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Abstract

Twenty four stations were sampled monthly along a primary marine migration corridor in the northern region of southeastern Alaska to assess the distribution, growth, mortality, and diet of wild and hatchery stocks of juvenile (age -.0) Pacific salmon (Oncorhynchus spp.). Stations were stratified into three different habitats—inshore (Taku Inlet and near Auke Bay), strait (Chatham Strait and Icy Strait), and coastal (Cross Sound, Icy Point, and Cape Edward)—and sampled aboard the NOAA ship John N. Cobb from May to August 1998. At each station, fish, zooplankton, temperature, and salinity data were collected during daylight with a surface rope trawl, conical nets, bongo nets, and a conductivity, temperature, and depth profiler. Surface (2-m) temperatures and salinities during the survey ranged from 7.6 to 14.2°C and 16.4 to 32.0%. A total of 12,814 fish and squid were captured with the rope trawl, representing 30 taxa. All five species of juvenile Pacific salmon and steelhead (O. mykiss) were captured and comprised 85% of the total catch. Of the 10,895 salmonids caught, over 99% were juveniles, and less than 1% were immatures or adults. Non-salmonid species making up >1% of the catch included Pacific herring (Clupea harengus), capelin (Mallotus villosus), squid (Gonatidae), and sablefish (Anoplopoma fimbria). The highest frequency of occurrence (>25%) in the trawl catches was observed for chum (O. keta), coho (O. kisutch), sockeye (O. nerka), pink (O. gorbuscha), and chinook (O. tshawytscha) salmon, and wolf-eels (Anarrhichthys ocellatus). Overall catch rates of juvenile salmon were highest in June and July, intermediate in August, and zero in May. Catch rates of pink and chum salmon were highest in June, whereas catch rates of sockeye, coho, and chinook salmon were highest in July. Catch rates of juvenile salmon except chinook salmon were highest in strait habitat and lowest in inshore habitat; chinook salmon catch rates were highest in inshore habitat. Overall catch rates for juvenile salmon along the offshore transect declined with distance offshore: most juveniles were captured within 25 km of shore, and only one juvenile salmon was found beyond 40 km. Mean fork lengths of juvenile salmon in June-July-August were: pink (94-127-162 mm), chum (102-134-164 mm), sockeye (112-139-153 mm), coho (166-213-253 mm), and chinook salmon (160-166-190 mm). Twenty-four juvenile and immature salmon (13 chinook and 11 coho) containing internally planted coded-wire tags were recovered; 20 originated from Alaska, 3 from the Columbia River Basin, and 1 from Washington. Recoveries of juvenile chinook salmon from the Columbia River Basin are some of the earliest documented recoveries of these stream-type stocks in Alaska during their first summer at sea. Onboard stomach analysis of potential predators of juvenile salmon indicated a low level of salmon predation by sablefish, spiny dogfish (Squalus acanthias), and adult coho salmon. Results from this study and further laboratory analysis of otolith-marked fish will be used to assess potential competitive interactions between wild and hatchery stocks and stockspecific life history characteristics.

Introduction

Increasing evidence for relationships between Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.) production and shifts in climate conditions has renewed interest in processes governing year-class strength in salmon (Beamish 1995). However, actual links tying salmon production to climate variability are understood poorly due to a lack of adequate time-series data (Pearcy 1997). In addition, mixed stocks with different life history characteristics confound attempts to accurately assess growth, survival, distribution, and migratory rates of specific stocks. Synoptic time series of ocean conditions and stock-specific life history characteristics of salmon are needed to adequately identify mechanisms linking salmon production to climate change. Until recently, stock-specific information relied on labor-intensive methods such as coded-wire tagging (CWT; Jefferts 1963). However, advances in mass-marking methods using thermally induced otolith marks (Hagen and Munk 1994) offer an opportunity to examine growth, survival, distribution, and migratory rates of specific stocks.

In 1997, we initiated a survey along sampling stations in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska to build time series data on specific stocks of salmon and oceanographic conditions (Orsi et al. 1997). In 1998, our object was to repetitively sample the same stations as 1997, including an additional coastal transect. As in 1997, juvenile chum salmon (O. keta) were a primary focus in 1998 because each year over 100 million otolithmarked juveniles were released from two major enhancement facilities in the northern region of southeastern Alaska. In our survey we sampled juvenile salmon seasonally along a seaward migration corridor to determine whether competitive interactions between hatchery and wild stocks exist and to obtain stock-specific life history characteristics such as growth, migration, diet, condition, and size-selective mortality.

Methods

Twenty four stations were sampled each month, as conditions permitted, in inside and coastal marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska aboard the NOAA ship *John N. Cobb* from May-August 1998 (Table 1). Stations were located along the primary seaward migration corridor used by juvenile salmon. This corridor extends from inshore waters within the Alexander Archipelago along Chatham Strait and Icy Strait, through Cross Sound, and out into offshore waters in the Gulf of Alaska (Figure 1). At each station, the physical environment was sampled with a CTD (conductivity, temperature, and depth profiler), zooplankton were sampled with oblique bongo and vertical conical nets, and fish were sampled with a rope trawl. All sampling occurred during daylight, between 0700 and 2000 hours.

The selection of sampling stations was determined by 1) the presence of historical time series of biological or oceanographic data in the region, 2) the locality of the primary migration corridor used by juvenile salmon, and 3) restrictions in vessel operations. Historical data exist for Auke Bay Monitor, False Point Retreat, Lower Favorite Channel, and Icy Strait stations

(Mattson and Wing 1972; Bruce et al. 1977; Orsi unpublished data); therefore, these stations were selected initially. The Chatham Strait transect was selected because juvenile otolith-marked chum salmon from both the south (Hidden Falls Hatchery) and north (Douglas Island Pink and Chum Hatchery) enter Icy Strait there. The Cross Sound, Icy Point, and Cape Edward transects were included to monitor conditions adjacent to and in the Gulf of Alaska where juveniles enter the coastal habitat. Taku Inlet was selected to characterize physical and biological conditions near a large glacial, transboundary river system along the mainland coast. Vessel and sampling gear constraints limited operations to onshore distances of ≥ 1.5 km, offshore distances of ≤ 65 km, and bottom depths of ≥ 75 m; this precluded trawling at the Auke Bay Monitor station (Table 1). Sea conditions of < 2.5 m and winds < 12.5 m/sec were usually necessary to operate the sampling gear safely; this influenced sampling opportunities, particularly in coastal waters.

Oceanography

Oceanographic data were collected at each station before or immediately after the trawl haul. Oceanographic data collected at each station consisted of one CTD cast, one or more vertical plankton tows with conical nets, and one double oblique plankton tow with a bongo net. The CTD data were collected with a Sea-Bird¹ SBE 19 Seacat profiler to 200 m or within 10 m of the bottom. Surface (2-m) temperature and salinity data were also collected at 1-minute intervals with an onboard thermosalinograph. Conical plankton nets were used to perform at least one shallow (20-m) vertical tow at each station and two deep (to 200 m or within 20 m of bottom) vertical tows at the Icy Point and Auke Bay Monitor stations (Table 2). A conical NORPAC net (50 cm, 243 micron mesh), which had been used in previous zooplankton sampling programs in the region, was used for the shallow vertical tows; a conical WP-2 net (57 cm, 202 micron mesh) is the standard recommended by GLOBEC (U.S. Globec 1996) and was used for the deep vertical tows. A double oblique bongo tow was taken at each station to a depth of 200 m or within 20 m of the bottom using a 60-cm diameter frame with 505 and 333 micron mesh nets. A Bendix time and depth recorder was used with the oblique bongo hauls to determine the maximum sampling depths. General Oceanics or Roshiga flow meters were placed inside the bongo and deep conical nets to determine filtered volumes. Ambient light intensities (W/m²) were recorded at each station with a Li-Cor Model 189 radiometer.

Fish sampling

Fish sampling was accomplished using a Nordic 264 rope trawl modified to fish the surface water directly astern of the ship. The trawl was 184 m long and had a mouth opening of $24 \text{ m} \times 30 \text{ m}$ (depth \times width). A pair of 3-m foam-filled Lite trawl doors, each weighing 544 kg (91 kg submerged), were used to spread the trawl open. The NOAA ship *John N. Cobb* is a 29-m

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research vessel built in 1950 with a main engine of 325 horsepower and a cruising speed of 10 knots. Earlier gear trials with this vessel and trawl indicated the actual fishing dimensions of the trawl to be 18 m vertical (head rope to foot rope) and 24 m horizontal (wingtip to wingtip), with a spread between the trawl doors ranging from 52 to 60 m (unpubl. cruise report). Trawl mesh sizes from the jib lines aft to the cod end were 162.6 cm, 81.3 cm, 40.6 cm, 20.3 cm, 12.7 cm, and 10.1 cm over the 129.6 m meshed portion of the rope trawl. A 6.1 m long, 0.8-cm knotless liner was sewn into the cod end. To keep the trawl headrope at the surface, a cluster of three meshed A-4 Polyform buoys were tethered to each wingtip of the headrope and one A-3 Polyform float was clipped onto the center of the headrope. The trawl also contained a small mesh panel of 10.2 cm mesh sewn along the jib lines on the top panel of the trawl between the head rope and 162.6 cm mesh to reduce loss of small fish. The trawl was fished with 137 m of 1.6-cm wire main warp attached to each door with three 55-m, two 1.0-cm, and one 1.3-cm wire bridles.

Each trawl was fished 20 min at 1.5 m/sec (3 knots), covering approximately 1.9 km (1.0 nautical miles) across a station. Over-water trawl speed was monitored from the vessel using an electromagnetic current meter (Marsh McBirney, Inc., Model 2000-21). Station coordinates were targeted as the midpoint of the trawl haul; however, current, swell, and wind conditions dictated the direction the trawl was set.

After each haul, the fish were anesthetized, identified, enumerated, measured, labeled, bagged, and frozen. Tricaine methanesulfonate (MS-222) was used to anesthetize the fish. After the catch was sorted, fish and squid were measured to the nearest mm fork length (FL) (squid: mantle length) with a Limnotera FMB IV electronic measuring board (Chaput et al. 1992). Usually all fish and squid were measured. When catches of certain species were large a subsample was measured for lengths. Most juvenile salmon were bagged individually and placed in a freezer immediately. For large catches of juvenile salmon, ice packs were used to chill the fish which minimized tissue decomposition and gastric activity in the stomachs during extended processing. All but the largest juvenile salmon were poured through a portable CWT detector onboard the vessel. Larger salmon were examined for missing adipose fins, indicating the presence of CWTs. The snouts of all adipose fin-clipped juvenile salmon were dissected later in the laboratory to recover CWTs.

After the juvenile salmon in each haul were processed, potential predators were identified, measured, and weighed. Stomachs were excised, weighed, and classified by fullness. Stomach contents were removed and generally identified to the family level and quantified to the nearest 10% of total volume. Empty stomachs were weighed, and content weight was determined by subtraction.

Results

During the 4-month survey, data were collected from 90 rope trawl hauls, 95 CTD casts, 84 bongo net tows, and 128 conical net tows (104 to 20-m and 24 to 200-m) (Table 2). Each

month, the 24 core stations were sampled as conditions permitted; the Cape Edward and Icy Point transects were not sampled in May because of limited time and poor weather conditions, and the Cape Edward stations were again not sampled in August due to poor weather conditions. A few additional stations were partially sampled because of marginal weather.

Sea surface (2-m) temperature and salinity data recorded by the thermosalinograph differed monthly and between inside and outside waters. Temperatures and salinities in the survey ranged from 7.6 to 14.2 °C and 16.4 to 32.0% (Table 3). At most stations, temperatures increased from May until July, then declined in August. Salinities decreased from May until July and increased in August in inside waters, however, salinities were relatively stable seasonally in outside waters. Ambient light intensities during the sampling ranged from 8 to 890 W/m².

Plankton abundance was highly variable among habitats. Cursory examination of samples indicated a wide diversity of zooplankton and ichthyoplankton species. Samples from the coastal and offshore stations contained limited amounts of phytoplankton and zooplankton, whereas samples from the inside stations had dense, patchy concentrations of phytoplankton and zooplankton.

A total of 12,814 fish and squid representing 30 taxa were sampled with the rope trawl (Table 4). All five species of juvenile Pacific salmon and steelhead (*O. mykiss*) were captured, comprising 85% of the total catch. Of the 10,895 salmonids sampled, over 99% were juveniles: 7,241 pink salmon (*O. gorbuscha*), 2,735 chum salmon, 388 sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*), 350 coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), and 78 chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*); only 59 were immatures (58 chinook and 1 chum salmon) and 44 were adults. Non-salmonid species comprising >1% of the catch included: 769 Pacific herring (*Clupea harengus*), 533 capelin (*Mallotus villosus*), 166 squid (Gonatidae), and 147 sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*). Frequency of occurrence was highest (>25%) for chum, coho, sockeye, pink, and chinook salmon and wolf-eels (*Anarrhichthys ocellatus*) (Table 5). Catches and life history stages of salmonids are listed in Appendix 1 by date, haul number, and station.

Distribution of juvenile salmon differed among months sampled, species, and habitats. Overall catch rates for juvenile salmon were lowest in May (none caught), highest in June and July, and intermediate in August (Figure 2). Chum and pink salmon were most abundant in June, whereas sockeye, coho, and chinook salmon were most abundant in July. Catch rates of all juvenile salmon, except chinook salmon, were highest in strait habitat; chinook salmon were caught primarily in inshore habitat. Relatively few salmon were caught in coastal habitat. Along the coastal offshore transects, catch rates of juvenile salmon declined with distance offshore; most juveniles were within 25 km of shore and only one juvenile was found beyond 40 km (Figure 3; Appendix 1).

Mean fork length (FL) of juvenile salmon differed markedly among species and sampling periods. Juvenile coho and chinook salmon were consistently 25–100 mm longer than sockeye, chum, and pink salmon each sampling period (Figure 4). Mean FL for each species of juvenile salmon in June–July–August were: pink (94–127–162 mm), chum (102–134–164 mm), sockeye (112–139–153 mm), coho (166–213–253 mm), and chinook (160–166–190 mm) (Table 6).

Twenty-four juvenile and immature salmon containing CWTs were recovered: 13 chinook and 11 coho salmon—20 originated in Alaska, 3 from the Columbia River Basin, and 1

from Washington (Table 7). Migrations of the CWT juvenile coho salmon, which all originated from Alaska and were recovered in inside waters, ranged 65-375 km in 22-85 days. Conversely, CWT chinook salmon had both slow and rapid migration rates depending on their origin and recovery locality. The 9 CWT chinook from Alaska were all recovered in inside waters and had migrated 5-105 km in 26-91 days, whereas the 3 CWT chinook from the Columbia River Basin were all recovered in outside waters and migrated approximately 1,550 km in 73-99 days.

Stomachs of 223 potential predators of juvenile salmon were examined from 12 species of fish: 81 adult spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), 31 walleye pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*), 56 immature chinook salmon, 3 Pacific sandfish (*Trichodon trichodon*), 17 adult coho salmon, 13 adult pink salmon, 11 adult chum salmon, 4 adult black rockfish (*Sebastes melanops*), 3 immature sablefish, 2 adult starry flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*), 1 adult sockeye salmon, and 1 blue shark (*Prionace glauca*). Of all the stomachs examined, we observed a total of three incidences of predation on juvenile pink salmon by three different species: adult coho, adult spiny dogfish, and immature sablefish.

Discussion

Seasonal abundance and distribution of juvenile salmon in the marine waters of the northern region were relatively consistent between our findings in 1998 and 1997 (Orsi et al. 1997). In both years, juvenile salmon were absent at all stations in May, and a month later in June, all five species were present. At strait stations, the highest catch rates of juveniles in both years occurred in June and July, and catch rates declined over 5 fold from July to August. At coastal stations, the highest catch rates in both years occurred in July and August. These data indicate that the primary migration of juvenile salmon within marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska occurs from nearshore localities to strait stations between May and June, and progresses seaward from strait to coastal stations from July to August.

Juvenile salmon were not caught in May, perhaps because of their distribution pattern and the habitats sampled. As juveniles enter the marine environment in spring, they initially distribute along shallow, nearshore habitats and move progressively into deeper waters. Consequently, in May we only caught immature age -.1 and older chinook salmon in 1998 and 1997 (Orsi et al. 1997). Another survey, conducted with a small mesh purse seine in southeastern Alaska, also did not catch juvenile salmon in May, only immature chinook salmon (Cruise report JC-84-01). However, sampling with small mesh seines within 20 m of shore, documented peak catches of juvenile pink and chum salmon occurring from mid-May to early June in southeastern Alaska (Jaenicke et al. 1985). Gear and vessel operation constraints in our study limited our station selections to localities deeper than 75 m and ≥1.5 km offshore. Therefore, the absence of juveniles in our catches in May, could be a result of fish being distributed closer to shore and unavailable to our sampling gear.

We found the offshore distribution of juvenile salmon in outside coastal waters to be similar to reported distributions from other studies conducted off southeastern Alaska. Hartt and

Dell (1986) characterized the coastal migration band of juvenile pink, chum, and sockeye salmon as 37 km wide off the coast of southeastern Alaska, where the continental shelf is narrow. Conversely, Jaenicke and Celewycz (1994) found juvenile salmon to at least 74 km in offshore waters of southeastern Alaska in August. In 1997, along the offshore coastal transect, we observed most juvenile salmon to occur within 25 km of shore, and none beyond 40 km. This furthest offshore station sampled in 1997 had the warmest monthly water temperatures in July and August, which may have influenced the extent of offshore migration. In 1998, cooler temperatures prevailed at this station and we still found juveniles distributed primarily within 40 km from shore. Our sampling in 1998 also included an additional offshore transect situated over a relatively narrow breadth of continental shelf that we sampled in July and August with the same results.

Recoveries of CWT juvenile chinook and coho salmon from this study suggest rapid migrations of some stocks through the region, and a more localized distribution of others. Previous studies found juvenile stream-type chinook salmon from the Columbia River Basin off the coast of southeastern Alaska in September and October (Hartt and Dell 1986; Orsi and Jaenicke 1996). In 1997, we recovered one juvenile stream-type CWT chinook from the Columbia River Basin in coastal waters in June (Orsi et al. 1997). This single recovery extends the coastal migration arrival window of this stock by about two months. This year, and again in June, we corroborated this result with the recovery of three additional juvenile stream-type CWT chinook off the coast of Alaska. Marine migration rates of these juveniles from the Columbia River Basin were rapid, with all migrating >1550 km in less than 100 days. Conversely, CWTs recovered from stocks of Alaska stream-type chinook occurred over several months in both years and exclusively in inside waters, with juveniles seldom traveling over 100 km. Juveniles and immatures of these stocks indicated a high degree of residency. In 1997, CWT juvenile coho salmon recovered in the study area in June originated in the northern region of southeastern Alaska, whereas coho salmon recovered in the study area in July originated in southern southeastern Alaska and the Columbia River Basin. In 1998, CWT juvenile coho all originated exclusively from the northern region of southeastern Alaska and were recovered primarily in June and July. These data suggest that stocks of coho salmon of Alaska origin and some stocks of coho and stream-type chinook salmon from Columbia River Basin migrate through the marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska in June and July.

Although only a few juvenile salmon were observed in the predators examined, overall predation on juvenile salmon could still be significant. Three instances of predation were documented from 223 stomachs examined in 1998 and no predation on juveniles was observed in 119 stomachs examined in 1997 (Orsi et al. 1997). The fact that three of the twelve species examined for predation in 1998 were feeding on juvenile salmon suggest that predation is probably an opportunistic event. Moreover, observing predation on juvenile salmon at sea is rare, so even the low level of predation observed may be biologically significant if extrapolated over a more extensive temporal and spatial period.

Further analysis from these data requires separation of hatchery and wild salmon stocks. This can be accomplished by examining the otoliths for thermally induced marks. After stock separation is complete, analyses will be conducted to determine if differences exist between hatchery and wild stocks of salmon in the northern region of southeastern Alaska. Stock-specific

growth rates, migration rates, lipid levels, condition factors, prey fields, and size-selective mortality will be among the interactions examined. A subsequent survey of selected stations in the northern region of southeastern Alaska is planned for October of 1998.

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Table 1.—Localities and coordinates of stations sampled monthly in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May–August 1998.

northern region c	of southeaste	m Alaska, May–A	iugust 1990.	Offshore distance	Bottom depth
Locality	Station	Latitude	Longitude	(km)	(m)
		.			
Inshore		Inside waters			
Auke Bay Monitor	ABM	58°22.00′N	134°40.00′W	1.5	60
Taku Inlet	TKI	58°11.19′N	134°11.71′W	2.2	175
False Point Retreat	FPR	58°22.00′N	135°00.00′W	1.8	680
Lower Favorite Channel	LFC	58°20.98′N	134°43.73′W	1.5	75
Lower ravorne Channer	LIC	30 20.30 1	154 45.75 11	1.5	7.5
Strait					
Upper Chatham Strait	UCA	58°04.57′N	135°00.08′W	3.2	400
Upper Chatham Strait	UCB	58°06.22′N	135°00.91′W	6.4	100
Upper Chatham Strait	UCC	58°07.95′N	135°04.00′W	6.4	100
Upper Chatham Strait	UCD	58°09.64′N	135°02.52′W	3.2	200
Icy Strait	ISA	58°13.25′N	135°31.76′W	3.2	128
Icy Strait	ISB	58°14.22′N	135°29.26′W	6.4	200
Icy Strait	ISC	58°15.28′N	135°26.65′W	6.4	200
Icy Strait	ISD	58°16.38′N	135°23.98′W	3.2	234
		Outside waters			
Coastal					
Cross Sound	CSA	58°09.53′N	136°26.96′W	3.2	300
Cross Sound	CSB	58°10.91′N	136°28.68′W	6.4	60
Cross Sound	CSC	58°12.39′N	136°30.46′W	6.4	200
Cross Sound	CSD	58°13.84′N	136°32.23′W	3.2	200
Icy Point	IPA	58°20.12′N	137°07.16′W	6.9	160
Icy Point	IPB	58°12.71′N	137°16.96′W	23.4	130
Icy Point	IPC	58°05.28′N	137°26.75′W	40.2	150
Icy Point	IPD	57°53.50′N	137°42.60′W	65.0	1300
Cape Edward	EDA	57° 39.00' N	136° 23.20' W	8.0	90
Cape Edward	EDB	57° 36.00' N	136° 34.40' W	20.0	185
Cape Edward	EDC	57° 32.50' N	136° 46.60' W	33.0	1,270
Cape Edward	EDD	57° 28.75' N	136° 56.60' W	47.0	1,800

Table 2.—Numbers and types of data collected at different habitat types sampled monthly in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May–August 1998.

Data collection type* WP-2 **CTD** Bongo 20-m Rope vertical vertical Habitat trawl tow cast Dates 14-18 May Inshore Strait Coastal All May 24-30 June Inshore Strait Coastal All June 20-28 July Inshore Strait Coastal All July 24-30 August Inshore Strait Coastal All August Total

^{*}Rope trawl = 20-min hauls; CTD casts = to 200 m or within 10 m of the bottom; Bongo tow = 60-cm diameter frame, 505 and 333 micron meshes, double oblique haul to 200 m or within 20 m of the bottom; 20-m vertical = 50-cm diameter frame, 243 micron conical net towed vertically from 20 m; WP-2 vertical = 57-cm diameter frame, 202 micron conical net towed vertically from 200 m or within 20 m of the bottom.

Table 3.—Surface (2-m) temperature and salinity data sampled monthly in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May–August 1998. Station code acronyms are defined in Table 1. NS denotes no sampling.

Locality	Month	Temp.	(Salin.) (%o)	Temp.	(Salin.) (‰)	Temp.	(Salin.) (%o)	Temp.	(Salin.) (%o)
				Inside w	aters				
Inshore		Т	'KI	AF	ВМ	L	FC	H	FPR
	May	7.7	(26.1)	10.4	(27.2)	10.0	(28.0)	7.9	(29.3)
	June	9.5	(20.8)	13.6	(21.4)	11.3	(22.4)	13.9	(30.1)
	July	10.7	(16.4)	13.1	(20.3)	13.1	(20.3)	13.4	(23.3)
	August	10.6	(20.6)	10.9	(19.9)	10.3	(18.9)	12.9	(25.1)
Upper Chath	ıam	τ	JCA	U	СВ	U	ICC	τ	JCD
Strait	May	7.9	(29.5)	8.0	(29.6)	8.0	(30.1)	8.2	(30.0)
	June	12.7	(27.6)	12.9	(25.5)	12.9	(25.4)	12.9	(29.7)
	July	12.3	(27.2)	12.9	(26.2)	13.4	(24.6)	13.5	(21.4)
	August	10.0	(29.8)	10.2	(29.8)	11.2	(28.0)	11.2	(27.6)
Icy Strait		IS	SA	IS	В	IS	SC	I	SD
	May	7.7	(30.6)	7.8	(30.7)	8.0	(30.6)	8.1	(30.4)
	June	11.1	(28.8)	11.2	(27.9)	11.2	(28.6)	11.1	(28.8)
	July	13.2	(24.1)	13.4	(22.6)	14.2	(20.9)	13.9	(20.2)
	August	9.1	(30.0)	10.0	(29.6)	10.9	(28.8)	11.7	(27.8)
				Outside	waters				
Cross Sound		C	CSA	C	SB		SC	(CSD
	May	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)
	June	8.4	(31.7)	8.4	(31.7)	7.7	(32.0)	7.6	(31.7)
	July	12.1	(31.0)	9.6	(31.4)	9.7	(31.3)	8.5	(31.4)
	August	12.3	(30.9)	12.2	(30.8)	9.4	(30.8)	10.1	(30.8)
Icy Point		П	PA.	IP	'B	п	PC	ī	PD
	May	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)
	June	10.9	(30.7)	12.3	(30.6)	11.3	(30.9)	12.6	(31.0)
	July	12.4		13.1	(30.8)	13.4	(31.0)	13.5	(31.2)
	August	11.2	(29.7)	12.4	(31.0)	11.8	(31.8)	11.9	(31.2)
Cape Edward	d	F	DA	FI	DВ	न	DC	ī	EDD
F	May	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)
	June	12.4	(31.3)	11.9	(31.1)	12.4	(31.3)	12.3	(31.3)
	July	13.7	(31.1)	13.6	(31.1) (31.1)	13.6	(31.1)	13.8	(31.1)
	August	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)	NS	(NS)

Table 4.—Monthly catches of fishes and squid sampled with a rope trawl in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May–August 1998.

Common	Scientific		N	umber ca	ught	
name	name	May	June	July	August	Total
				0 (70	4.4.4	7.041
Pink salmon (juvenile)	Oncorhynchus gorbuscha		4,424	2,673	144	7,241
Chum salmon (juvenile)	O. keta	0	1,700	917	118	2,735
Sockeye salmon (juvenile)	O. nerka	0	116	255	17	388
Coho salmon (juvenile)	O. kisutch	0	90	203	57	350
Chinook salmon (juvenile)	O. tshawytscha	0	25	33	20	78
Chinook salmon (immature)	O. tshawytscha	26	17	12	3	58
Chum salmon (immature)	O. keta	0	0	1	0	1
Coho salmon (adult)	O. kisutch	0	4	2	11	17
Pink salmon (adult)	O. gorbuscha	0	2	12	0	14
Chum salmon (adult)	O. keta	0	0	2	9	11
Sockeye salmon (adult)	O. nerka	0	0	1	0	1
Steelhead (adult)	O. mykiss	0	0	0	1	1
Pacific herring	Clupea harengus	0	183	507	79	769
Capelin	Mallotus villosus	525	0	3	5	533
Squid	Gonatidae	0	2	141	23	166
Sablefish	Anoplopoma fimbria	1	4	59	83	147
Spiny dogfish	Squalus acanthias	0	15	66	0	81
Wolf-eel	Anarrhichthys ocellatus	0	8	44	5	57
Walleye pollock	.Theragra chalcogramma	30	3	12	0	45
Soft sculpin	Psychrolutes sigalutes	30	1	0	0	31
Crested sculpin	Blepsias bilobus	0	3	9	14	26
Greenling	Hexagrammidae	0	18	0	0	18
Pacific spiny lumpsucker	Eumicrotremus orbis	1	2	2	6	11
Rockfish	Sebastes spp.	0	2	2	1	5
Prowfish	Zaprora silenus	0	0	3	2	5
Black rockfish	Sebastes melanops	0	2	1	1	4
Three-spined stickleback	Gasterosteus aculeatus	4	0	0	0	4
Pacific sandfish	Trichodon trichodon	2	2	0	0	4
Bigmouth sculpin	Hemitripterus bolini	3	0	0	0	3
Starry flounder	Platichthys stellatus	1	1	1	0	3
Arrowtooth flounder	Atheresthes stomias	0	2	0	0	2
Lingcod	Ophiodon elongatus	0	1	0	0	1
Poacher	Agonidae	0	0	1	0	1
Smooth lumpsucker	Aptocyclus ventricosus	0	0	0	1	1
Blue shark	Prionace glauca	0	0	0	1	1
Pacific saury	Cololabis saira	0	0	0	1	1
Total		623	6,627	4,962	602	12,814

Table 5.—Frequency of occurrence for fishes and squid sampled with a rope trawl in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May–August 1998. Percentage occurrence per 91 hauls shown in parentheses.

Per 91 hauls shown Common	Scientific Scientific		Fre	quency	of occur	rence	
name	name	May	June	July	August	Total	(%)
Pink salmon (juvenile)	Oncorhynchus gorbuscha	0	12	24	13	49	(54)
Chum salmon (juvenile)	O. keta	0	10	24	10	44	(48)
Sockeye salmon (juvenile)	O. nerka	0	15	23	9	47	(52)
Coho salmon (juvenile)	O. kisutch	0	12	23	15	50	(55)
Chinook salmon (juvenile)	O. tshawytscha	0	6	4	5	15	(16)
Chinook salmon (immature)	O. tshawytscha	9	5	7	3	24	(26)
Chum salmon (immature)	O. keta	0	0	1	0	1	(1)
Coho salmon (adult)	O. kisutch	0	3	2	7	12	(13)
Pink salmon (adult)	O. gorbuscha	0	2	8	0	10	(11°)
Chum salmon (adult)	O. keta	0	3	5	0	8	(9)
Sockeye salmon (adult)	O. nerka	0	0	1	0	1	(1)
Steelhead (adult)	O. mykiss	0	0	0	1	1	(1)
Pacific herring	Clupea harengus	0	6	2	5	13	(14)
Capelin	Mallotus villosus	4	0	1	1	6	(7)
Squid	Gonatidae	0	2	3	1	6	(7)
Sablefish	Anoplopoma fimbria	1	1	2	4	8	(9)
Spiny dogfish	Squalus acanthias	0	4	1	0	5	(5)
Wolf-eel	Anarrhichthys ocellatus	0	6	14	5	25	(27)
Walleye pollock	Theragra chalcogramma	8	1	4	0	13	(14)
Soft sculpin	Psychrolutes sigalutes	8	1	0	0	9	(10)
Crested sculpin	Blepsias bilobus	0	2	5	10	17	(19)
Greenling	Hexagrammidae	0	2	0	0	2	(2)
Pacific spiny lumpsucker	Eumicrotremus orbis	1	2	2	5	10	(11)
Rockfish	Sebastes spp.	0	1	2	1	4	(4)
Prowfish	Zaprora silenus	0	0	3	1	4	(4)
Black rockfish	Sebastes melanops	0	1	1	1	3	(3)
Three-spined stickleback	Gasterosteus aculeatus	3	0	0	0	3	(3)
Pacific sandfish	Trichodon trichodon	1	2	0	0	3	(3)
Bigmouth sculpin	Hemitripterus bolini	3	0	0	0	3	(3)
Starry flounder	Platichthys stellatus	1	1	1	0	3	(3)
Arrowtooth flounder	Atheresthes stomias	0	2	0	0	2	(2)
Lingcod	Ophiodon elongatus	0	1	0	0	1	(1)
Poacher	Agonidae	0	0	1	0	1	(1)
Smooth lumpsucker	Aptocyclus ventricosus	0	0	0	1	1	(1)
Blue shark	Prionace glauca	0	0	0	1	1	(1)
Pacific saury	Cololabis saira	0	0	0	1	1	(1)

Table 6.—Fork lengths of juvenile salmon captured in different marine habitats of the northern region of southeastern Alaska by rope trawl, May-August 1998. No juvenile salmon were captured in May. NS denotes no sampling.

		June	ne			July	ly			August	ıst	
Locality	u	range	×	ps	и	range	×	ps	n	range	χ	ps
					Pink	Pink salmon						
Inshore	38	99–141	122.4	11.6	4	131–150	137.8	8.4	ω	150-173	163.3	11.9
Upper Chatham	803	71–135	7.86	10.5	200	107-175	130.5	11.2		173	173.0	
Icy Strait	754	65–113	88.4	7.7	840	89–150	129.3	13.5	16	135–221	174.6	25.4
Cross Sound		104	104.0	-	27	91–153	113.7	18.9	26	135-175	159.7	8.9
Icy Point		93	93.0		387	88-171	124.1	15.0	27	135–190	160.0	9.4
Cape Edward		161	161.0		119	89–177	122.9	21.0	NS	NS	NS	SN
Pink total	1,598	65–161	94.4	11.6	1,579	88–177	127.4	14.8	144	135–221	161.6	12.7
					Chu	Chum salmon						
Inshore	09	87–153	117.7	13.0	33	120-143	132.0	11.5	c	127-179	154.0	26.1
Upper Chatham	747	65-150	105.5	9.5	69	115–163	137.4	10.4	0	- Management		1
Icy Strait	436	67 - 123	97.6	10.1	919	81 - 188	132.1	15.0	2	153-157	155.0	2.8
Cross Sound	0	-		ļ	13	97–152	115.9	17.7	68	139–234	162.7	14.5
Icy Point	2	98–144	120.8	20.7	126	95–188	136.6	19.0	24	135–204	171.4	15.6
Cape Edward	0	1	-		36	93–189	151.9	18.2	NS	NS	SZ	NS
Chum total	1,248	65–153	101.6	12.3	863	81–189	133.7	16.2	118	127–234	164.1	15.3

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		nf	June			July	ly			August	ISI	
Locality	и	range	×	ps	и	range	×	ps	и	range	×	ps
					Socke	Sockeye salmon						
Inshore	ω	93–135	111.0	21.6	∞	79–157	116.6	31.9	9	100-203	152.5	43.4
Upper Chatham	69	81–169	104.3	16.5	22	110-169	145.1	15.1	0		1	
Icy Strait	25	79–188	106.3	23.2	202	89–187	139.6	13.7		168	168.0	1
Cross Sound	7	91–111	101.0	14.1	-	122	122.0		4	139–164	151.0	11.9
Icy Point	ω į	119–165	148.0	17.9	17	107–190	133.6	18.7	9 214	147–159	152.7	4.3
Cape Edward	71 .	761-671	154.9	19.4	n	133-133	147.7	8.3	S	S		2
Sockeye total	116	79–192	112.1	24.9	255	79–190	139.0	15.6	17	100-203	153.1	25.2
					Coh	Coho salmon						
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Inshore		1111-177	152.1	18.0	12		193.5	29.7	4 ;	220–280	247.5	24.9
Upper Chatham	4	140–197	167.1	12.6	09		210.8	20.5	50 5	213–291	250.4	19.9
Icy Strait	23	145–207	170.4	16.4	117		212.4	17.7	77	209–284	251.3	19.5
Cross Sound	4 (184-195	189.5	C. 4	√ 1	213-217	212.0	22.0	ν c	250-511	7.407	7.4.4
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Coho total	96	111–207	166.3	17.0	203	111–335	213.2	22.9	57	209–311	252.7	20.8
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					Chin	Chinook salmon						
Inshore Upper Chatham	18	103–169 191	135.4 191.0	21.5	29	114–199	161.7	23.8 16.5	19 0	144–233	184.4	24.6
Cross Sound) C				- C	169	169.0		- C	301 -	301.0	
Icy Point	n	205-280	234.7	39.9	0	.	- Control of the Cont	-	0			-
Cape Edward	n	204–243	220.7	20.1	0	1		1	NS	NS	SZ	SZ
Chinook total	25	103-280	160.2	46.1	33	114–224	165.9	30.0	20	144–301	190.2	35.4

Table 7.—Release and recovery information for coded-wire tagged juvenile salmon captured in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska by rope trawl, May—August 1998.

	Days Distance since traveled release (km)		400 1,400	99 1,550	79 1,550	73 1,550		40 220		39 50	39 50	22 120	~45 130		48 25	53 35	54 95	- 375	50 130	50 130		51 70	1	1	1
	Age 1		0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		,	1
	Size (mm) (g)		327 257.9	210 118.4	241 182.1	206 97.2	168 54.5	146 37.3	148 39.8	159 49.5	154 39.5	162 54.8	157 46.4		195 95.1	192 85.5	224 160.2	244 159.1	209 112.8	209 104.4	214 119.4	203 99.4	253 191.0	335 407.8	273 271.5
Recovery information	Date		06/26/98	06/27/98	06/27/98	06/27/98	06/24/98	06/24/98	06/29/98	06/29/98	06/29/98	06/25/98	06/29/98		07/20/98	07/20/98	07/22/98	07/22/98	07/23/98	07/23/98	07/21/98	07/23/98	07/26/98	07/24/98	07/25/98
Recovery	ion code)		(IPA)	s (HGA)	s (HGA)	s (HGA)	(TKI)	(TKI)	t (UCB)	_	_	(ISD)	$\overline{}$		(TKI)	(TKI)		t (UCC)	(ISA)	(ISA)	(ISA)	(ISD)	(IPB)	(IPD)	(EDC)
	Locality (station code)		Icy Point	Herbert Graves	Herbert Graves	Herbert Graves	Taku Inlet	Taku Inlet	Chatham Strait	Chatham Strait	Chatham Strait	Icy Strait	Chatham Strait		Taku Inlet	Taku Inlet	Chatham Strait	Chatham Strait	Icy Strait	Icy Strait	Icy Strait	Icy Strait	Icy Point	Icy Point	Cane Edward
	Size (mm) (g)	June	10.1	1	56.8	20.6	39.2	19.0	,	. 8	. &	25.0	- 6	July	24.1	27.2	39.2	1	22.2	25.7	25.7	17.0	,	ı	,
	Date (m		07/31/97	~03/20/98 -	~04/07/98 -	04/15/98 -	- 05/29/98	- 05/15/98	- 86/60/90	05/18/98**108	05/18/98**108	- 86/20/90	~05/15/98 89		- 06/07/08	- 05/28/98	- 05/29/98	10//97	- 86/20/90	- 86/20/90	- 86/20/90	- 86/00/90	1	1	1
Release information	Agency* Locality		Salmon R., WA	S. Fk. Salmon R., ID	W. Fk. Hood R., OR	Deschutes R., OR	Hidden Falls, AK	Little Port Walter, AK	Hidden Falls, AK	Berners R., AK (Wild)	Berners R., AK (Wild)	Hidden Falls, AK	Taku Inlet, AK		Gastinean Channel. AK	Fish Creek, AK	Hidden Falls, AK	Neck Lake, AK	Kasnyku Bay, AK	Kasnyku Bay, AK	Kasnyku Bay, AK	Gastineau Channel, AK	ŧ	1	ı
	Agency*		ODNR	IDFG	ODFW	FWS	HDFAL	NMFS	HDFAL	ADFG	ADFG	HDFAL	ADFG		DIPAC	DIPAC	HDFAL	SSRAA	HDFAL	HDFAL	HDFAL	DIPAC	ı	•	1
	Brood		1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996		9661	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	ı	1	ı
	Coded-wire Brood tag code year		Chinook 21:29/61	10:51/26	09:22/27	05:49/58	04:48/17	03:62/34	04:49/10	04:45/30	04:45/30	04:49/08	04:46/43		50:04/43	50:04/41	04:48/17	04:01/03/11/03	04:49/11	04:49/10	04:49/10	50:04/31	No Tag	No Tag	No Tag
	Species		Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho		Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho

Table 7.—(cont.)

Distance	since traveled release (km)		105	5	5	S	ŧ
Daye	Size since travele (mm) (g) Age release (km)		66~	91	91	91	1
	Age		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
	Size m) (g)		49.4	107.8	111.9	113.5	35.4
mation	S (mm)		8 159	08/27/98 205	08/27/98 213	08/27/98 207	8 157
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	Species		Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Chinook	Chum

*ADFG = Alaska Department of Fish and Game; DIPAC = Douglas Island Pink and Chum; FWS = US Fish and Wildlife Service; HDFAL = Hidden Falls Hatchery; IDFG = Idaho Department of Fish and Game; NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service; ODFW = Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; QDNR = Quilalt Department of Natural Resources; SSRAA = Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association.

^{**}Fish tagged sometime between 10-26 May 1998

^{***}Fish tagged sometime between 15-24 May 1998.

Appendix 1.—Catches and life history stage of salmonids captured in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska by rope trawl, May-August 1998. NS denotes no sampling.

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	Station	TKI	IPB	ISB	ISA	ISC	ISD	UCA	UCB	CC	CD	FPR	ABM	LFC	TKI	LFC	ISA	ISB	ISC	ISD	IPA	IPB	IPC	IPD	EDA	EDB	EDC	EDD	CSA	CSB	CSC	CSD	CA	CCC	CB
	Hanl#	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
	Date	14 May	15 May	16 May	16 May	16 May	16 May	17 May	17 May	17 May	17 May	17 May	18 May	18 May	24 June	24 June	25 June	25 June	25 June	25 June	26 June	26 June	26 June	26 June	27 June	27 June	27 June	27 June	28 June	28 June	28 June	28 June	29 June	29 June	29 June

Steelhead Immature Chinook Juvenile Appendix 1.—Continued. Date

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Appendix 1.—Continued.

					Juvenile			Immature	ture			Adult		
Date	Hanl#	Station	Pink	Chum	Sockeye	Coho	Chinook	Chinook	Chum	Coho	Pink	Chum	Sockeye	Steelhead
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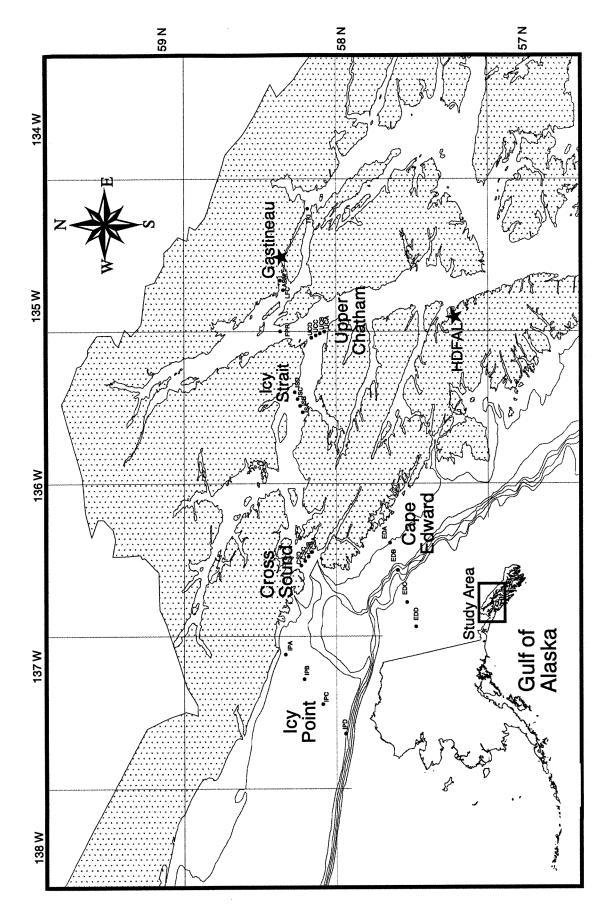


Figure 1.—Stations sampled monthly in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May-August 1998. Stars mark the location of two major enhancement facilities: DIPAC (Douglas Island Pink and Chum Hatchery) and HDFAL (Hidden Falls Hatchery).

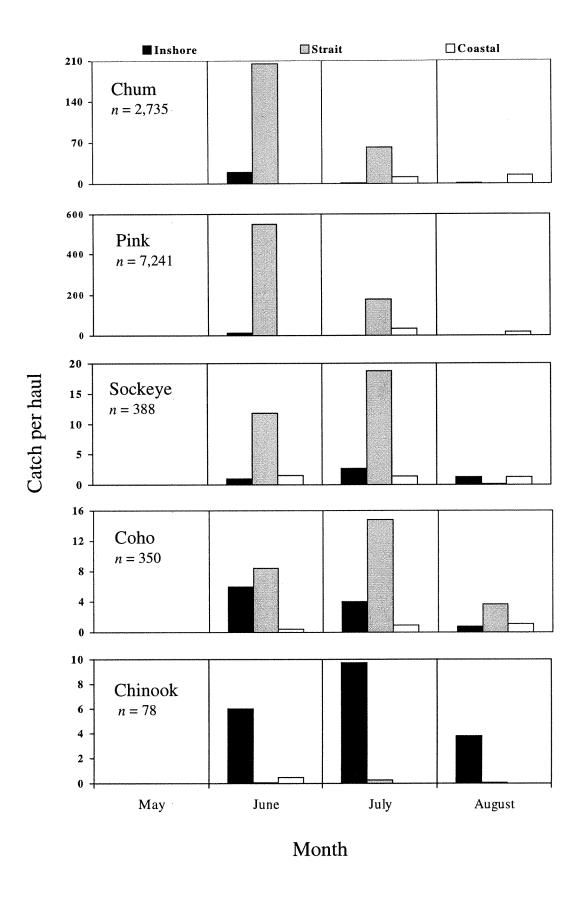


Figure 2.—Catch per rope trawl haul of juvenile salmon in inshore, strait, and coastal marine habitats of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May-August 1998.

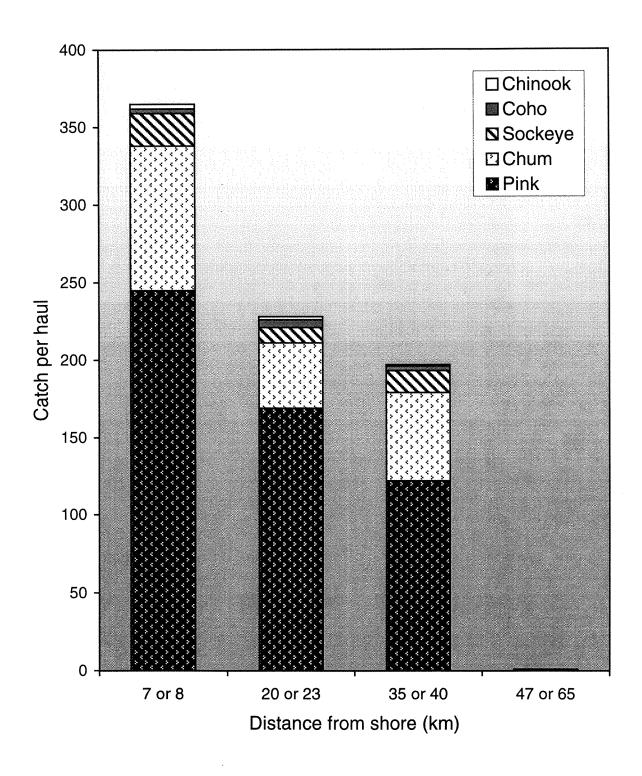
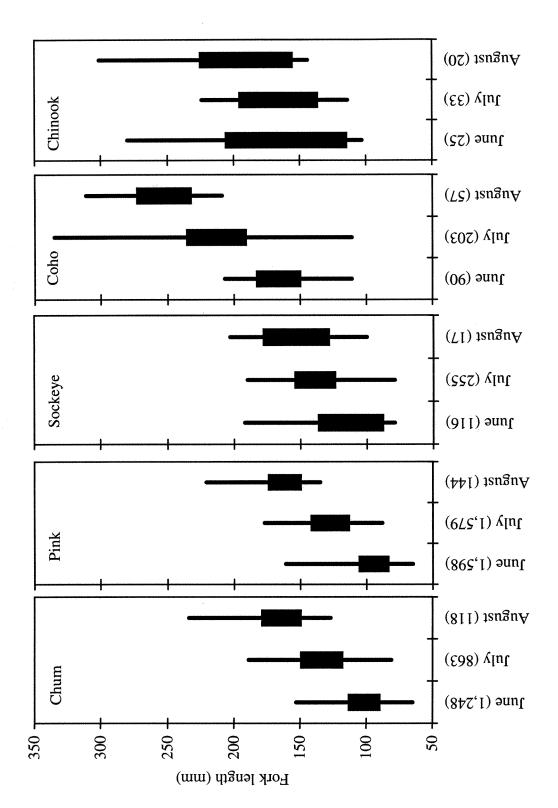


Figure 3.—Number of juvenile salmon captured by rope trawl along the Icy Point and Cape Edward transects in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska, May-August 1998.



juvenile salmon were captured in May. Length of vertical bars is the size range for each sample, and the boxes within the size range are one standard deviation on either side of the mean. Sample sizes are shown in parentheses. Figure 4.—Fork lengths of juvenile salmon captured in marine waters of the northern region of southeastern Alaska by rope trawl, May-August 1998. No