tag returns |  | Estimated yellowfin tuna catch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Within 250 n.mi. (short tons) | Within 250-600 n.mi. (short tons) |
| Group 1 |  |  |  |
| (50-200 days): | 1. | 886 | 14,041 |
|  | 2. | 9,363 | 25,908 |
|  | 3. | 4,858 | 35,508 |
|  | 4. | 4,728 | 30,119 |
|  | 5. | 76 | 657 |
|  | 6. | 2,065 | 11,906 |
|  | 7. | 2,365 | 4,562 |
|  | 8. | 745 | 1,529 |
|  | 9. | 516 | 1,501 |
|  | 10. | 1,202 | 7,885 |
|  | 11. | 1,436 | 4,497 |
|  | 12. | 4,737 | 6,605 |
| Group 2 |  |  |  |
| (200-400 days): | 1. | 5,108 | 6,224 |
|  | 2. | $2,396$ | 26,142 |
|  | 3. | 470 | 6,325 |
|  | 4. | 4,656 | 14,737 |
|  | 5. | 4,523 | 16,180 |
|  | 6. | 3,277 | 12,389 |
|  | 7. | 3,893 | 14,452 |
|  | 8. | 3,893 | 13,126 |
|  | 9. | 4,485 | 13,573 |
|  | 10. | 1,955 | 3,177 |
|  | 11. | 3,051 | 6,746 |
|  | 12. | 952 | 3,611 |
|  | 13. | 3,214 | 6,377 |
|  | 14. | 5,390 | 13,312 |
|  | 15. | 759 | 3,944 |

Table 8.-Time of year at liberty and net direction of movement for seven tagged spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata, traveling more than $300 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. before recapture.

|  | Net movement |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| At liberty | Direction | Distance <br> (n.mi.) |
| 1. Jan-May | W | 572 |
| 2. Aug-Feb | E | 568 |
| 3. Sept | E | 390 |
| 4. Nov-Mar | ENE | 435 |
| 5. Nov-Apr | ESE | 582 |
| 6. Dec-Feb | E | 363 |

${ }^{1}$ Two dolphins.
(Table 8). This hypothesis must be considered as highly tentative, however, pending availability of more data.

In summary, home range at any particular season is roughly circular, on the order of 200 to $300 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$. in diameter, and may move seasonally several hundred miles onshore (possibly in fall and winter) and offshore (possibly in spring and summer). Average short-term net movement is on the order of 30 to $50 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{mi}$./day.


Figure 8.-Plot of minimum distance traveled on time at liberty (logarithmic scale) for tagged and recaptured spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata. Circled means are for 10- to 50-, 50- to 200-, and 200- to 400- day returns.


Figure 9.-Deviation from $\mathbf{E}-\mathbf{W}$ direction of net movement plotted on minimum distance traveled for tagged and recaptured spotted dolphins, Stenella attenuata.

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    fic $=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon, $c o=$ coho salmon, sh $=$ steelhead trout, ch $=$ chum salmon, pi $=$ pink salmon, ce $=$ cherry salmon, src $=$ sea-run cuthroat trout, sk $=$ sockeye salmon (minor species in parentheses).

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    ${ }^{2} 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.454 \mathrm{~kg}$.
    ${ }^{3}<100 \mathrm{lb}$.

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    ${ }^{2} \mathrm{fc}=$ fall chinook salmon, $\mathrm{sc}=$ spring chinook salmon, $\mathrm{smc}=$ summer chinook salmon, sh $=$ steelhead trout (minor species in parentheses).

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