

AFSC/ABL:Coded-wire tag (CWT) high seas recovery location database for NOAA Fisheries, Alaska

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Information on the recovery locations of all CWT salmonids throughout the Pacific region is available in an on-line coastwide database, the Regional Mark Information System (RMIS). This database (see <http://www.psmfc.org/rmpc/index.html> ) is maintained by the Regional Mark Processing Center (RMPC) of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) to facilitate exchange of CWT data between release agencies, sampling/recovery agencies, and other data users. NOAA Fisheries at Auke Bay Laboratories (ABL) is responsible for maintaining several different components of this coastwide CWT database including a complete list of recovery location records for CWT salmonids recovered in high seas commercial fisheries and research programs. Included are recovery location codes for CWT recoveries from the bycatch of Federally-managed high seas fisheries such as the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery, the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands groundfish fishery, the Pacific hake trawl fishery off Washington-Oregon-California, the limited-entry rockfish trawl fishery off Washington-Oregon-California, the limited-entry non-hake groundfish trawl fishery off Washington-Oregon-California, and the limited-entry sablefish fixed gear fishery off Washington-Oregon-California. Additionally, CWT recovery records from both domestic and foreign high seas research programs are also maintained by ABL.