

AFSC/ABL:Coded-wire tag (CWT) catch/sample database for NOAA Fisheries, Alaska

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Information on the catch/sampling 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 catch/sample records for CWT salmonids returning to Federal research facilities in Alaska and 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.