

# Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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## Meeting Agenda

Date: **July 24, 2013**

Time: **10:00 am**

Place: **Bethel**

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Time Called to Order

Chair

Time Adjourned

### **ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

### **QUORUM MET? Yes / No**

**Upriver Elder:**

**Downriver Elder:**

**Commercial Fisher:**

**Lower River Subsistence:**

**Middle River Subsistence:**

**Upper River Subsistence:**

**Headwaters Subsistence:**

**Processor:**

**Member at Large:**

**Sport Fisher:**

**Western Interior RAC:**

**Y-K Delta RAC:**

**ADF&G:**

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

### **INVOCATION:**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

### **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:**

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. Subsistence Reports:
  - a. Lowest River
  - b. ONC Inseason Subsistence
  - c. Lower River
  - d. Middle River
  - e. KNA Inseason Subsistence
  - f. Upper River
  - g. Headwaters
2. Overview of Kuskokwim River salmon run assessment projects:
  - a. Bethel Test Fish:
  - b. Weirs/Mark-Recapture/Aerial Surveys/Other:
3. Commercial Catch Report:
4. Processor Report:
5. Sport Fish Report:
6. Intercept Fishery Report: *optional*
7. Weather Forecast:
8. Recommendation:
9. Motion for Discussion and Action Motion for Discussion and Action

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Invitation for a Working Group representative to attend Unalakleet Chinook Summit

### **COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Information Packet

July 24, 2013

### **LOWER KUSKOKWIM RIVER INSEASON CATCH MONITORING REPORT:** **Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC)**

July 8, 2013

#### **Fishing reports from July 1-7, 2013**

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Driftnets	Setnets	Both Nets	Larger than 6" mesh	6" mesh and smaller	Both Sizes	Rod & Reel
62	<b>7</b>	7	0	0	0	7	0	0
		100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

#### **Compared with this time in a normal year, how are catch rates for salmon this week?**

CHINOOK			CHUM			SOCKEYE		
Very Good	Normal	Poor	Very Good	Normal	Poor	Very Good	Normal	Poor
2	1	3	4	3	0	4	2	1
29%	14%	43%	57%	43%	0%	57%	29%	14%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

#### **Does the salmon run timing appear to be early, late, or normal?**

CHINOOK			CHUM			SOCKEYE		
Early	Normal	Late	Early	Normal	Late	Early	Normal	Late
1	3	3	0	5	2	2	3	2
14%	43%	43%	0%	71%	29%	29%	43%	29%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

#### **Harvest Goal Summary:**

This week 62 families were surveyed by ONC. Of those surveyed, 7 families are still fishing. Two families who were not fishing said they were collecting fish distributed by the Bethel Test Fishery. 45 families said that they are finished fishing for the season, 37 of which have met their subsistence needs. 8 families said they plan to fish for Coho when the run starts. A few families did not fish because of the poor weather and 3 families said they were unable to fish because of gear (mesh-size) restrictions the previous week.

**Chinook:** Most families reported poor or no Chinook catches this week. With weather being rainy, a few families were not fishing for Chinook because they were concerned about mold.

**Chum:** The majority of families reported having very good catch rates and normal run timing for chum salmon.

**Sockeye:** Most families reported normal to very good catch rates, and normal run timing. One family found pus in the meat of several male sockeyes.

**Comments:** One family felt that managers could do a better job of helping Chinook escapement by opening and closing unrestricted subsistence fishing. Subsistence fishermen also said that the fish don't run by the calendar, but by natural cycles. There were reports of a brown bear around the upriver fish camps. Due to the 6-inch or less mesh size restriction, mesh sizes used this week were 4", 5 5/8", 5 1/4", and 5 1/2".

**Surveyor comments:** This week ONC Fishery Technicians observed 4 setnets and 2 driftnets on the river. Many families said they had not gone fishing because they didn't want their catch to spoil in the poor drying weather. To date, subsistence fisherman have collected and turned in 427 ASL samples from Chinook salmon.

**LOWER KUSKOKWIM RIVER INSEASON CATCH MONITORING REPORT:  
Orutsararmut Native Council (ONC)**

July 15, 2013

**Fishing reports from July 8-15, 2013**

Families Surveyed	Families Fishing	Driftnets	Setnets	Both Nets	Larger than 6" mesh	6" mesh and smaller	Both Sizes	Rod & Reel
68	<b>4</b>	3	1	0	0	4	0	0
		75%	25%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

**Compared with this time in a normal year, how are catch rates for salmon this week?**

CHINOOK			CHUM			SOCKEYE		
Very Good	Normal	Poor	Very Good	Normal	Poor	Very Good	Normal	Poor
0	3	1	2	2	0	2	1	1
0%	75%	25%	50%	50%	0%	50%	25%	25%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

**Does the salmon run timing appear to be early, late, or normal?**

CHINOOK			CHUM			SOCKEYE		
Early	Normal	Late	Early	Normal	Late	Early	Normal	Late
0	2	2	1	3	0	0	3	1
0%	50%	50%	25%	75%	0%	0%	75%	25%

Percentages are based on the number of families fishing each week.

**Harvest Goal Summary:**

50 families reported to have met their subsistence needs and 12 families said that they have not. 8 families will be fishing for silvers to complete their harvest goals.

**Chinook:** This week ONC technicians did not get much feedback from subsistence fisherman about Chinook salmon because most of the run has already passed our survey area. However, a few people have reported small jacks being caught.

**Chum:** People said that they were targeting chum to feed their dogs. We heard some reports that some chum salmon had already turned into spawning colors and people wondered if they were spawning farther downriver than the Kwethluk or Kisaralik Rives.

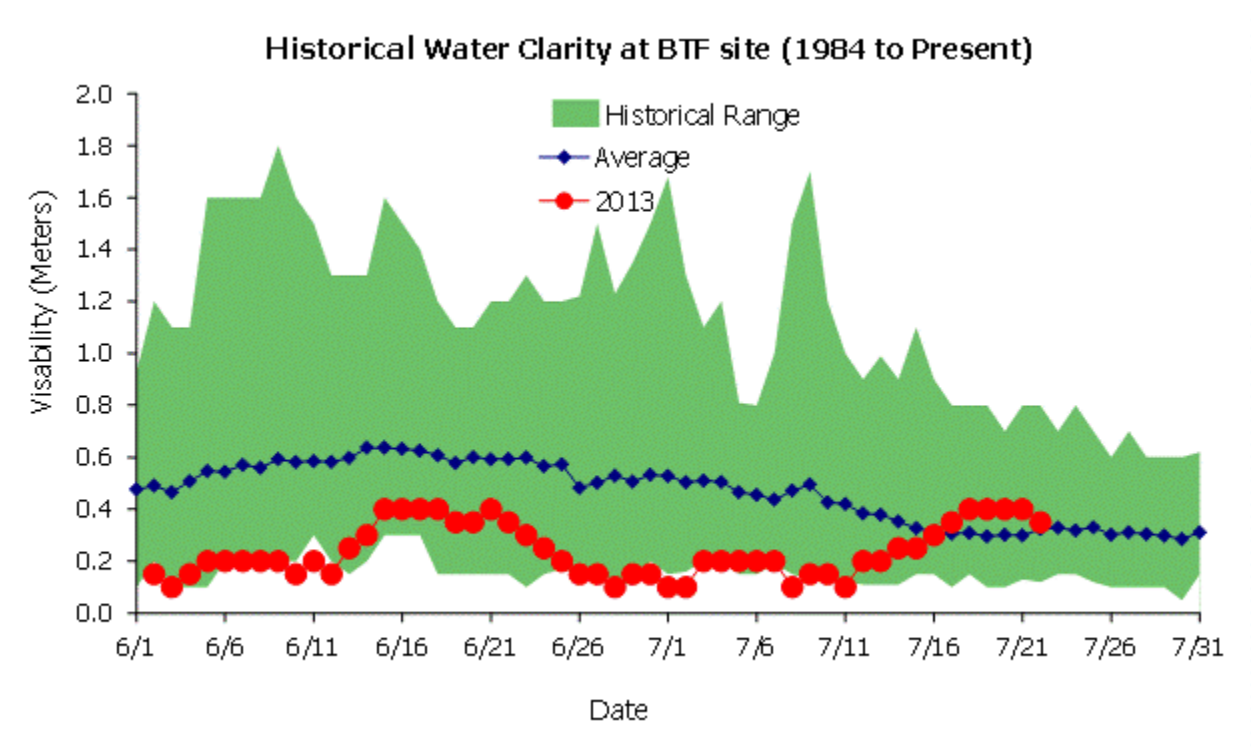
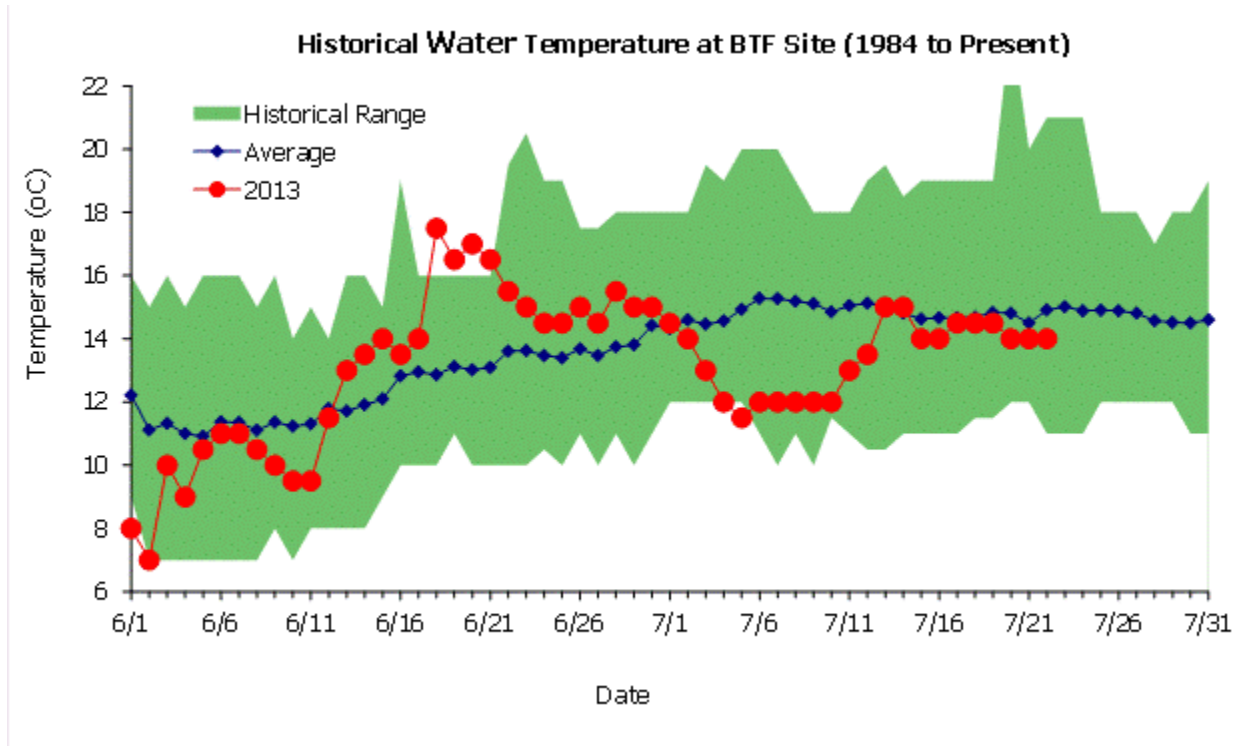
**Sockeye:** People commented that sockeye were not in full spawning colors but it could be possible that the run was not over. A few fishermen reported there was a huge pulse of sockeye that hit and passed through in five days. After the fifth day, catch rates slowed way down. There were reports of pus oozing from the top side of some sockeye.

**Comments:** Some families reported not to have reached their subsistence harvest goal but said that the fish they caught would suffice. Some families that didn't reach meet their subsistence needs are waiting for better drying weather and the arrival of Coho. There was a comment suggesting that upriver fishermen come down river to fish in order to finish their subsistence harvests.

**Surveyor comments:** People said that they are happy to have had the chance to be able to go fishing before the rainy season. Now that the poor weather is here, many people stopped hanging fish to dry because the bugs and weather could spoil the meat. This week ONC fishery technicians observed 4 setnets and 1 driftnet from the Mouth of Gweek River down to Napaskiak.

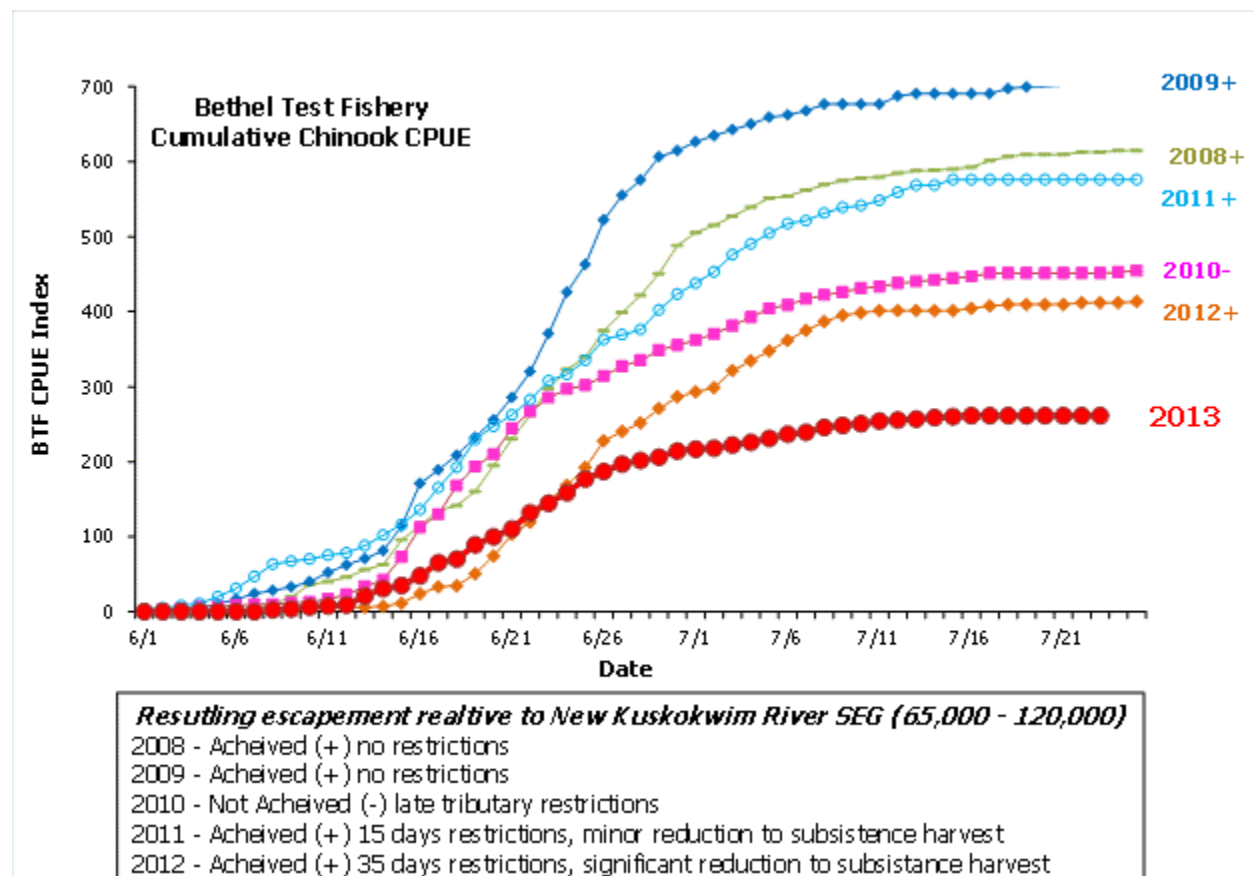
This is ONC's last subsistence report for 2013. Surveyors talked to a total of 98 fish camps in 2013. 30 camps were unreachable.

# OVERVIEW OF KUSKOKWIM RIVER SALMON RUN ASSSMENT PROJECTS

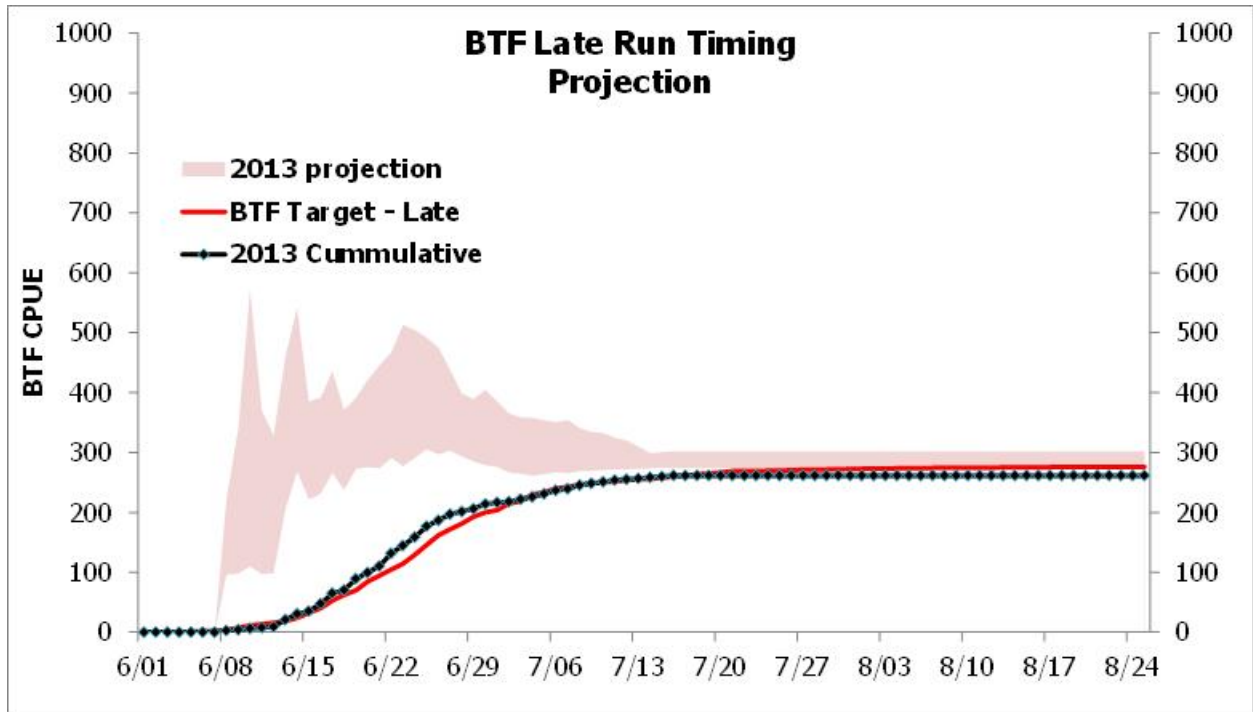


## Chinook Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

Bethel Test Fishery Chinook Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index						
Date	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/14	589	691	443	569	401	259
7/15	590	691	445	576	401	260
7/16	593	691	447	576	404	261
7/17	601	691	451	576	408	261
7/18	607	697	451	576	410	261
7/19	609	700	451	576	410	261
7/20	609	700	451	576	410	261
7/21	609	702	451	576	410	261
7/22	613	702	451	576	412	261
7/23	613	702	451	576	412	
7/24	615	702	453	576	412	
7/25	615	702	455	576	413	
7/26	615	702	456	576	412	
7/27	615	702	456	576	412	
7/28	615	702	456	576	412	
7/29	615	702	456	576	414	
7/30	615	702	456	576	414	
7/31	615	706	456	576	414	
8/01	615	706	456	576	414	
8/02	615	706	458	576	416	



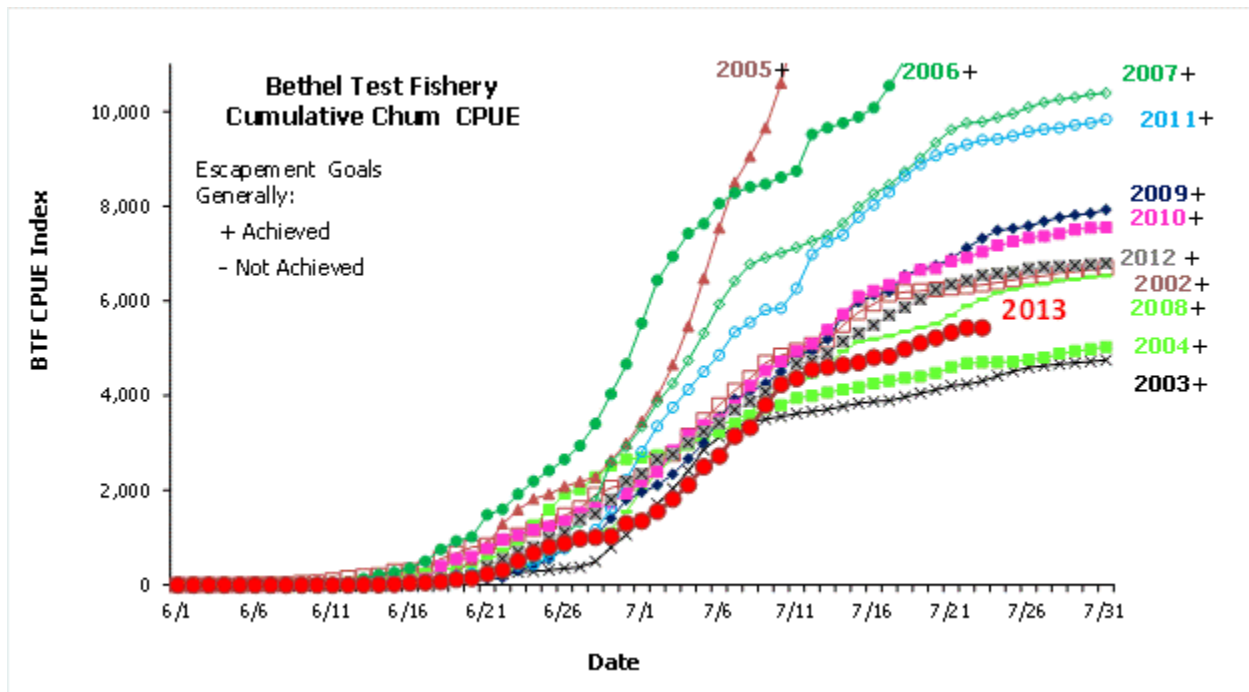
Chinook Salmon Late Run Timing Model





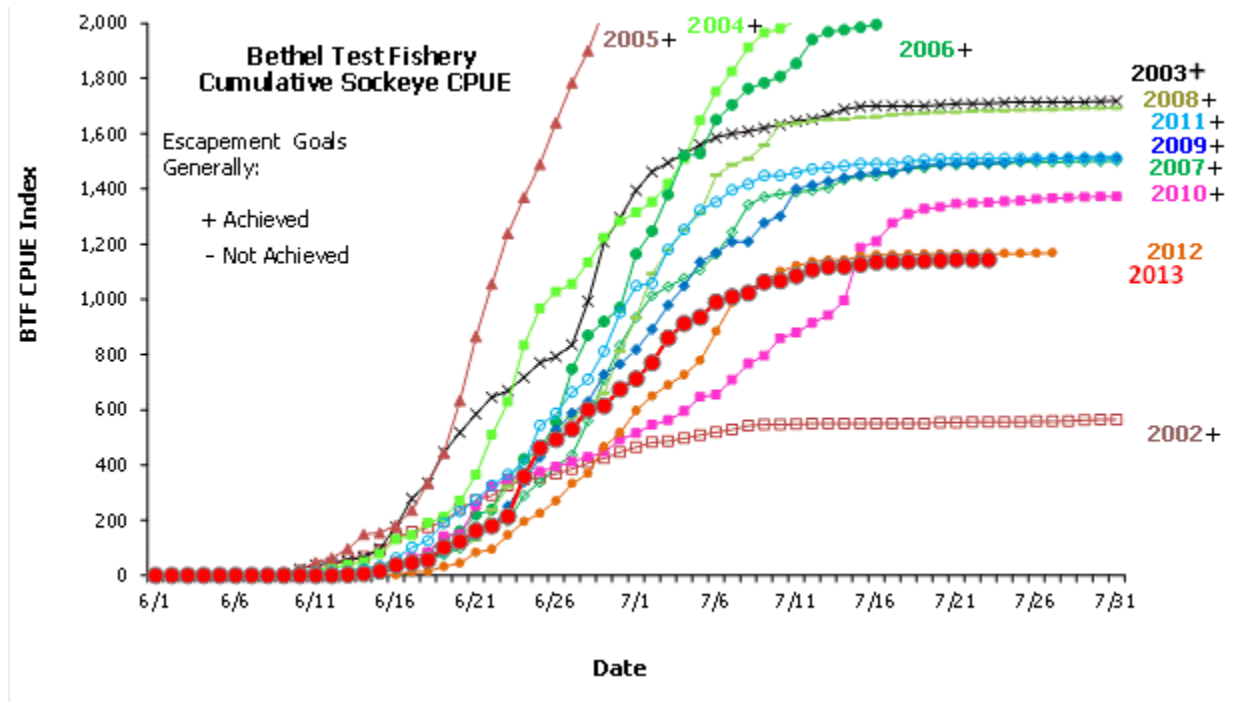
## Chum Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

Bethel Test Fishery Chum Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index												
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/14	5,488	3,772	4,122	13,612	9,759	7,636	4,941	5,688	5,712	7,395	5,148	4,644
7/15	5,758	3,838	4,175	13,830	9,887	7,976	5,135	5,977	6,087	7,769	5,317	4,698
7/16	5,936	3,873	4,254	13,876	10,078	8,257	5,198	6,124	6,210	8,031	5,487	4,803
7/17	6,140	3,893	4,309	14,239	10,541	8,452	5,259	6,200	6,334	8,296	5,702	4,829
7/18	6,187	3,973	4,364	14,640	11,098	8,728	5,355	6,538	6,482	8,637	5,858	4,983
7/19	6,206	4,052	4,395	15,047	11,619	9,014	5,441	6,667	6,652	8,884	6,035	5,111
7/20	6,238	4,120	4,471	15,560	12,181	9,337	5,514	6,742	6,686	9,069	6,240	5,218
7/21	6,274	4,207	4,599	15,901	12,549	9,613	5,696	6,895	6,836	9,200	6,347	5,336
7/22	6,302	4,238	4,681	16,177	12,847	9,755	5,896	7,120	6,909	9,303	6,436	5,431
7/23	6,343	4,309	4,700	16,445	13,078	9,782	6,026	7,319	7,034	9,394	6,543	
7/24	6,384	4,416	4,703	16,598	13,118	9,876	6,174	7,490	7,172	9,418	6,576	
7/25	6,444	4,516	4,714	16,775	13,284	9,955	6,245	7,527	7,253	9,484	6,606	
7/26	6,506	4,592	4,758	16,969	13,421	10,090	6,322	7,581	7,329	9,572	6,677	
7/27	6,530	4,630	4,797	17,011	13,481	10,189	6,352	7,679	7,364	9,627	6,715	
7/28	6,590	4,663	4,884	17,031	13,547	10,259	6,429	7,760	7,419	9,651	6,728	
7/29	6,623	4,692	4,935	17,094	13,616	10,296	6,456	7,809	7,507	9,715	6,745	
7/30	6,651	4,719	4,980	17,211	13,675	10,359	6,499	7,848	7,542	9,759	6,769	
7/31	6,697	4,750	5,029	17,368	13,721	10,390	6,527	7,924	7,552	9,835	6,791	
8/01	6,717	4,755	5,084	17,523	13,746	10,416	6,582	7,979	7,565	9,864	6,806	
8/02	6,719	4,760	5,103	17,599	13,760	10,439	6,598	8,015	7,579	9,896	6,825	



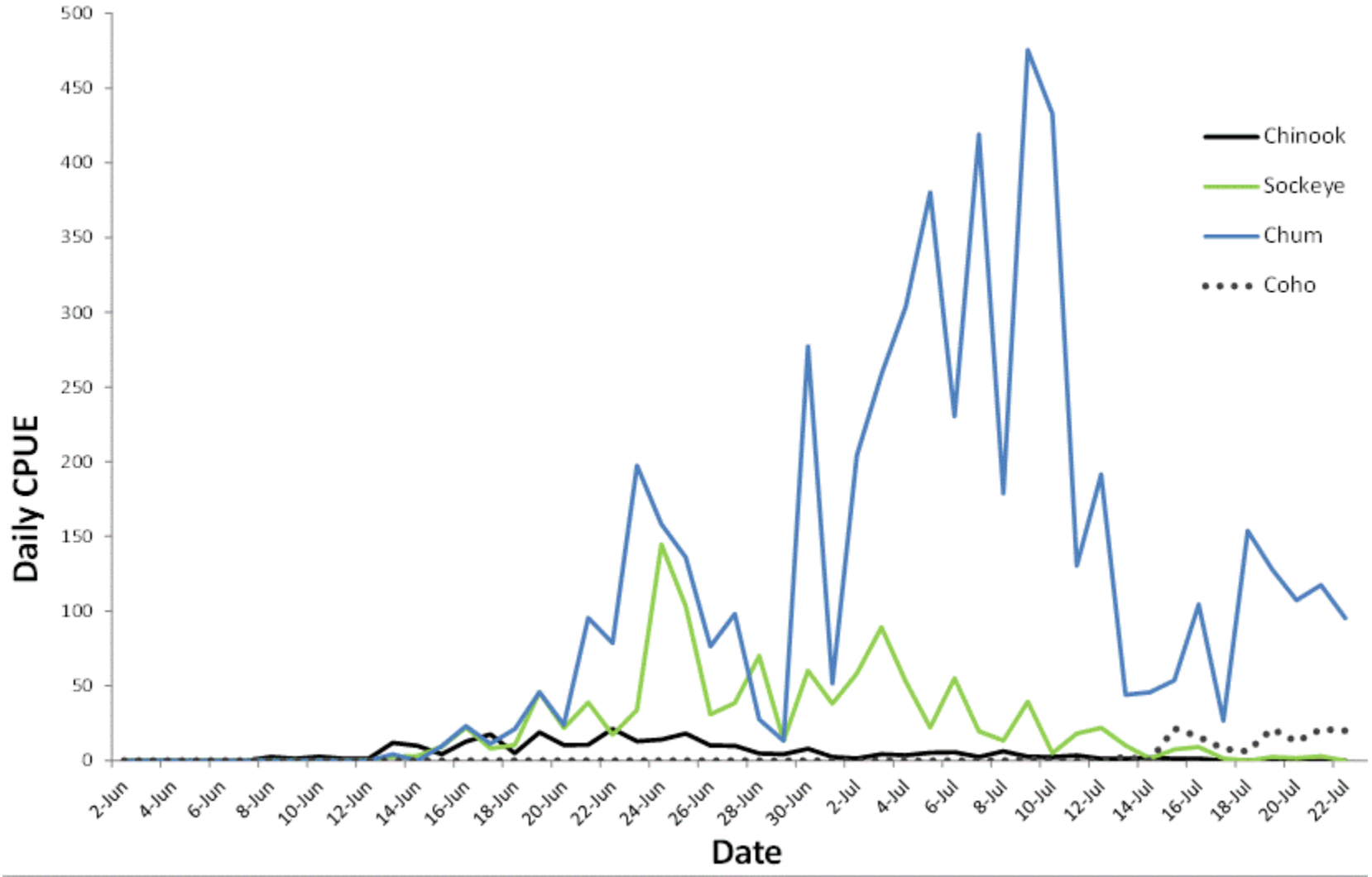
## Sockeye Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index, Bethel Test Fishery

Bethel Test Fishery Sockeye Salmon Cumulative CPUE Index												
Date	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/14	550	1,688	2,032	2,890	1,976	1,434	1,653	1,441	995	1,483	1,142	1,119
7/15	550	1,699	2,035	2,896	1,985	1,447	1,658	1,452	1,186	1,491	1,156	1,126
7/16	550	1,700	2,035	2,896	1,995	1,447	1,661	1,461	1,209	1,491	1,161	1,135
7/17	550	1,700	2,039	2,904	2,018	1,459	1,669	1,461	1,275	1,491	1,161	1,137
7/18	550	1,700	2,043	2,912	2,026	1,473	1,672	1,476	1,309	1,499	1,163	1,137
7/19	550	1,700	2,052	2,923	2,031	1,477	1,674	1,485	1,328	1,505	1,164	1,139
7/20	554	1,704	2,059	2,934	2,073	1,488	1,677	1,489	1,333	1,508	1,164	1,141
7/21	554	1,708	2,071	2,937	2,077	1,488	1,677	1,493	1,346	1,510	1,164	1,144
7/22	556	1,708	2,074	2,939	2,089	1,490	1,682	1,493	1,348	1,510	1,164	1,144
7/23	556	1,709	2,079	2,943	2,105	1,490	1,684	1,495	1,350	1,510	1,166	
7/24	556	1,713	2,084	2,943	2,107	1,492	1,684	1,497	1,355	1,510	1,166	
7/25	556	1,715	2,084	2,943	2,109	1,497	1,685	1,502	1,357	1,510	1,166	
7/26	558	1,715	2,092	2,948	2,111	1,497	1,687	1,507	1,362	1,510	1,167	
7/27	558	1,715	2,092	2,956	2,115	1,497	1,687	1,511	1,366	1,510	1,168	
7/28	559	1,715	2,092	2,958	2,118	1,497	1,691	1,513	1,368	1,510	1,168	
7/29	562	1,715	2,092	2,967	2,122	1,499	1,692	1,514	1,370	1,510	1,170	
7/30	564	1,716	2,092	2,974	2,124	1,499	1,692	1,514	1,371	1,510	1,170	
7/31	564	1,718	2,092	2,979	2,125	1,502	1,692	1,514	1,371	1,510	1,170	
8/01	566	1,718	2,092	2,980	2,127	1,507	1,692	1,514	1,371	1,510	1,170	
8/02	566	1,718	2,092	2,986	2,133	1,508	1,692	1,514	1,371	1,510	1,170	



All Species Run Timing, Bethel Test Fishery

**BTF Daily CPUE index for Chinook, sockeye, chum and coho salmon, 2013**



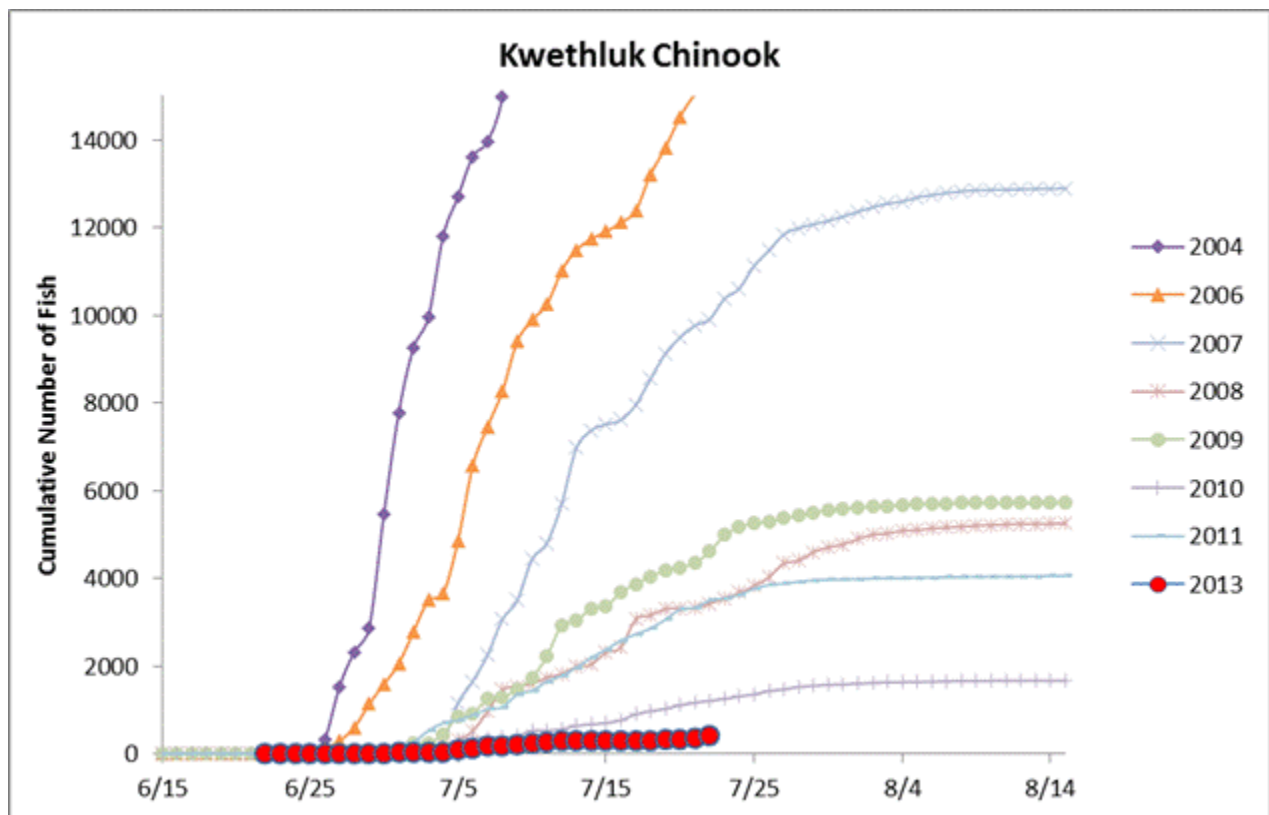
## ESCAPEMENT MONITORING

**Note:** Years with n.a. as season total are considered incomplete. The weir operated but total escapement was not determined.

**Note:** Cumulative passage in *Italic* contains a single day estimate for that day.

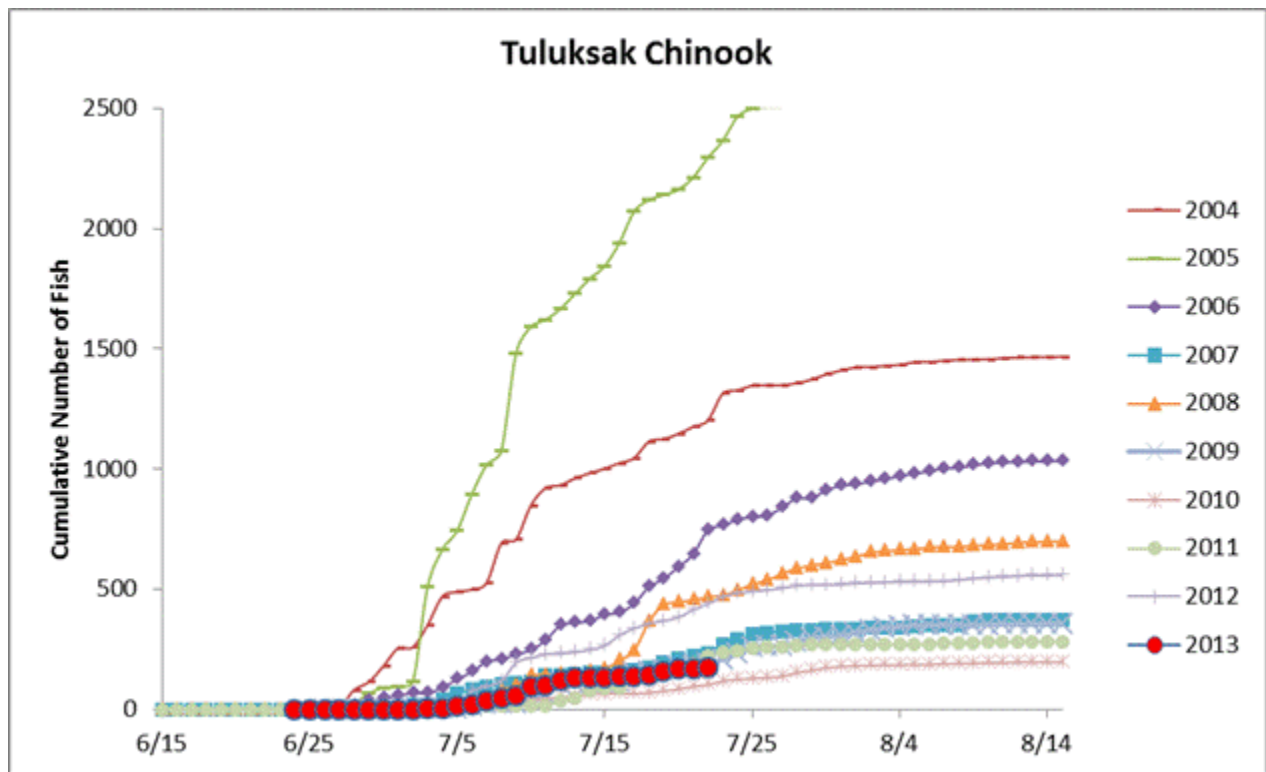
### Chinook Salmon

<b>Kwethluk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon</b>										
<b>Escapement Goal Range: 4,100 to 7,500</b>					<b>= years when escapement goal achieved or exceeded</b>					
<b>Cumulative Daily Passage</b>										
<b>Date</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
7/20	24,795		14,525	9,498	3,316	4,247	1,107	3,292		336
7/21	25,318		15,039	9,763	3,321	4,359	1,166	3,334		343
7/22	25,689		15,380	9,909	3,420	4,607	1,207	3,495		414
7/23	25,947		15,682	10,376	3,540	4,986	1,249	3,549		
7/24	26,139		15,793	10,611	3,673	5,163	1,308	3,624		
7/25	26,387		16,102	11,124	3,823	5,255	1,354	3,768		
7/26	26,526		16,401	11,478	4,029	5,291	1,428	3,847		
<b>Season Total</b>	28,605	n.a.	17,619	12,927	5,276	5,744	1,668	4,079	n.a.	



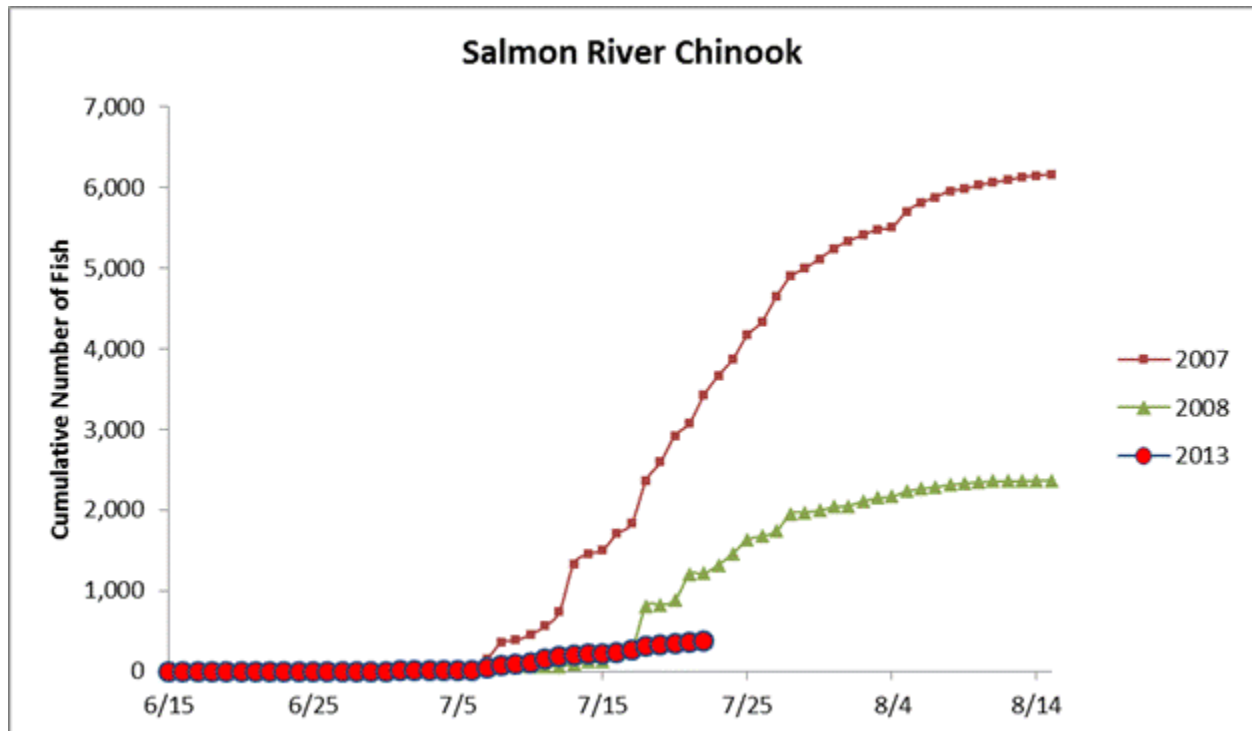
**Chinook Salmon (continued)**

Tuluksak River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	1,147	2,163	593	212	445	182	84	182	383	169
7/21	1,176	2,214	646	220	455	185	96	191	415	171
7/22	1,203	2,296	746	235	467	193	103	220	439	177
7/23	1,314	2,366	765	272	474	209	118	236	468	
7/24	1,328	2,467	789	292	494	234	125	242	484	
7/25	1,347	2,499	801	311	520	261	129	252	490	
7/26	1,349	2,507	806	320	536	263	132	260	496	
<b>Season Total</b>	1,475	2,653	1,043	374	701	362	201	284	560	



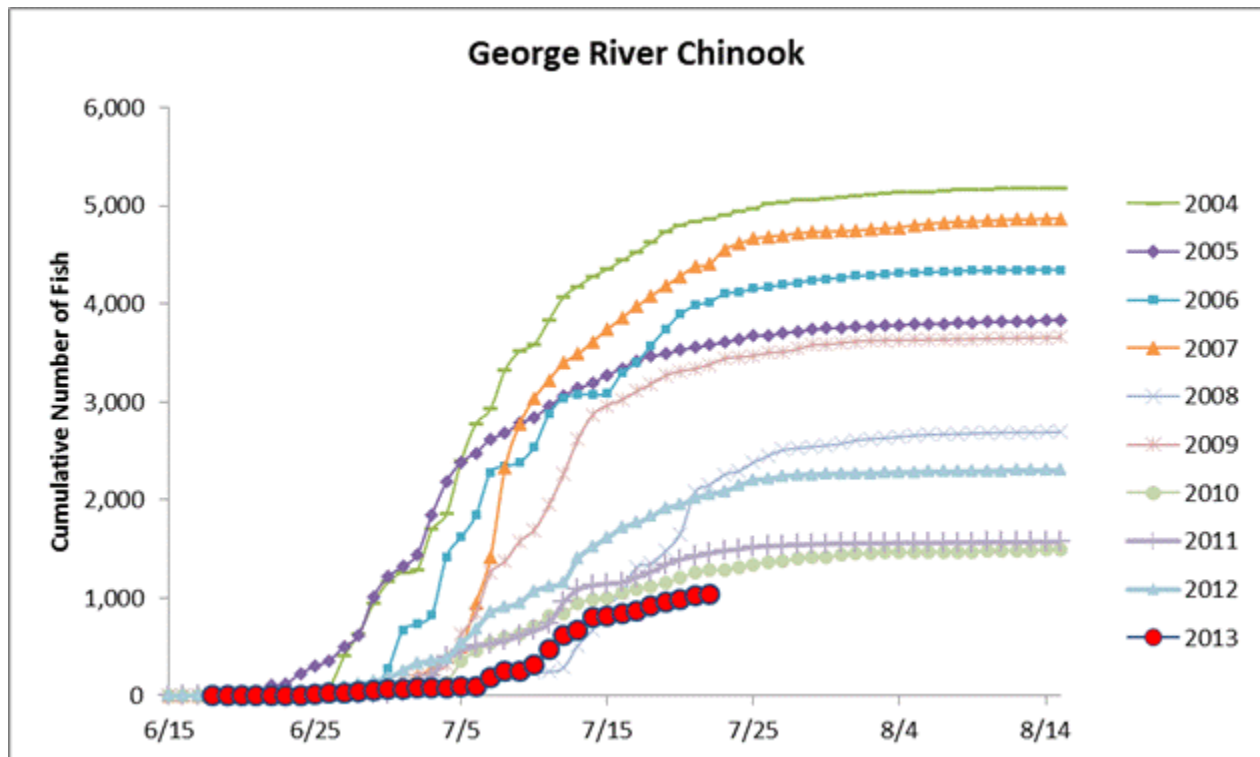
**Chinook Salmon (continued)**

Salmon River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon						
Cumulative Daily Passage						
Date	2006	2007	2008	2009	2012	2013
7/20		2,921	880			342
7/21		3,075	1,199			363
7/22		3,420	1,210			378
7/23		3,666	1,320			
7/24		3,869	1,459			
7/25		4,167	1,629			
7/26		4,332	1,676			
<b>Season Total</b>	n.a.	6,220	2,376	n.a.	n.a.	



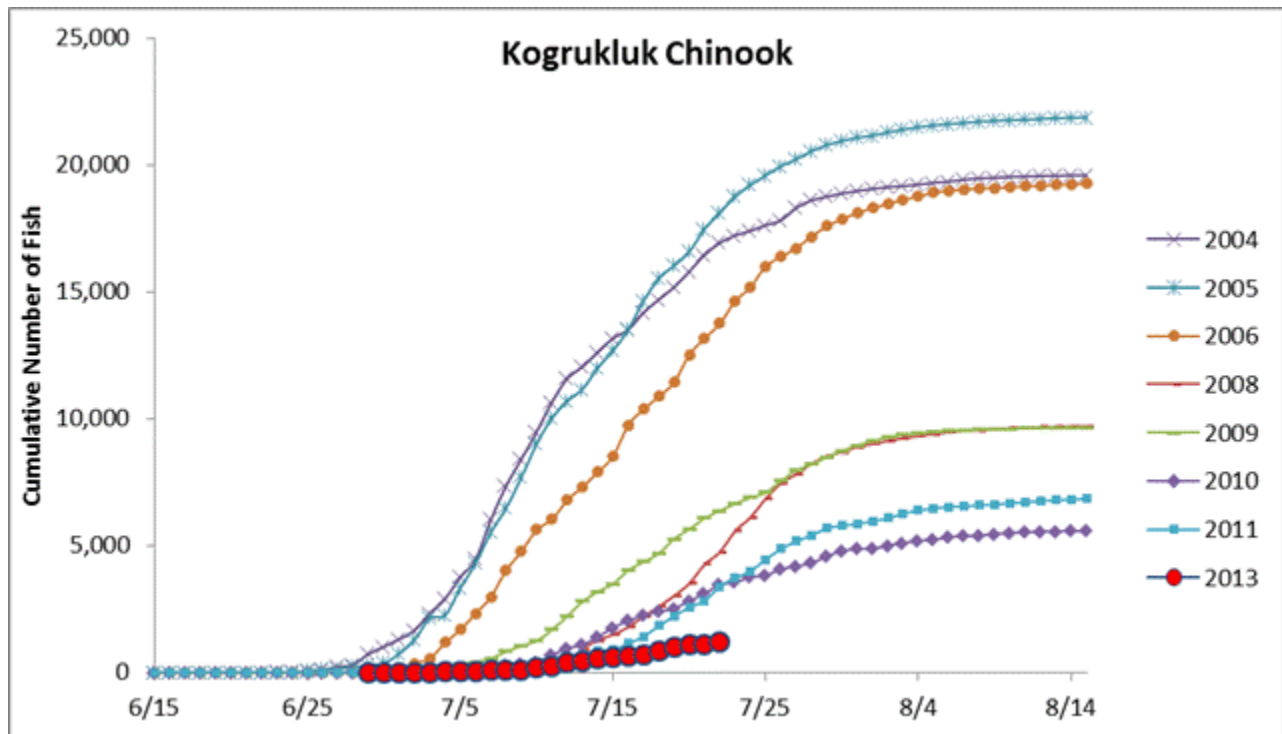
**Chinook Salmon (continued)**

George River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon										
Escapement Goal Range: 1,800 to 3,300					= years when escapement goal achieved or exceeded					
Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	4,803	3,529	3,893	4,282	1,655	3,312	1,203	1,393	1,946	981
7/21	4,843	3,552	3,982	4,376	2,079	3,336	1,261	1,423	2,015	1,022
7/22	4,865	3,578	4,019	4,403	2,151	3,379	1,282	1,453	2,056	1,043
7/23	4,905	3,605	4,101	4,555	2,257	3,441	1,284	1,481	2,085	
7/24	4,943	3,636	4,120	4,611	2,294	3,456	1,315	1,496	2,142	
7/25	4,972	3,672	4,152	4,662	2,381	3,468	1,342	1,518	2,200	
7/26	5,021	3,678	4,170	4,684	2,451	3,502	1,366	1,528	2,211	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>5,206</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>2,302</b>	



**Chinook Salmon (continued)**

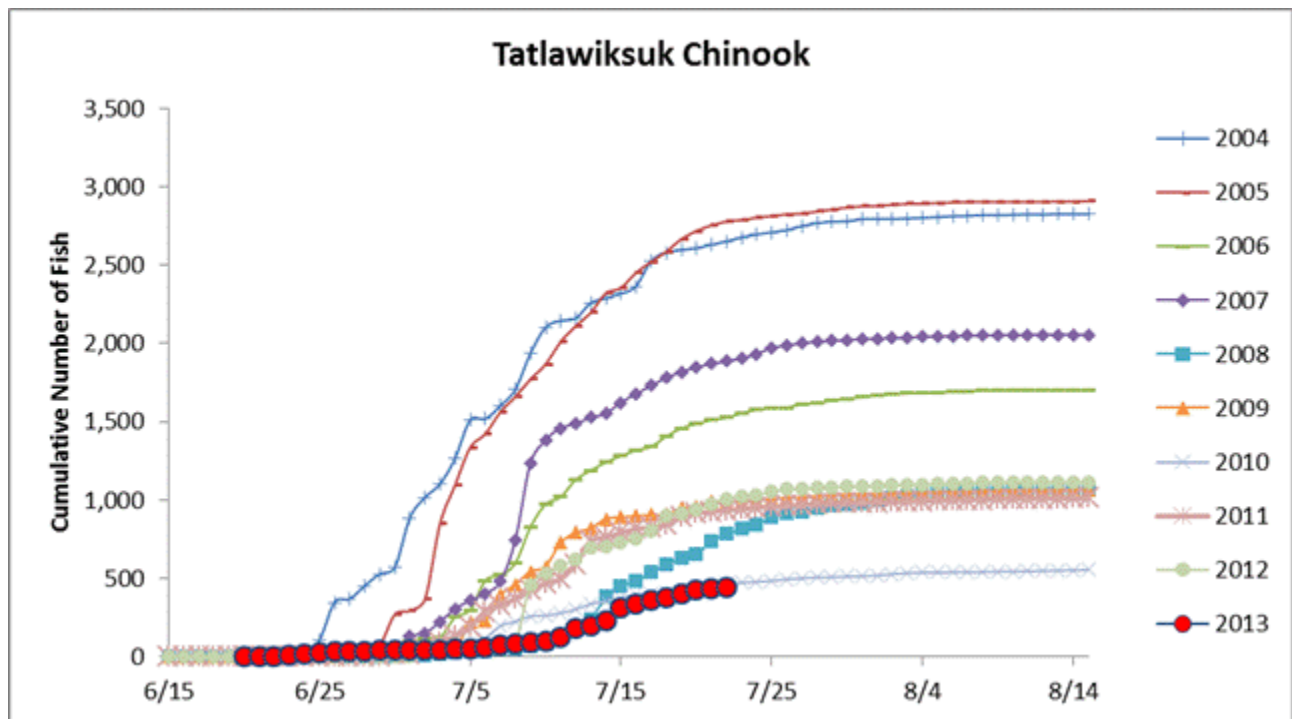
Kogrukluk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon											
Escapement Goal Range: 4,800 to 8,800											= years when escapement goal achieved or exceeded
Cumulative Daily Passage											
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
7/20	15,800	16,586	12,516		3,506	5,639	2,811	2,559		1,072	
7/21	16,457	17,479	13,163		4,252	6,074	3,107	2,826		1,110	
7/22	16,931	18,113	13,748		4,740	6,366	3,451	3,389		1,205	
7/23	17,217	18,749	14,631		5,571	6,649	3,552	3,708			
7/24	17,402	19,205	15,178		6,105	6,876	3,750	3,993			
7/25	17,623	19,590	16,001		6,845	7,079	3,823	4,445			
7/26	17,820	19,949	16,371		7,449	7,540	4,061	4,858			
<b>Season Total</b>	19,651	21,999	19,414	n.a.	9,730	9,701	5,693	6,890	n.a.		





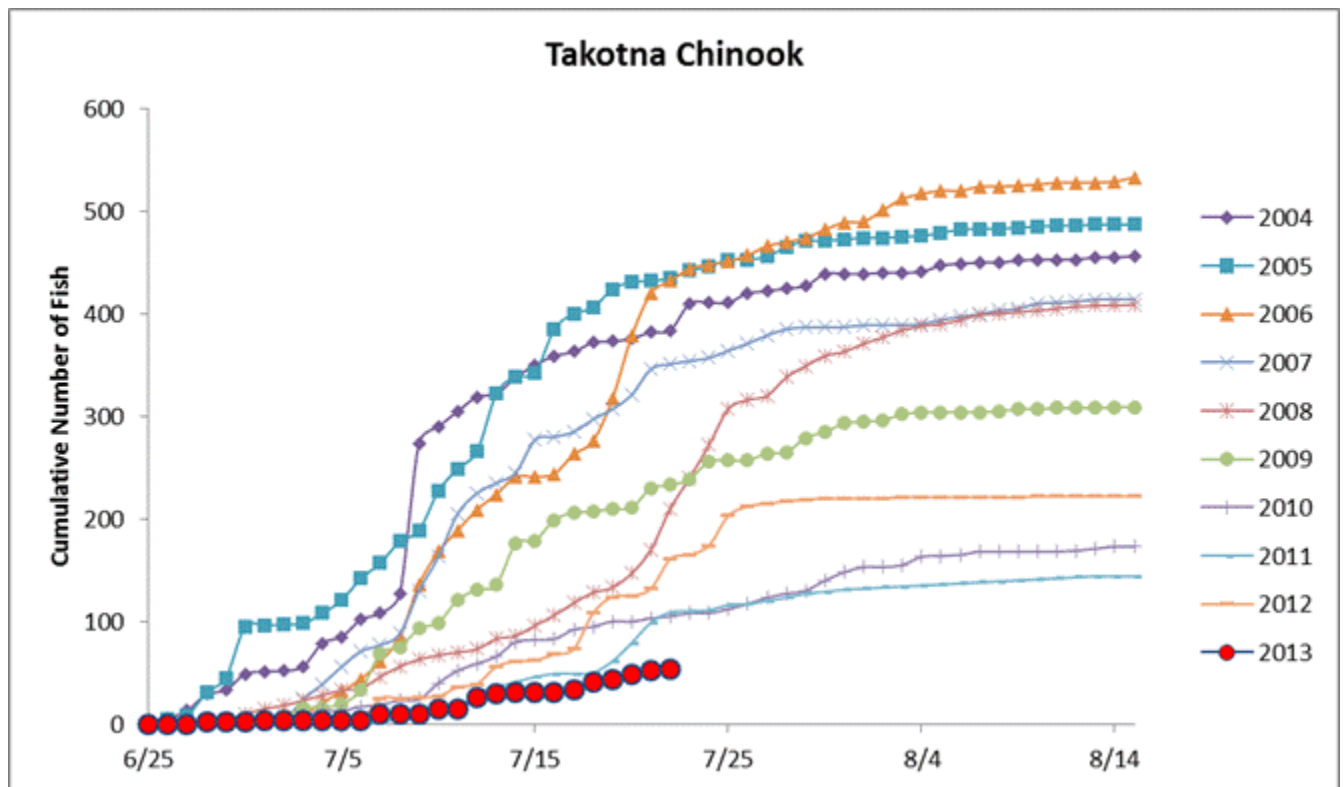
**Chinook Salmon (continued)**

Tatlawiksuk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	2,609	2,718	1,487	1,848	655	960	437	915	941	424
7/21	2,631	2,754	1,511	1,869	736	988	451	927	976	434
7/22	2,652	2,778	1,526	1,888	782	991	466	935	1,008	440
7/23	2,678	2,788	1,555	1,903	816	994	472	943	1,026	
7/24	2,697	2,803	1,576	1,934	842	1,001	478	952	1,035	
7/25	2,710	2,814	1,586	1,971	890	1,009	484	956	1,053	
7/26	2,724	2,825	1,591	1,989	917	1,014	495	964	1,070	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1,116</b>	



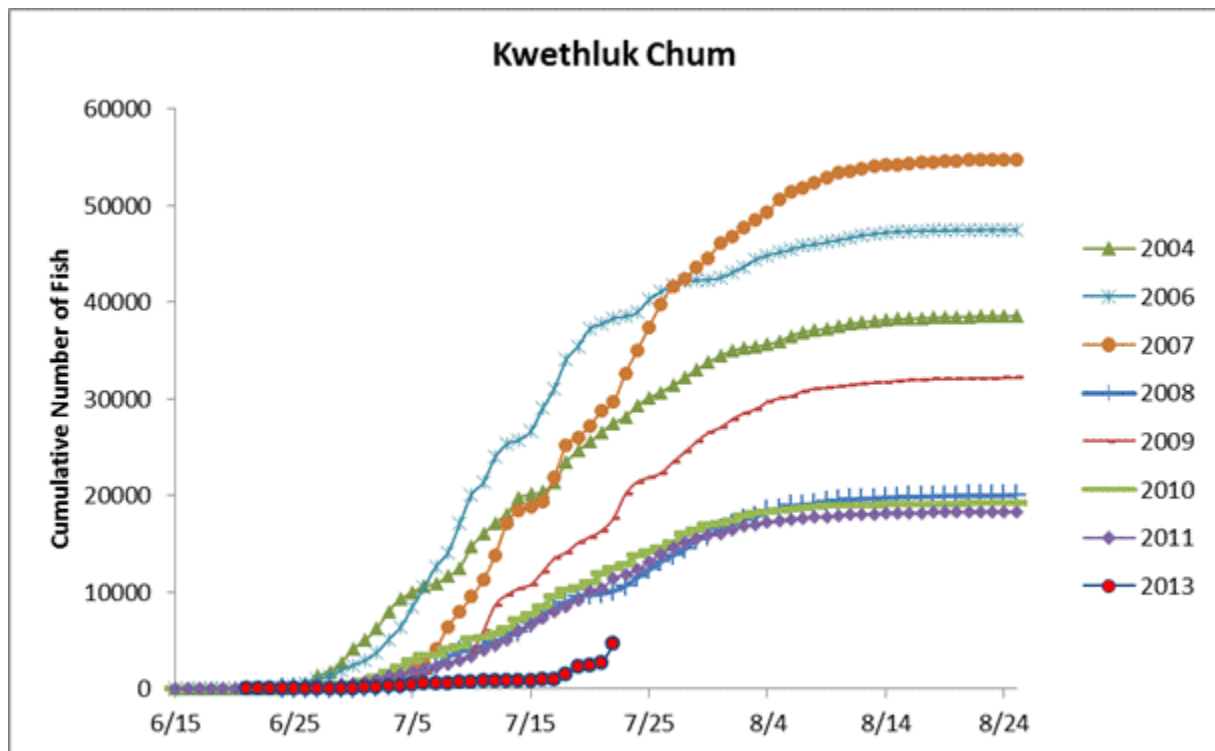
**Chinook Salmon (continued)**

Takotna River weir historical cumulative daily passage of Chinook salmon										
Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	376	431	378	321	147	211	100	79	125	49
7/21	382	432	420	346	170	230	103	99	132	52
7/22	384	435	432	351	210	238	105	109	161	54
7/23	410	442	444	354	240	239	108	110	165	
7/24	411	446	448	357	272	256	108	111	174	
7/25	411	453	451	364	307	257	112	116	203	
7/26	420	453	457	371	316	257	117	117	212	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>228</b>	



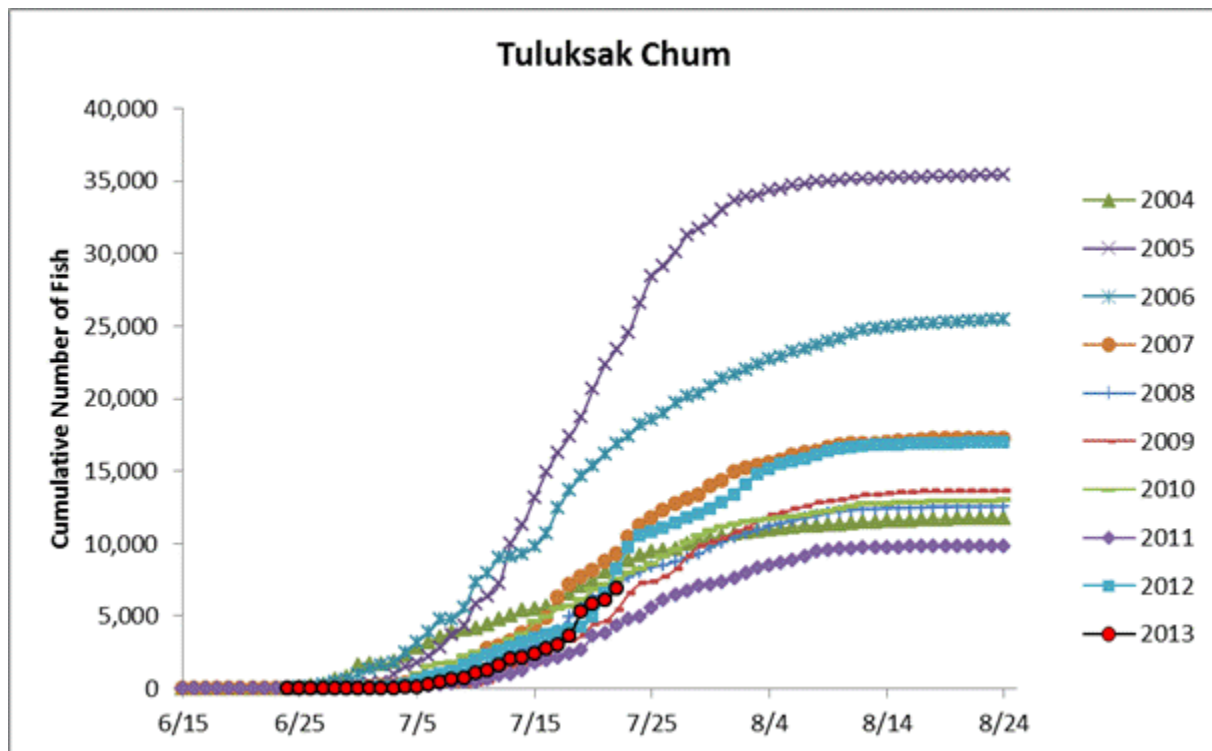
## Chum Salmon

Kwethluk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	25,520		37,219	27,168	9,690	15,670	10,958	10,104		2,387
7/21	26,533		37,706	28,749	9,820	16,364	11,869	10,353		2,718
7/22	27,486		38,285	29,649	10,105	17,634	12,481	11,399		4,609
7/23	28,115		38,513	32,621	10,633	20,118	12,910	11,807		
7/24	29,262		38,913	34,967	11,485	21,380	13,752	12,268		
7/25	30,070		40,246	37,397	12,284	21,836	14,138	13,158		
7/26	30,669		41,025	39,797	13,134	22,284	14,598	13,924		
<b>Season Total</b>	38,646	n.a.	47,491	54,913	20,030	32,191	19,235	18,329	n.a.	



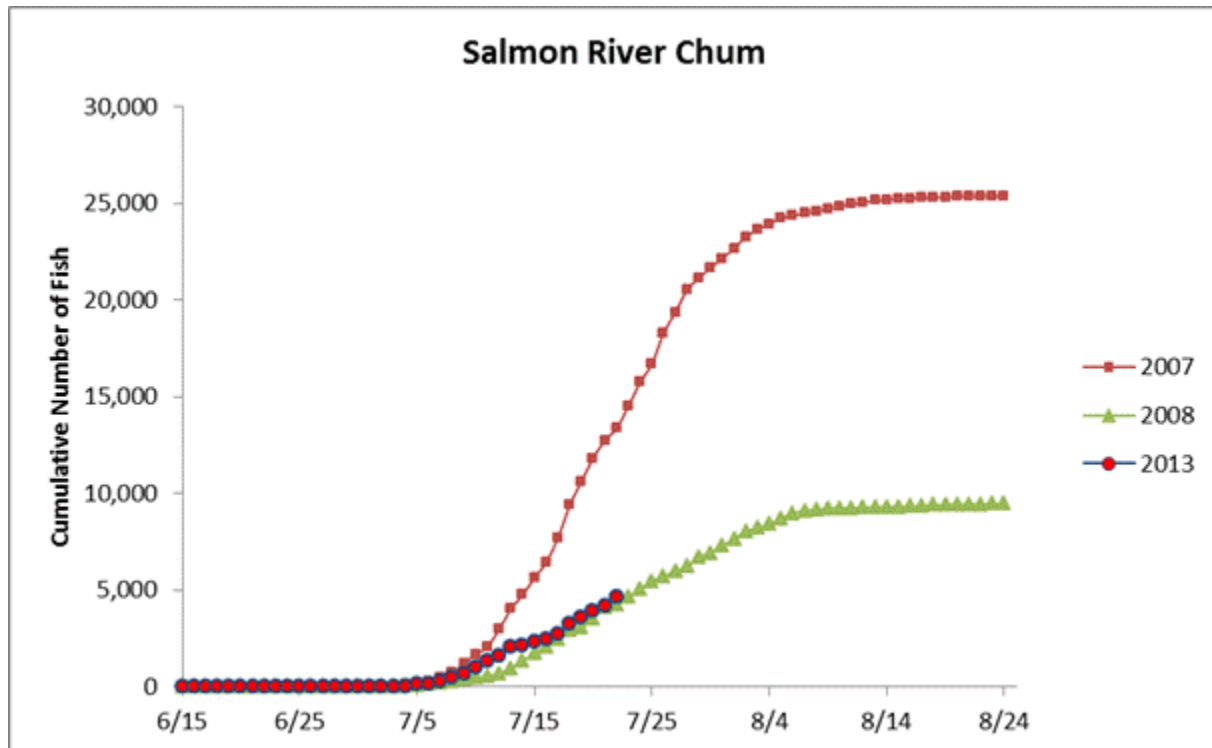
**Chum Salmon (continued)**

Tuluksak River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	7,428	20,661	15,329	8,107	6,329	4,440	6,780	3,628	4,985	5,850
7/21	8,011	22,306	16,161	8,755	6,647	4,645	7,183	3,848	6,517	6,075
7/22	8,372	23,384	16,884	9,236	7,199	5,397	7,474	4,329	8,207	6,885
7/23	8,845	24,520	17,388	10,425	7,650	6,502	7,921	4,761	9,746	
7/24	9,186	26,610	18,153	11,189	8,054	7,228	8,263	4,926	10,554	
7/25	9,452	28,407	18,535	11,744	8,375	7,376	8,601	5,559	10,814	
7/26	9,560	29,100	18,983	12,274	8,525	7,703	9,114	6,104	11,079	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>11,796</b>	<b>35,696</b>	<b>25,652</b>	<b>17,286</b>	<b>12,550</b>	<b>13,671</b>	<b>13,042</b>	<b>9,828</b>	<b>16,981</b>	



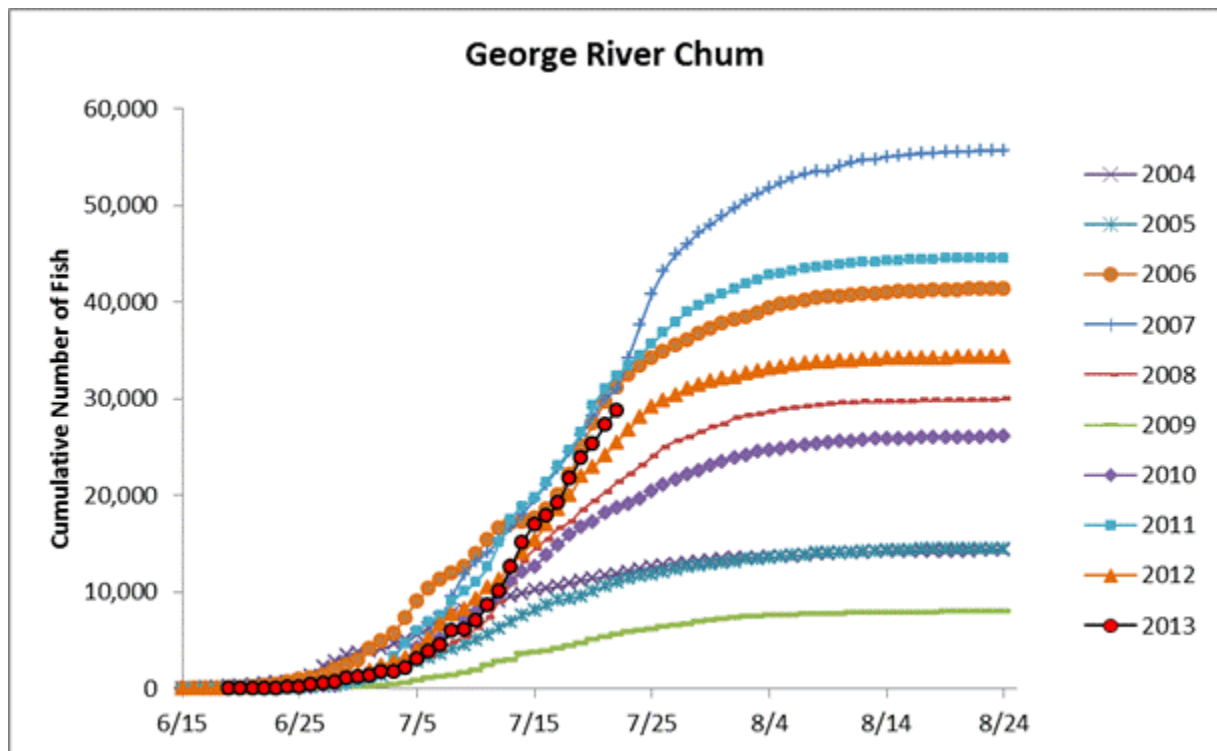
**Chum Salmon (continued)**

Salmon River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon						
Cumulative Daily Passage						
Date	2006	2007	2008	2009	2012	2013
7/20		11,824	3,544			3,903
7/21		12,740	4,080			4,211
7/22		13,353	4,273			4,673
7/23		14,527	4,640			
7/24		15,737	5,037			
7/25		16,703	5,460			
7/26		18,285	5,703			
<b>Season Total</b>	n.a.	25,379	9,459	n.a.	n.a.	



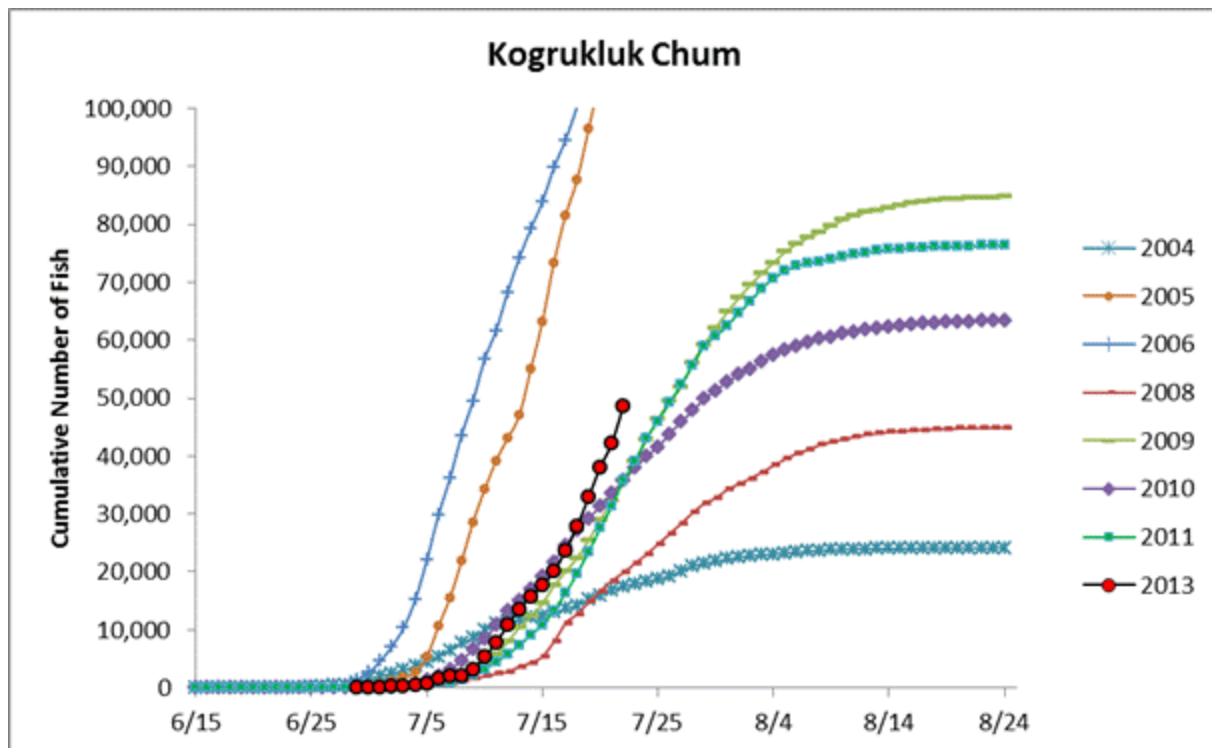
**Chum Salmon (continued)**

George River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	11,359	10,122	27,459	28,170	19,387	5,105	17,264	29,256	22,899	25,351
7/21	11,627	10,649	29,611	30,135	20,312	5,373	18,097	31,029	24,175	27,244
7/22	11,835	10,996	31,184	31,064	21,282	5,622	18,688	32,330	25,496	28,793
7/23	12,093	11,358	32,411	34,228	22,127	5,855	19,120	33,430	26,787	
7/24	12,344	11,651	33,411	37,562	22,999	6,008	19,602	34,500	28,072	
7/25	12,554	11,857	34,241	40,740	23,932	6,157	20,413	35,694	29,131	
7/26	12,783	12,114	34,850	43,141	24,969	6,362	21,028	36,817	29,829	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>14,408</b>	<b>14,828</b>	<b>41,467</b>	<b>55,843</b>	<b>29,979</b>	<b>7,941</b>	<b>26,154</b>	<b>44,641</b>	<b>34,336</b>	



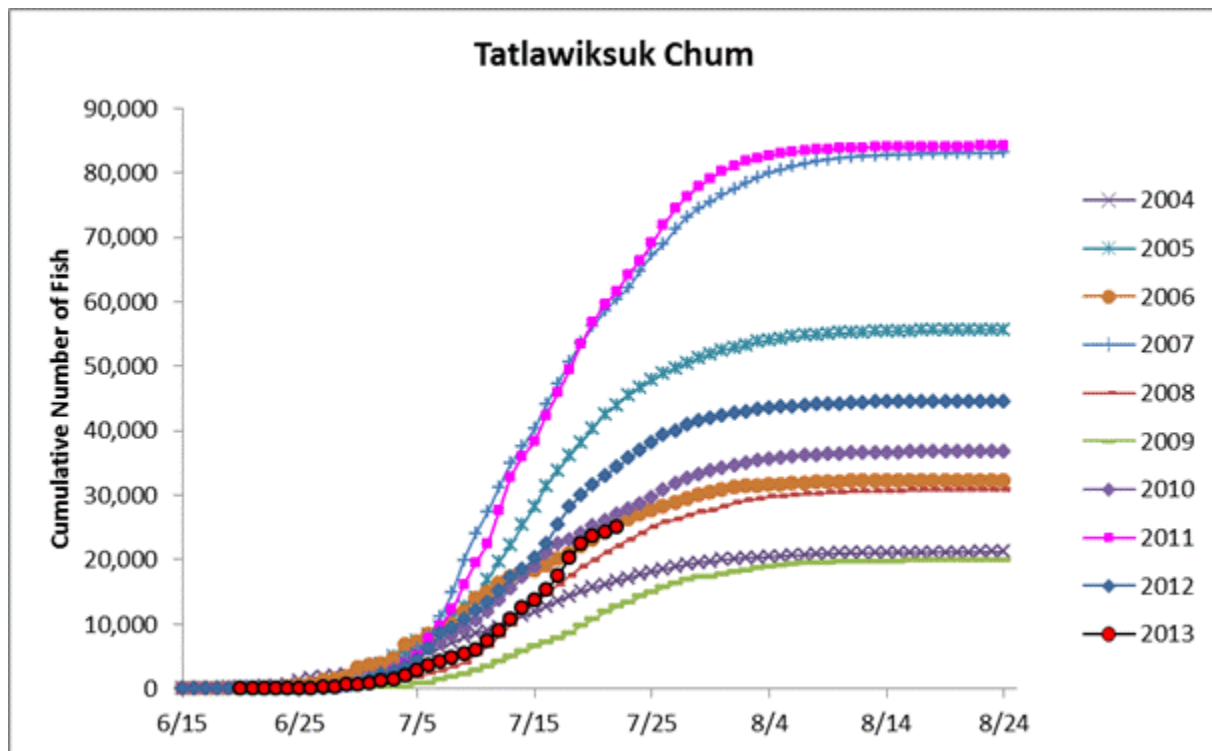
**Chum Salmon (continued)**

Kogrukluk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon										
Escapement Goal Range: 15,000 to 49,000						= years when escapement goal achieved or exceeded				
Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	16,023	105,630	114,903	27,939	16,675	28,914	31,286	27,550		38,050
7/21	16,840	115,514	122,572	29,252	18,441	32,182	33,563	31,272		42,150
7/22	17,503	124,097	128,519	30,599	19,838	35,687	35,751	35,681		48,608
7/23	17,940	131,962	134,101	32,439	21,457	39,083	37,889	39,029		
7/24	18,288	139,285	138,597	33,359	22,994	42,738	39,933	43,053		
7/25	18,821	145,986	142,843	34,071	24,783	46,384	41,537	46,036		
7/26	19,258	152,697	146,527	35,822	26,525	49,405	43,830	49,133		
<b>Season Total</b>	24,201	197,723	180,601	49,509	44,978	84,940	63,582	76,386	n.a.	



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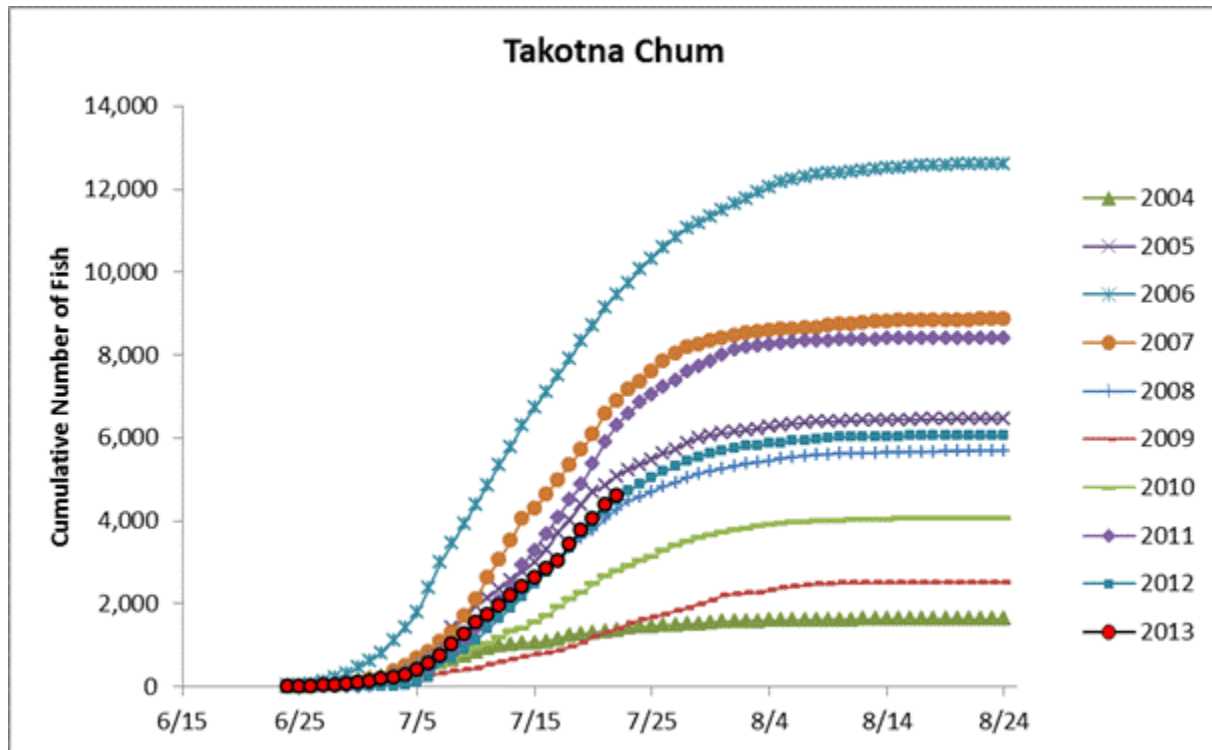
Tatlawiksuk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	15,627	40,395	23,082	56,197	19,891	10,762	25,227	56,801	31,623	23,583
7/21	16,184	42,591	24,297	58,606	21,107	11,863	26,092	59,532	33,054	24,319
7/22	16,679	44,013	25,221	60,497	22,091	12,656	27,035	61,600	34,353	25,121
7/23	17,192	45,504	26,183	62,215	23,079	13,406	27,803	64,231	35,678	
7/24	17,655	46,656	26,938	64,872	24,031	14,247	28,638	66,393	36,968	
7/25	18,129	47,794	27,672	67,270	25,137	15,012	29,539	69,059	38,224	
7/26	18,488	48,938	28,284	68,967	25,838	15,665	30,768	71,879	39,299	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>21,245</b>	<b>55,723</b>	<b>32,303</b>	<b>83,246</b>	<b>30,896</b>	<b>19,975</b>	<b>36,702</b>	<b>84,204</b>	<b>44,572</b>	





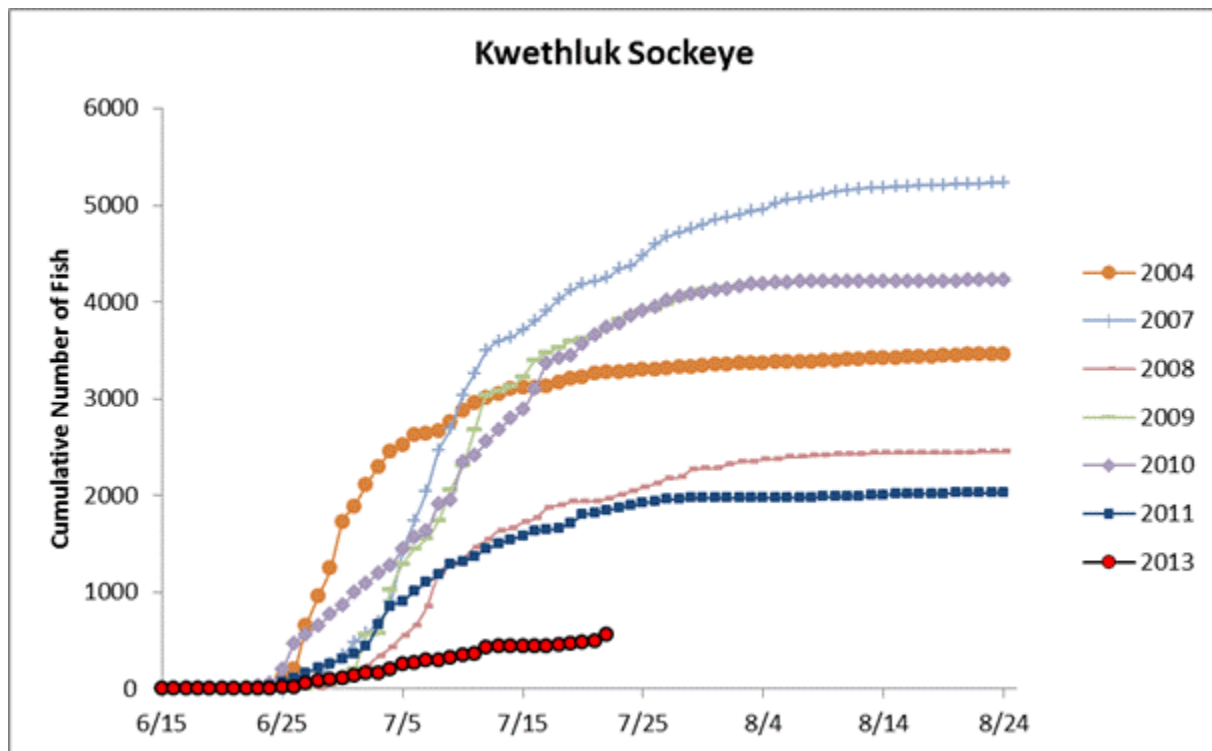
**Chum Salmon (continued)**

Takotna River weir historical cumulative daily passage of chum salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	1,314	4,703	8,701	6,094	3,774	1,195	2,460	5,379	3,912	4,041
7/21	1,329	4,845	9,142	6,571	4,050	1,291	2,669	5,890	4,246	4,399
7/22	1,354	5,085	9,463	6,886	4,282	1,389	2,790	6,305	4,492	4,594
7/23	1,412	5,238	9,751	7,167	4,472	1,505	2,893	6,598	4,718	
7/24	1,445	5,360	10,069	7,359	4,582	1,614	3,033	6,852	4,874	
7/25	1,460	5,487	10,337	7,610	4,707	1,657	3,125	7,058	5,034	
7/26	1,484	5,628	10,591	7,862	4,828	1,748	3,287	7,247	5,191	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>12,652</b>	<b>8,874</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>8,413</b>	<b>6,050</b>	



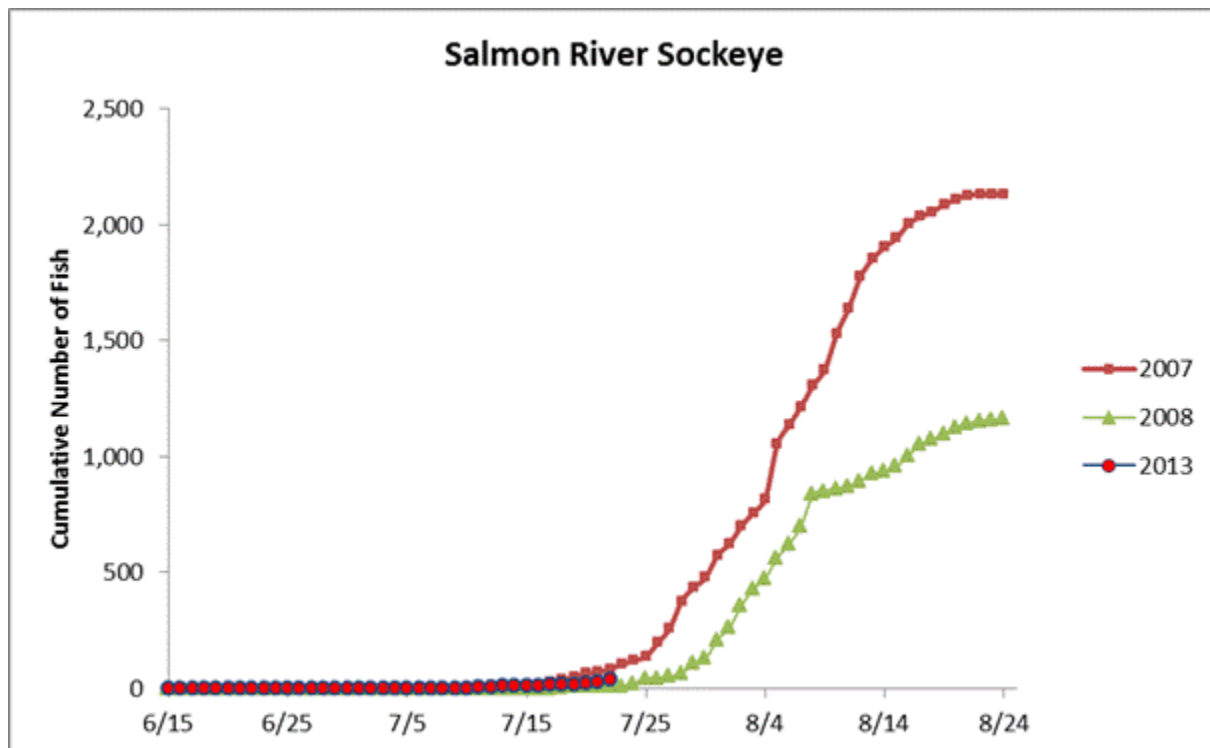
## Sockeye Salmon

Kwethluk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of sockeye salmon										
Date	Cumulative Daily Passage									
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	3214		5994	4181	1935	3617	3561	1796		478
7/21	3253		6058	4217	1940	3646	3655	1814		489
7/22	3271		6125	4251	1961	3722	3740	1843		554
7/23	3276		6180	4339	2006	3817	3776	1873		
7/24	3279		6201	4373	2041	3868	3860	1890		
7/25	3294		6242	4483	2083	3906	3902	1919		
7/26	3301		6265	4593	2116	3916	3953	1936		
<b>Season Total</b>	3,490	n.a.	6,733	5,262	2,451	4,230	4,239	2,031	n.a.	



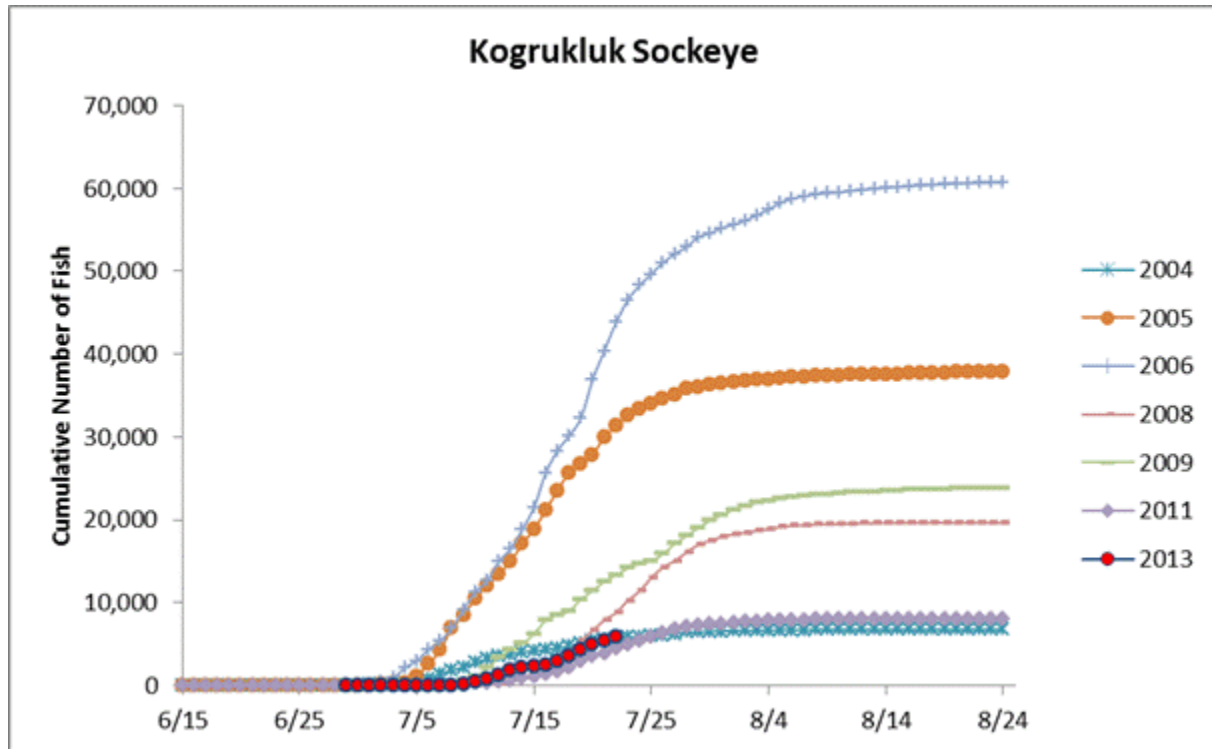
**Sockeye Salmon (continued)**

Salmon River weir historical cumulative daily passage of sockeye salmon						
Cumulative Daily Passage						
Date	2006	2007	2008	2009	2012	2013
7/20		66	10		5	21
7/21		71	11		10	27
7/22		86	11		13	39
7/23		105	14		16	
7/24		121	25		19	
7/25		139	45		23	
7/26		198	47		27	
<b>Season Total</b>	n.a.	2,130	1,181	n.a.	942	



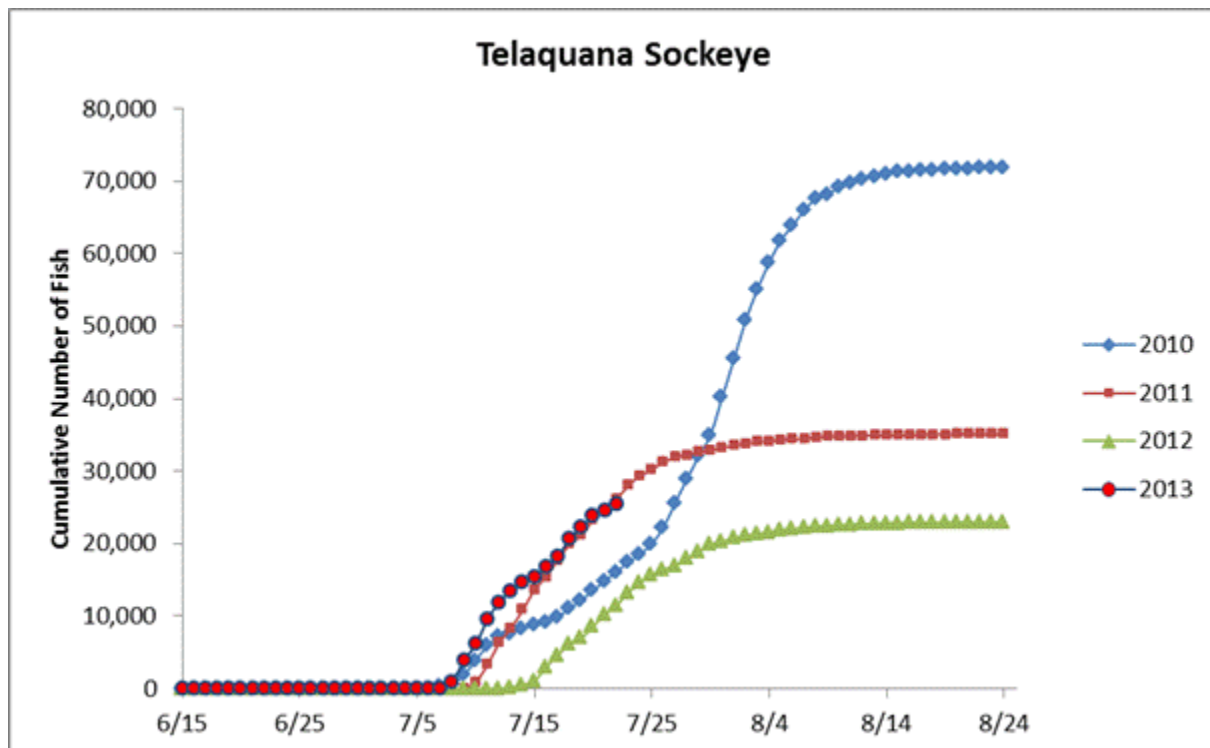
**Sockeye Salmon (continued)**

Kogrukluk River weir historical cumulative daily passage of sockeye salmon										
Escapement Goal Range: 4,400 to 17,000										= years when escapement goal achieved or exceeded
Cumulative Daily Passage										
Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	5,378	27,889	36,932	7,200	6,658	11,469	3,233	3,516		4,997
7/21	5,611	30,013	40,408	7,912	7,925	12,562	4,069	3,856		5,373
7/22	5,778	31,327	43,827	8,503	8,796	13,351	4,949	4,575		5,943
7/23	5,860	32,566	46,547	8,926	10,263	14,155	5,462	5,018		
7/24	5,918	33,342	48,302	9,444	11,405	14,723	6,102	5,359		
7/25	6,056	33,939	49,672	10,181	13,025	15,043	6,424	5,831		
7/26	6,119	34,584	51,054	11,255	14,284	15,890	7,284	6,364		
<b>Season Total</b>	6,775	37,939	60,807	16,526	19,675	23,785	13,997	8,135	n.a.	



**Sockeye Salmon (continued)**

Telaquana River weir historical cumulative daily passage of sockeye salmon				
Cumulative Daily Passage				
Date	2010	2011	2012	2013
7/20	13,564	23,260	8,623	23,811
7/21	14,898	24,753	10,234	24,573
7/22	16,154	26,123	11,467	25,428
7/23	17,457	28,047	13,293	
7/24	18,582	29,369	14,622	
7/25	20,015	30,234	15,784	
7/26	22,347	31,240	16,443	
<b>Season Total</b>	<b>72,020</b>	<b>35,105</b>	<b>22,994</b>	<b>25,428</b>



**Mike Williams requested that this resolution be included in the packet:**



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation**

Resolution #: REN-13-029

Title: Requesting the North Pacific Fishery Management Council take action to significantly reduce Chinook salmon bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea pollock trawl fisheries

Comments:

Recommend changing title to "Protecting Alaska Salmon for Subsistence."

Recommendations:

Recommend that Resolution #REN-13-029 be sent for consideration by the appropriate committee.

Sponsor a member in good standing (yes/no)?: \_\_\_\_\_



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #REN-13-029

TITLE: Protecting Alaska salmon for subsistence

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, Alaska's tribes have hunted, fished, and gathered on the lands and waters of what is now the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska's Chinook salmon is of critical importance to the spiritual, cultural, subsistence and community needs of Alaskan Natives; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Chinook salmon support Alaska's commercial, charter and personal use fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Chinook salmon runs have been declining for at least a decade; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's 2012 Chinook salmon runs were dramatically low, and disaster declarations were made for Upper Cook Inlet and the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's 2012 Chinook runs were also of concern in Kodiak, Chignik, Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska rivers; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, economic losses to the State of Alaska's commercial, charter and recreational fisheries were over \$34,000,000; and

WHEREAS, significant effects on subsistence users and on the cultural and spiritual values of Alaskans is beyond economic assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, subsistence fisheries in the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers were under severe restrictions and, despite those restrictions, many escapement goals were not met; and

**WHEREAS**, significant Chinook salmon stocks from Alaska are caught and discarded in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska pollock fisheries and other trawl fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinook salmon bycatch is a direct and controllable source of mortality for extremely valuable and declining salmon runs throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chinook salmon bycatch caps for the Bering Sea pollock fishery is set at 60,000, and the Chinook salmon bycatch cap in the Gulf of Alaska pollock fishery is set at 25,000, and

**WHEREAS**, the other Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries, other than the pollock fishery, currently operate without any bycatch limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon bycatch allowance in the pollock trawl fisheries is more than 40% of the total catch of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska has never demanded that the pollock fishery or the federal government comply with the protections set forth in ANILCA and stop catching Chinook Salmon in numbers that undermine the subsistence needs of Alaska Natives; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinook salmon bycatch should be preserved and donated to food banks, shelters, churches, elders program, and native organizations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Congress of American Indians requests the North Pacific Fishery Management Council take action to significantly reduce Chinook salmon bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea pollock trawl fisheries and to put meaningful and effective Chinook salmon bycatch reduction limits on Chinook bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska non-pollock trawl fisheries.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Congress of American Indians will work in good faith with the federally recognized tribes of Alaska and the US Congress to positively address and resolve the injustices enumerated in this Resolution in consultation with, and the support of, the Executive Office of the President of the United States.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2013 Midyear Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Atlantis Casino from June 24 - 27, 2013 in Reno, Nevada with a quorum present.

President  
ATTEST:

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Recording Secretary