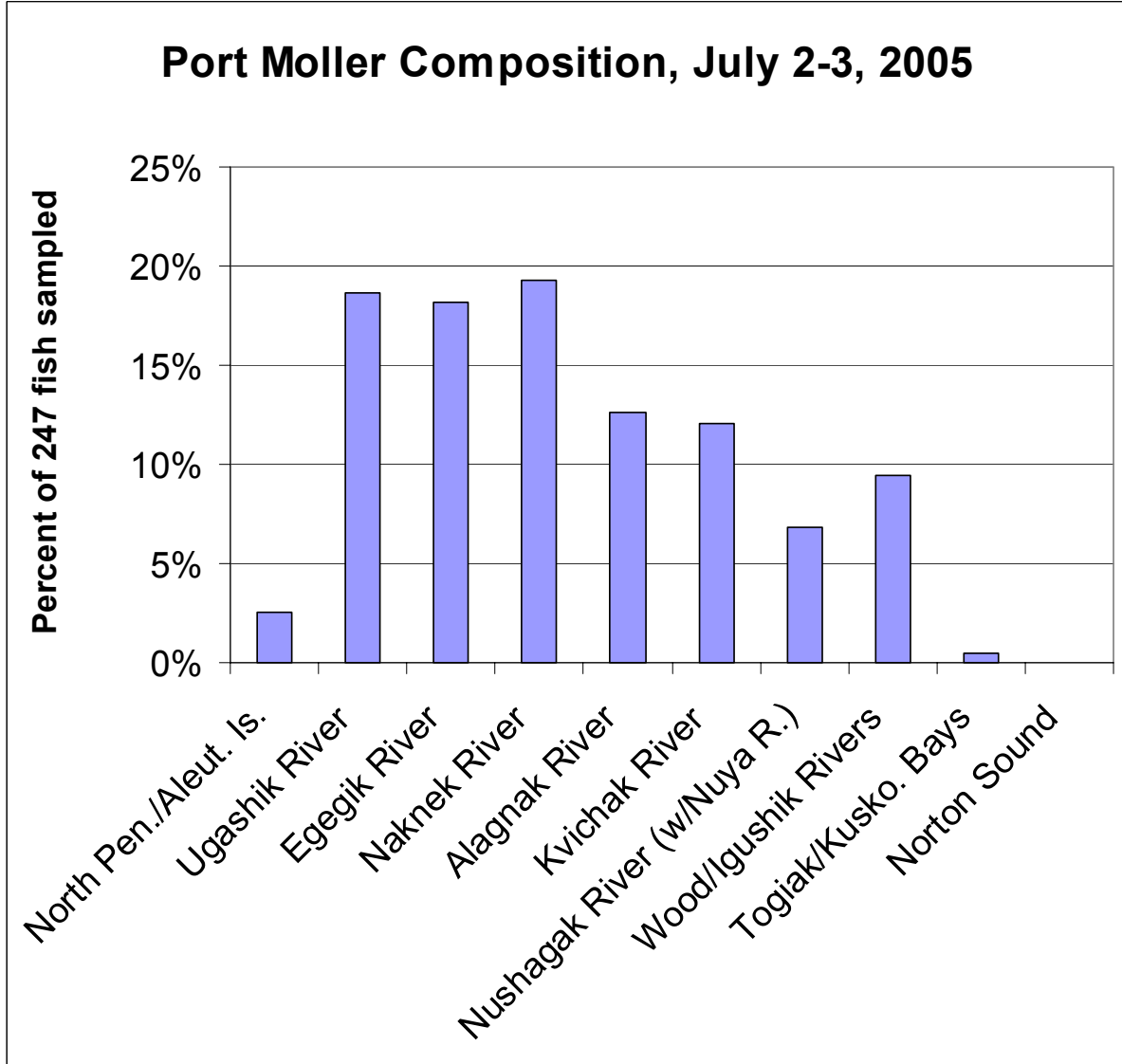
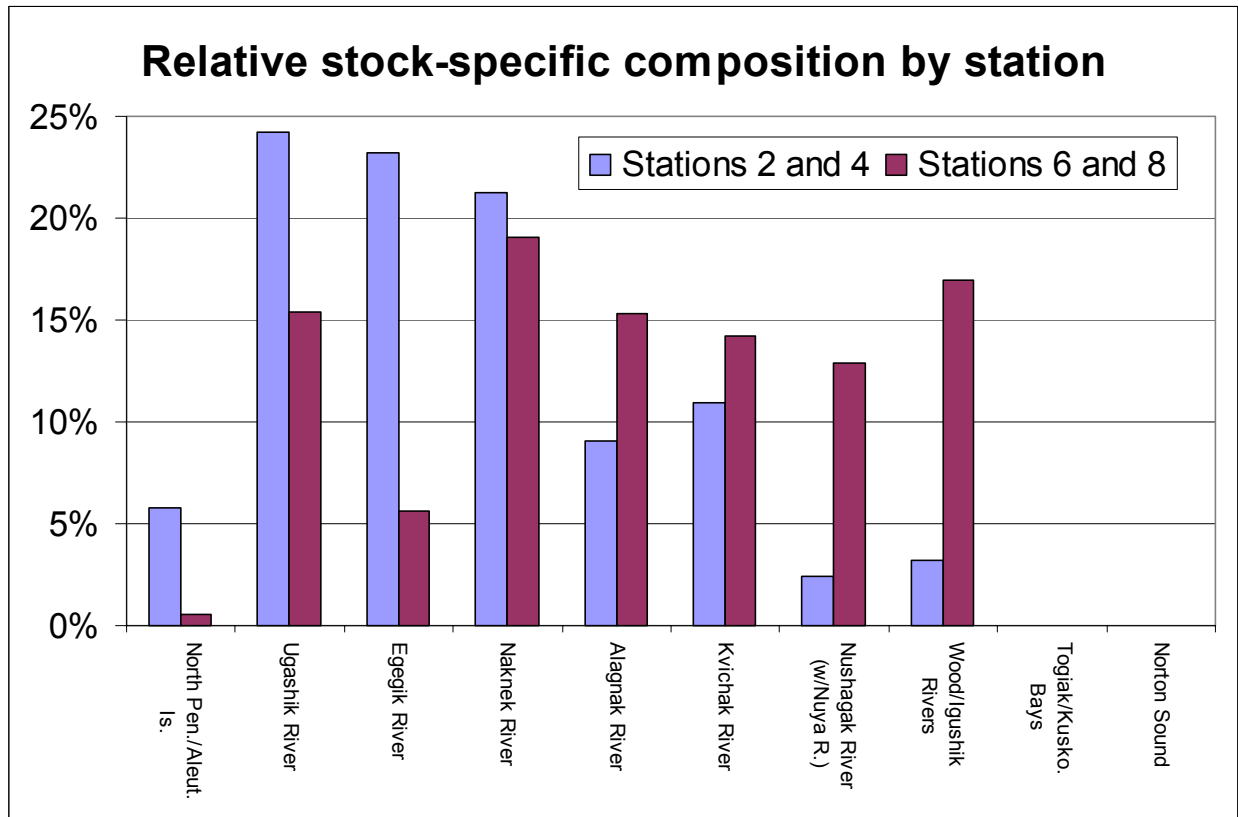


Port Moller Test Fishery, Update #29, July 7, 2005.

This Port Moller update should be the last one for 2005. It contains the latest and final in-season stock composition results from the PM catch – all very interesting results. Further genetic analyses of the Port Moller catch will be done on a post-season basis. Special thanks to all the gene lab personnel who worked around the clock through most of the last four weeks.





This year's Port Moller project was managed and staffed by the Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute (BBSRI). Including the genetics analysis, the out-of-pocket cost of the project was about \$150,000. The project was funded by ADF&G (60%), 10 processing companies (25%) and BBSRI (15%).

The PM vessels sets a 200 fathom 5 1/8" mesh net for about one hour at each station. Station 2 is the nearshore station and is 33 nm offshore from PM; the remaining stations fished are 10 nm apart. Station 10 is 73 nm offshore. Station 12 is 83 nm and station 14 is 93 nm offshore from PM. They typically fish stations on the way out on day one, spend the night offshore and fish the same stations on the way back on day two of a two-day trip.

Greg Buck managed the Port Moller test fishery program. Technicians **Zachary Babb** and **Demitri Gust** conducted the sampling on the *F/V Deliverance* and BBSRI's Executive Director **Michael Link** prepared project updates. **Matt Simpson** skippered the *Deliverance*. These updates were provided by BBSRI as a public service to fishermen and processors. Although none of this would have been possible without the help of ADF&G personnel and funding, the interpretations contained in these updates are not "official" ADF&G interpretations of any of the Port Moller test fishery data.

Fred West (ADF&G) managed the scale ageing operation in King Salmon and provides timely summaries of age composition from the Port Moller catch. **Chris Habicht** (ADF&G) managed the genetic stock identification component of the project and worked with **Dr. Jim Seeb** (ADF&G) to analyze the genetics data. **Dr. John Clark** (ADF&G's chief fishery scientist) was instrumental in the doubling of the ADF&G funding contribution to the PM test fishery program this year.