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This document reports estimates for commercial catch (numbers and total weight), recreational catch (numbers only) and aboriginal catch (numbers only) for the five major salmon species caught in British Columbia (B.C.) waters from 1952 (commercial), 1953 (recreational), or 1951 (aboriginal) to 2002. Catches include non-Canadian fish caught in B.C. and exclude Canadian fish caught outside B.C. Some changes from previous documents resulted from ongoing efforts to standardize estimation approaches. In general, preliminary catch estimates for 2002 exceeded most other recent years, although they were well below long term averages, at least in part because of an emphasis on conservation.

INTRODUCTION

The six species of salmon native to British Columbia (B.C.) contribute to commercial, recreational, and aboriginal fisheries. Commercial net fisheries tend to focus on sockeye (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), chum (*O. keta*), and pink (*O. gorbuscha*) salmon, while recreational harvesters catch mostly chinook (*O. tshawytscha*), coho (*O. kisutch*), and steelhead (*O. mykiss*). All species of salmon are valued by aboriginal fisheries, which usually occur in terminal areas within freshwater. Steelhead constitute a minor component of the catch, and are not discussed further in this document.

In general, catch data for commercial fisheries are reasonably reliable and time series analyses can be undertaken on these. Unfortunately, methods to gather recreational and aboriginal catch data have been more variable and time series analysis of these data should not be undertaken without a good understanding of the limitations of the data.

Commercial catch data are often used as indices of abundance for salmon. For sockeye, chum, and pink salmon, since fishery exploitation rates are often high, catch data may be useful indices of abundance when exploitation rates have been consistent over time. However, numerous factors control abundances and catches. We do not advocate the use of catch data alone to assess stock status.

This document reports data on commercial catch (numbers and total weight), recreational catch (numbers only) and aboriginal catch (numbers only) for the five major salmon species caught in B.C. waters from 1952 (commercial), 1953 (recreational), or 1951 (aboriginal) to 2002. Catches include non-Canadian fish caught in B.C. and exclude Canadian fish caught outside B.C.

METHODS

The Regional Data Unit within Pacific Region of Fisheries and Oceans Canada is responsible for compiling, producing, maintaining, and disseminating official catch statistics for the Pacific Region, according to Regional standards and procedures. Official catches are the Region's best estimates of catch. Some changes from earlier documents resulted from ongoing efforts to standardize estimation approaches. A brief description of the approaches used for the 3 major fishery types follows.

Commercial Catch Estimates

Official commercial catch data include weights and numbers (pieces) of fish caught. When practicable, official catch includes released catch as well as retained catch.

Although various harvester produced data (e.g. sales slips, logbooks, at-sea hauls) and independently verified data (e.g. on-board observers and dockside monitors) have been used to estimate commercial salmon catches, sales slips are the most important source of information. Sales slips record gear type, area of catch, date of landing, species, volume and value of the landing. Sales slips document transactions between commercial fishermen and fish buying companies. Since the value of the landing and resulting payments are based primarily on the landed weight, weight estimates are considered reasonably accurate.

Pieces are also recorded on sales slips. Since this information is generally not used to determine the payment to the fishermen, there is less incentive to report pieces as accurately as landed weights. Pieces are usually estimated by applying an arbitrary estimated average weight to the landed weight, particularly for high volume net landings.

The accuracy of chinook and coho piece estimates improved in the mid-1980's when data from the Mark Recovery Program were incorporated. This program estimates numbers of chinook and coho caught along the coast.

The accuracy of piece estimates for sockeye, chum and pink salmon has also improved during the last decade. Samples of 200, 100 and 200 fish, respectively, per Mark Recovery region/statistical week/gear are individually weighed. These data are used, when appropriate, to estimate pieces based on accurate estimates of total landed weight.

Recreational Catch Estimates

Official recreational catch consists of pieces only. When available, this includes numbers released as well as retained. Creel surveys are the primary source of recreational catch data. The time/area resolution depends on the survey methodology and sampling intensity. Recreational catch is usually resolved by Statistical Area and month, but is sometimes only available by year.

General one-day surveys covering tidal sport fishing activity in major fishing regions began in 1957. These surveys provided a cross section of tidal sport catch and effort and supplemented estimates from other sources.

The largest creel survey estimates catch and effort in the Strait of Georgia. Dockside interviews collect catch per unit effort and aerial overflights gather effort data.

Aboriginal Catch Estimates

Official aboriginal catch consists of pieces. Aboriginal catch statistics can usually be resolved by statistical area and year, but areas may be grouped in some cases. A variety of approaches have been used to generate estimates.

RESULTS

During 2002, fisheries in B.C. were again managed with a strong emphasis on conservation, with the result that catches were relatively modest.

Commercial Fisheries

Total commercial catches, by numbers and weight, are reported in Tables 1 and 2, respectively, for 1952-2002. Tables 3 and 4 provide a breakdown of salmon catch by major Statistical Area in 2002, by numbers and weight, respectively. Weights are given as round equivalents.

The 2002 catch was 33,155 tonnes, about one half of the average since 1952, and 25 percent higher than the 2001 commercial catch (Table 2). The sockeye catch was 10,067 tonnes, and the chum catch was 12,343 tonnes. Chinook and coho catches in 2002, although much lower than historically, were higher than the previous several years. Pink catches in 2002 were reasonably high considering this was an off year for Fraser River pink salmon.

Recreational Fisheries

Recreational catches for 1953-2002 are given in Table 5, with a breakout by major statistical area for 2002 in Table 6. It should be noted that the locations and time periods surveyed vary from year to year, and therefore annual summaries are not valid trend indicators. Chinook and coho traditionally are the main targets of recreational anglers, but harvest of these species has declined during the past decade in response to conservation concerns, and recreational catch of other species, notably pink and chum salmon, has been an increasing proportion of the catch.

Aboriginal Fisheries

Aboriginal catch for 1951-2002 is given in Table 7. The data for 1997-2002 are incomplete, with many areas not represented. The data for 1995 and 1996 are complete, but subject to further revision. In general, reporting inconsistencies with aboriginal catch data make it difficult to use the annual summaries as trend indicators. Estimates for 2002 will probably change.

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Table 1: Commercial salmon catch (numbers) by species and year, 1952-2002

| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1952 | 904,000 | 4,838,000 | 2,719,000 | 11,217,000 | 2,479,000 | 22,157,000 |
| 1953 | 1,017,000 | 5,914,000 | 2,871,000 | 11,103,000 | 4,672,000 | 25,577,000 |
| 1954 | 876,000 | 6,702,000 | 2,442,000 | 5,439,000 | 5,838,000 | 21,297,000 |
| 1955 | 876,000 | 2,835,000 | 2,976,000 | 11,240,000 | 1,569,000 | 19,496,000 |
| 1956 | 982,000 | 3,257,000 | 3,041,000 | 7,352,000 | 2,458,000 | 17,090,000 |
| 1957 | 948,000 | 3,036,000 | 3,137,000 | 11,310,000 | 2,412,000 | 20,843,000 |
| 1958 | 1,074,000 | 12,045,000 | 2,989,000 | 6,908,000 | 3,192,000 | 26,208,000 |
| 1959 | 956,000 | 3,260,000 | 2,897,000 | 6,776,000 | 2,015,000 | 15,904,000 |
| 1960 | 753,000 | 2,858,000 | 2,030,000 | 4,098,000 | 1,837,000 | 11,576,000 |
| 1961 | 700,000 | 4,564,000 | 3,299,000 | 8,305,000 | 1,218,000 | 18,086,000 |
| 1962 | 720,000 | 3,499,000 | 3,623,000 | 23,429,000 | 1,496,000 | 32,767,000 |
| 1963 | 800,000 | 2,086,000 | 3,418,000 | 12,200,000 | 1,463,000 | 19,967,000 |
| 1964 | 961,000 | 3,619,000 | 4,147,000 | 9,628,000 | 2,253,000 | 20,608,000 |
| 1965 | 981,000 | 3,019,000 | 4,437,000 | 5,108,000 | 633,000 | 14,178,000 |
| 1966 | 1,163,000 | 4,020,000 | 5,402,000 | 17,261,000 | 1,311,000 | 29,157,000 |
| 1967 | 1,099,000 | 6,748,000 | 3,151,000 | 9,712,000 | 1,130,000 | 21,840,000 |
| 1968 | 1,054,000 | 6,346,000 | 5,147,000 | 20,247,000 | 3,095,000 | 35,889,000 |
| 1969 | 1,076,000 | 4,267,000 | 2,341,000 | 2,564,000 | 1,310,000 | 11,558,000 |
| 1970 | 1,143,000 | 4,067,000 | 3,347,000 | 13,580,000 | 3,679,000 | 25,816,000 |
| 1971 | 1,518,000 | 6,304,000 | 4,608,000 | 8,445,000 | 1,263,000 | 22,138,000 |
| 1972 | 1,508,000 | 3,561,000 | 3,208,000 | 13,995,000 | 6,031,000 | 28,303,000 |
| 1973 | 1,372,000 | 7,583,000 | 3,338,000 | 6,493,000 | 6,225,000 | 25,011,000 |
| 1974 | 1,422,000 | 7,222,000 | 3,511,000 | 7,372,000 | 2,202,000 | 21,729,000 |
| 1975 | 1,380,000 | 2,270,000 | 2,225,000 | 4,620,000 | 1,147,000 | 11,642,000 |
| 1976 | 1,499,000 | 4,813,000 | 3,485,000 | 10,344,000 | 1,901,000 | 22,042,000 |
| 1977 | 1,470,000 | 6,346,000 | 3,265,000 | 10,307,000 | 1,088,000 | 22,476,000 |
| 1978 | 1,352,000 | 7,222,000 | 3,350,000 | 10,748,000 | 2,979,000 | 25,651,000 |
| 1979 | 1,328,000 | 5,669,000 | 3,630,000 | 11,807,000 | 851,000 | 23,285,000 |
| 1980 | 1,269,000 | 3,186,000 | 3,415,000 | 8,364,000 | 3,414,000 | 19,648,000 |
| 1981 | 1,133,000 | 8,413,000 | 2,815,000 | 18,072,000 | 1,116,000 | 31,549,000 |
| 1982 | 1,234,000 | 10,057,000 | 3,171,000 | 2,675,000 | 2,966,000 | 20,103,000 |
| 1983 | 950,000 | 5,500,000 | 4,125,000 | 23,944,000 | 999,000 | 35,518,000 |
| 1984 | 1,010,000 | 5,065,000 | 3,599,000 | 7,491,000 | 1,843,000 | 19,008,000 |
| 1985 | 869,000 | 12,217,000 | 2,946,000 | 20,224,000 | 5,470,000 | 41,726,000 |
| 1986 | 813,000 | 10,548,000 | 4,904,000 | 17,977,000 | 5,580,000 | 39,822,000 |
| 1987 | 766,000 | 5,373,000 | 3,348,000 | 13,349,000 | 2,267,000 | 25,103,000 |
| 1988 | 723,000 | 4,449,000 | 2,739,000 | 23,122,000 | 6,167,000 | 37,200,000 |
| 1989 | 648,000 | 13,747,000 | 3,425,000 | 17,050,000 | 1,809,000 | 36,679,000 |
| 1990 | 664,000 | 14,152,000 | 3,865,000 | 17,223,000 | 3,175,000 | 39,079,000 |
| 1991 | 639,000 | 10,336,000 | 3,506,000 | 23,977,000 | 2,349,000 | 40,807,000 |
| 1992 | 679,000 | 8,170,000 | 2,956,000 | 10,263,000 | 4,006,000 | 26,074,000 |
| 1993 | 619,000 | 18,060,000 | 1,889,000 | 10,127,000 | 4,221,000 | 34,916,000 |
| 1994 | 428,000 | 11,504,000 | 2,548,000 | 2,207,000 | 4,322,000 | 21,009,000 |
| 1995 | 193,000 | 4,412,000 | 1,871,000 | 11,727,000 | 2,475,000 | 20,678,000 |
| 1996 | 50,000 | 5,868,000 | 1,406,000 | 5,905,000 | 1,374,000 | 14,603,000 |
| 1997 | 207,000 | 10,610,000 | 227,000 | 6,481,000 | 1,890,000 | 19,415,000 |
| 1998 | 150,000 | 1,754,000 | 1,000 | 2,408,000 | 4,475,000 | 8,788,000 |
| 1999 | 104,000 | 652,000 | 4,000 | 6,065,000 | 946,000 | 7,771,000 |
| 2000 | 68,000 | 3,408,000 | 4,000 | 4,432,000 | 552,000 | 8,464,000 |
| 2001 | 96,000 | 2,534,000 | 14,000 | 6,126,000 | 1,149,000 | 9,919,000 |
| 2002 | 235,000 | 3,596,000 | 117,000 | 5,310,000 | 2,464,000 | 11,722,000 |

Table 2: Commercial salmon catch (round weight, tonnes) by species and year, 1952-2002

| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1952 | 7,104 | 15,208 | 10,829 | 25,281 | 15,738 | 74,160 |
| 1953 | 7,717 | 17,456 | 11,377 | 30,476 | 26,883 | 93,909 |
| 1954 | 6,643 | 23,228 | 10,224 | 12,722 | 36,750 | 89,567 |
| 1955 | 6,197 | 8,224 | 11,652 | 31,270 | 8,980 | 66,323 |
| 1956 | 6,774 | 10,619 | 12,416 | 14,311 | 13,549 | 57,669 |
| 1957 | 6,262 | 7,770 | 11,272 | 28,297 | 13,456 | 67,057 |
| 1958 | 7,033 | 36,608 | 12,225 | 16,752 | 18,823 | 91,441 |
| 1959 | 6,686 | 8,921 | 9,687 | 17,315 | 11,416 | 54,025 |
| 1960 | 5,107 | 7,646 | 7,045 | 8,394 | 10,035 | 38,227 |
| 1961 | 4,486 | 13,150 | 12,235 | 24,731 | 7,217 | 61,819 |
| 1962 | 4,471 | 9,931 | 13,157 | 46,231 | 8,918 | 82,708 |
| 1963 | 5,002 | 5,865 | 12,599 | 29,925 | 7,620 | 61,011 |
| 1964 | 6,565 | 11,337 | 15,662 | 18,163 | 11,821 | 63,548 |
| 1965 | 6,266 | 8,010 | 18,128 | 11,343 | 3,288 | 47,035 |
| 1966 | 7,568 | 12,697 | 19,102 | 36,292 | 7,588 | 83,247 |
| 1967 | 7,368 | 18,347 | 10,557 | 25,311 | 6,006 | 67,589 |
| 1968 | 7,348 | 20,695 | 16,350 | 28,256 | 18,132 | 90,781 |
| 1969 | 6,916 | 11,923 | 8,517 | 6,816 | 6,617 | 40,789 |
| 1970 | 6,732 | 12,405 | 12,640 | 26,173 | 18,259 | 76,209 |
| 1971 | 9,033 | 18,870 | 14,886 | 19,183 | 5,901 | 67,873 |
| 1972 | 8,870 | 10,324 | 10,958 | 19,453 | 32,595 | 82,200 |
| 1973 | 7,928 | 23,386 | 11,703 | 14,457 | 35,566 | 93,040 |
| 1974 | 8,072 | 23,623 | 10,767 | 12,203 | 13,586 | 68,251 |
| 1975 | 7,773 | 6,184 | 8,085 | 11,127 | 5,870 | 39,039 |
| 1976 | 8,255 | 13,438 | 9,653 | 18,576 | 11,897 | 61,819 |
| 1977 | 8,058 | 18,928 | 10,493 | 26,818 | 6,565 | 70,862 |
| 1978 | 8,504 | 24,316 | 9,989 | 16,688 | 17,259 | 76,756 |
| 1979 | 7,456 | 15,745 | 11,211 | 26,887 | 5,092 | 66,391 |
| 1980 | 7,288 | 8,534 | 10,012 | 15,304 | 18,750 | 59,888 |
| 1981 | 6,451 | 22,763 | 8,175 | 41,661 | 6,664 | 85,714 |
| 1982 | 7,723 | 32,780 | 10,073 | 4,330 | 16,429 | 71,335 |
| 1983 | 5,865 | 15,523 | 11,387 | 43,068 | 5,325 | 81,168 |
| 1984 | 6,826 | 13,965 | 11,002 | 13,138 | 9,804 | 54,735 |
| 1985 | 5,964 | 34,292 | 9,783 | 41,072 | 25,751 | 116,862 |
| 1986 | 5,463 | 33,573 | 14,448 | 32,134 | 27,443 | 113,061 |
| 1987 | 5,717 | 16,321 | 9,140 | 29,329 | 11,968 | 72,475 |
| 1988 | 6,434 | 12,927 | 7,681 | 35,079 | 32,982 | 95,103 |
| 1989 | 5,680 | 37,312 | 9,494 | 33,758 | 10,148 | 96,392 |
| 1990 | 5,667 | 40,327 | 11,478 | 28,572 | 18,706 | 104,750 |
| 1991 | 5,496 | 27,375 | 10,932 | 38,216 | 11,146 | 93,165 |
| 1992 | 5,786 | 22,655 | 7,955 | 16,239 | 19,560 | 72,195 |
| 1993 | 5,222 | 46,101 | 4,679 | 17,473 | 18,808 | 92,283 |
| 1994 | 3,864 | 33,362 | 8,325 | 3,684 | 22,129 | 71,364 |
| 1995 | 1,624 | 11,244 | 5,230 | 21,524 | 13,190 | 52,812 |
| 1996 | 451 | 16,675 | 4,188 | 9,386 | 7,136 | 37,836 |
| 1997 | 1,758 | 27,382 | 807 | 13,303 | 9,447 | 52,697 |
| 1998 | 1,506 | 5,466 | 5 | 4,269 | 21,683 | 32,929 |
| 1999 | 806 | 1,817 | 14 | 10,361 | 5,436 | 18,434 |
| 2000 | 528 | 9,501 | 15 | 7,861 | 3,095 | 21,000 |
| 2001 | 714 | 7,694 | 50 | 11,947 | 6,372 | 26,777 |
| 2002 | 1,675 | 10,067 | 460 | 8,610 | 12,343 | 33,155 |

Table 3: 2002 commercial salmon catch (numbers) by species and Statistical Area

| Area | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| AREA 1 | 49,507 | 313 | 81,552 | 25,048 | 498 | 156,917 |
| AREA 2E | 1,015 | 3 | 9,345 | 21,528 | 35,496 | 67,387 |
| AREA 2W | 46,267 | 4 | 6,805 | 21,740 | 70,678 | 145,494 |
| AREA 3 | 5,639 | 710,954 | 4,071 | 2,505,207 | 54,916 | 3,280,787 |
| AREA 4 | 10,212 | 545,408 | 109 | 505,930 | 15,617 | 1,077,276 |
| AREA 5 | 58 | 8,735 | 3,580 | 471,981 | 1,532 | 485,887 |
| AREA 6 | 582 | 20,024 | 6,826 | 515,887 | 202,779 | 746,099 |
| AREA 7 | 261 | 201 | 4,482 | 95,529 | 189,179 | 289,652 |
| AREA 8 | 4,584 | 5,792 | 0 | 1,033,271 | 385,489 | 1,429,136 |
| AREA 11 | 32 | 16,095 | 0 | 4,581 | 1,490 | 22,197 |
| AREA 12 | 950 | 454,128 | 0 | 89,427 | 239,333 | 783,838 |
| AREA 13 | 128 | 167,563 | 1 | 18,153 | 356,238 | 542,084 |
| AREA 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192,767 | 192,768 |
| AREA 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 125 |
| AREA 18 | 49 | 11,729 | 0 | 68 | 152,988 | 164,834 |
| AREA 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,398 | 15,398 |
| AREA 20 | 188 | 367,655 | 0 | 227 | 37 | 368,107 |
| AREA 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 397,938 | 397,938 |
| AREA 23 | 57,450 | 447,013 | 3 | 146 | 70 | 504,683 |
| AREA 24 | 10,957 | 74,014 | 0 | 64 | 120 | 85,155 |
| AREA 25 | 5,505 | 9,333 | 0 | 73 | 106,156 | 121,067 |
| AREA 26 | 28,771 | 25,137 | 0 | 480 | 735 | 55,123 |
| AREA 27 | 5,285 | 9,314 | 0 | 406 | 322 | 15,327 |
| AREA 29AB | 3,419 | 678,716 | 0 | 42 | 26,449 | 708,625 |
| AREA 29C | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| AREA 29D | 3,811 | 43,948 | 0 | 0 | 17,116 | 64,876 |
| TOTALS | 234,670 | 3,596,108 | 116,776 | 5,309,787 | 2,463,465 | 11,720,806 |

Table 4: 2002 commercial salmon catch (round weight, tonnes) by species and Statistical Area¹

| Area | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|-----------|---------|---------|------|-------|--------|--------|
| AREA 1 | 410 | 1 | 319 | 47 | 2 | 779 |
| AREA 2E | 9 | 0 | 37 | 38 | 171 | 255 |
| AREA 2W | 405 | 0 | 28 | 39 | 336 | 808 |
| AREA 3 | 45 | 2,000 | 16 | 4,116 | 331 | 6,508 |
| AREA 4 | 87 | 1,525 | 0 | 844 | 90 | 2,546 |
| AREA 5 | 0 | 23 | 14 | 761 | 9 | 807 |
| AREA 6 | 5 | 60 | 28 | 820 | 1,114 | 2,027 |
| AREA 7 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 152 | 816 | 988 |
| AREA 8 | 49 | 17 | 0 | 1,630 | 2,227 | 3,9223 |
| AREA 11 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 645 |
| AREA 12 | 6 | 1,427 | 0 | 128 | 1,189 | 2,750 |
| AREA 13 | 1 | 536 | 0 | 26 | 1,800 | 2,363 |
| AREA 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 952 | 952 |
| AREA 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| AREA 18 | 0 | 36 | | 0 | 726 | 762 |
| AREA 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 74 |
| AREA 20 | 1 | 951 | | 0 | 0 | 952 |
| AREA 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| AREA 23 | 271 | 866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,137 |
| AREA 24 | 52 | 246 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 299 |
| AREA 25 | 35 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 458 | 523 |
| AREA 26 | 197 | 88 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 290 |
| AREA 27 | 38 | 32 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 73 |
| AREA 29AB | 27 | 2,043 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 2,206 |
| AREA 29D | 35 | 136 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 267 |
| TOTALS | 1,675 | 10,067 | 460 | 8,610 | 12,343 | 33,155 |

¹Catches <0.5 tonnes appear as 0.

Table 5: Recreational salmon catch (numbers) by species and year for 1953-2002

| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|
| 1953 | 74,400 | 0 | 130,200 | 0 | 0 | 204,600 |
| 1954 | 75,900 | 0 | 134,400 | 0 | 0 | 210,300 |
| 1955 | 89,200 | 0 | 184,600 | 0 | 0 | 273,800 |
| 1956 | 106,500 | 0 | 197,500 | 0 | 0 | 304,000 |
| 1957 | 101,300 | 0 | 252,300 | 10,200 | 0 | 363,700 |
| 1958 | 106,000 | 400 | 261,800 | 3,100 | 0 | 371,300 |
| 1959 | 93,600 | 0 | 243,000 | 36,800 | 0 | 373,500 |
| 1960 | 68,900 | 0 | 238,100 | 800 | 0 | 307,800 |
| 1961 | 46,300 | 100 | 157,200 | 26,500 | 0 | 230,000 |
| 1962 | 55,400 | 100 | 184,100 | 3,500 | 0 | 243,000 |
| 1963 | 61,000 | 100 | 197,500 | 111,000 | 0 | 369,500 |
| 1964 | 49,300 | 0 | 181,000 | 2,300 | 0 | 232,600 |
| 1965 | 52,800 | 100 | 188,600 | 9,600 | 0 | 251,000 |
| 1966 | 61,400 | 0 | 253,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 319,400 |
| 1967 | 61,300 | 0 | 169,200 | 29,100 | 900 | 260,500 |
| 1968 | 63,700 | 0 | 218,500 | 5,600 | 0 | 287,900 |
| 1969 | 66,800 | 1,400 | 143,900 | 36,400 | 0 | 248,400 |
| 1970 | 97,500 | 500 | 236,900 | 10,700 | 0 | 345,600 |
| 1971 | 85,600 | 200 | 371,100 | 46,000 | 0 | 503,000 |
| 1972 | 294,600 | 1,900 | 345,200 | 12,100 | 0 | 653,800 |
| 1973 | 281,500 | 4,500 | 384,400 | 51,700 | 0 | 722,200 |
| 1974 | 282,200 | 3,400 | 788,100 | 16,400 | 0 | 1,090,100 |
| 1975 | 439,700 | 2,300 | 469,800 | 28,500 | 0 | 940,300 |
| 1976 | 515,500 | 1,200 | 440,400 | 16,600 | 0 | 973,800 |
| 1977 | 255,000 | 900 | 255,200 | 33,900 | 1,800 | 546,800 |
| 1978 | 276,000 | 300 | 378,700 | 6,500 | 4,900 | 666,400 |
| 1979 | 188,900 | 2,400 | 407,300 | 89,600 | 1,300 | 689,600 |
| 1980 | 204,100 | 0 | 393,500 | 0 | 0 | 597,600 |
| 1981 | 197,200 | 0 | 317,100 | 0 | 0 | 514,300 |
| 1982 | 124,400 | 0 | 411,700 | 2,800 | 0 | 538,900 |
| 1983 | 198,400 | 0 | 404,000 | 54,900 | 0 | 657,300 |
| 1984 | 457,800 | 0 | 449,600 | 10,200 | 0 | 917,600 |
| 1985 | 292,800 | 3,000 | 760,200 | 111,800 | 3,100 | 1,170,800 |
| 1986 | 220,300 | 1,600 | 614,600 | 35,900 | 2,900 | 875,300 |
| 1987 | 196,500 | 33,200 | 735,700 | 128,000 | 5,500 | 1,098,900 |
| 1988 | 195,400 | 18,600 | 1,121,200 | 58,700 | 7,200 | 1,401,200 |
| 1989 | 255,000 | 15,000 | 591,700 | 148,900 | 9,400 | 1,020,000 |
| 1990 | 245,600 | 45,700 | 740,100 | 50,100 | 4,200 | 1,085,800 |
| 1991 | 206,600 | 107,500 | 232,500 | 297,600 | 5,800 | 850,000 |
| 1992 | 219,500 | 121,700 | 717,800 | 65,400 | 7,300 | 1,131,700 |
| 1993 | 226,300 | 131,200 | 879,300 | 181,100 | 4,300 | 1,422,100 |
| 1994 | 187,400 | 45,400 | 366,200 | 23,200 | 2,700 | 624,900 |
| 1995 | 152,500 | 18,400 | 197,100 | 198,300 | 6,800 | 573,000 |
| 1996 | 120,300 | 72,500 | 249,800 | 21,900 | 6,500 | 470,900 |
| 1997 | 206,400 | 91,700 | 253,000 | 119,400 | 6,300 | 676,800 |
| 1998 | 189,800 | 120,900 | 1,800 | 33,200 | 8,000 | 353,700 |
| 1999 | 170,900 | 5,200 | 19,300 | 88,200 | 5,400 | 288,900 |
| 2000 | 110,300 | 31,500 | 34,200 | 47,300 | 4,800 | 228,000 |
| 2001 | 109,841 | 18,858 | 108,059 | 155,695 | 15,409 | 407,862 |
| 2002 | 211,607 | 60,978 | 113,868 | 15,652 | 17,783 | 419,888 |

Table 6: 2002 recreational salmon catch (numbers) by species and Statistical Area

| Area | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| AREA 1 | 31,136 | 45 | 25,352 | 1,248 | 297 | 58,078 |
| AREA 2W | 6,031 | 0 | 3,656 | 20 | 54 | 9,761 |
| AREA 3 | 7,868 | 21 | 20,257 | 1,847 | 130 | 30,123 |
| AREA 6 | 2,616 | 1 | 2,543 | 350 | 61 | 5,571 |
| AREA 12 | 6 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 2,330 | 2,398 |
| AREA 13 | 24,918 | 2,668 | 1,870 | 11,004 | 12,105 | 52,565 |
| AREA 14 | 14,852 | 0 | 1,189 | 563 | 187 | 16,791 |
| AREA 15 | 1,448 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 1,499 |
| AREA 16 | 2,150 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 2,175 |
| AREA 17 | 4,115 | 0 | 13 | 59 | 981 | 5,168 |
| AREA 18 | 1,370 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 1,473 |
| AREA 19 | 1,482 | 93 | 240 | 2 | 554 | 2,371 |
| AREA 20 | 17,258 | 978 | 3,933 | 323 | 329 | 22,821 |
| AREA 21 | 100 | 0 | 566 | 0 | 0 | 666 |
| AREA 23 | 60,837 | 55,717 | 22,749 | 37 | 218 | 139,558 |
| AREA 24 | 14,465 | 0 | 10,576 | 0 | 0 | 25,041 |
| AREA 25 | 16,395 | 0 | 17,616 | 199 | 1 | 34,211 |
| AREA 26 | 2,315 | 0 | 1,818 | 0 | 0 | 4,133 |
| AREA 28 | 1,052 | 80 | 1,336 | 0 | 151 | 2,619 |
| AREA 29AB | 1,193 | 1,313 | 151 | 0 | 209 | 2,866 |
| Total | 211,607 | 60,978 | 113,868 | 15,652 | 17,783 | 419,888 |

Table 7: Aboriginal salmon catch (numbers) by species and year, 1951-2002


| Year | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1951 | 14,300 | 143,000 | 22,100 | 10,500 | 75,500 | 265,400 |
| 1952 | 19,100 | 152,800 | 22,200 | 9,400 | 66,600 | 270,200 |
| 1953 | 21,500 | 170,300 | 25,800 | 12,700 | 47,700 | 278,100 |
| 1954 | 22,100 | 147,500 | 29,000 | 7,000 | 38,800 | 244,500 |
| 1955 | 20,500 | 105,100 | 30,900 | 19,800 | 43,100 | 219,400 |
| 1956 | 17,400 | 129,900 | 29,500 | 17,900 | 38,800 | 233,600 |
| 1957 | 18,000 | 182,800 | 30,700 | 39,500 | 50,100 | 321,100 |
| 1958 | 19,900 | 183,300 | 29,600 | 21,700 | 42,000 | 296,500 |
| 1959 | 22,100 | 132,100 | 28,400 | 28,800 | 50,000 | 261,400 |
| 1960 | 17,100 | 146,000 | 20,100 | 8,200 | 51,700 | 243,100 |
| 1961 | 16,600 | 208,700 | 27,500 | 41,800 | 40,300 | 334,900 |
| 1962 | 16,500 | 200,000 | 32,400 | 15,700 | 43,600 | 308,300 |
| 1963 | 15,900 | 285,800 | 26,200 | 55,400 | 35,400 | 418,600 |
| 1964 | 17,200 | 220,000 | 35,100 | 9,900 | 42,200 | 324,200 |
| 1965 | 16,400 | 199,800 | 46,700 | 43,400 | 38,900 | 345,200 |
| 1966 | 14,400 | 231,800 | 44,000 | 17,600 | 37,500 | 345,300 |
| 1967 | 14,700 | 191,100 | 19,600 | 35,700 | 34,800 | 295,900 |
| 1968 | 16,700 | 208,500 | 40,500 | 14,000 | 59,500 | 339,200 |
| 1969 | 18,900 | 245,400 | 23,500 | 31,900 | 35,900 | 355,600 |
| 1970 | 26,200 | 245,900 | 35,800 | 31,200 | 43,900 | 383,000 |
| 1971 | 21,700 | 280,600 | 36,500 | 47,000 | 38,600 | 424,300 |
| 1972 | 23,500 | 231,000 | 33,800 | 14,500 | 49,400 | 352,300 |
| 1973 | 22,000 | 285,900 | 27,200 | 66,300 | 49,000 | 450,300 |
| 1974 | 27,900 | 356,200 | 42,500 | 10,200 | 75,800 | 512,600 |
| 1975 | 29,900 | 407,100 | 36,500 | 59,000 | 44,200 | 576,800 |
| 1976 | 28,600 | 377,500 | 47,300 | 24,000 | 60,600 | 538,000 |
| 1977 | 36,300 | 434,200 | 36,200 | 51,200 | 54,300 | 612,100 |
| 1978 | 29,600 | 418,600 | 50,300 | 19,100 | 51,100 | 568,700 |
| 1979 | 28,000 | 509,300 | 77,100 | 84,100 | 44,200 | 742,700 |
| 1980 | 40,400 | 411,500 | 104,000 | 13,400 | 56,400 | 625,700 |
| 1981 | 39,900 | 644,800 | 98,300 | 88,100 | 68,000 | 939,000 |
| 1982 | 76,800 | 787,400 | 119,600 | 43,900 | 82,200 | 1,109,900 |
| 1983 | 65,300 | 650,700 | 76,200 | 207,600 | 68,700 | 1,068,400 |
| 1984 | 57,000 | 647,400 | 121,400 | 61,400 | 99,100 | 986,400 |
| 1985 | 54,900 | 760,100 | 85,600 | 158,400 | 102,400 | 1,161,400 |
| 1986 | 79,400 | 795,500 | 92,900 | 45,300 | 127,100 | 1,140,200 |
| 1987 | 78,400 | 748,200 | 65,900 | 151,200 | 103,400 | 1,147,100 |
| 1988 | 69,400 | 676,600 | 68,300 | 20,500 | 108,600 | 943,300 |
| 1989 | 76,900 | 829,500 | 62,300 | 119,700 | 84,000 | 1,172,400 |
| 1990 | 69,500 | 1,150,400 | 60,600 | 51,800 | 147,700 | 1,480,000 |
| 1991 | 93,700 | 1,027,700 | 61,700 | 177,100 | 92,100 | 1,452,200 |
| 1992 | 76,700 | 861,500 | 82,300 | 70,500 | 197,200 | 1,288,200 |
| 1993 | 111,100 | 1,522,300 | 95,900 | 37,800 | 655,900 | 2,422,800 |
| 1994 | 72,300 | 1,580,200 | 121,400 | 17,500 | 609,400 | 2,400,700 |
| 1995 | 38,300 | 851,500 | 117,200 | 186,700 | 143,000 | 1,336,700 |
| 1996 | 43,400 | 970,300 | 75,600 | 17,700 | 519,700 | 1,626,700 |
| 1997 | 36,200 | 316,800 | 49,900 | 34,900 | 296,100 | 733,900 |
| 1998 | 29,800 | 325,500 | 4,500 | 44,800 | 22,600 | 427,200 |
| 1999 | 56,400 | 409,500 | 9,400 | 90,500 | 19,700 | 585,500 |
| 2000 | 48,200 | 1,519,000 | 70,800 | 24,100 | 74,000 | 1,736,100 |
| 2001 | 44,800 | 781,700 | 14,400 | 133,800 | 74,800 | 1,049,500 |
| 2002 | 6,400 | 119,600 | 5,700 | 14,500 | 500 | 146,700 |

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STATISTICAL AREA MAP

SHOWING AREAS OF CATCH FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA WATERS SOUTHERN HALF

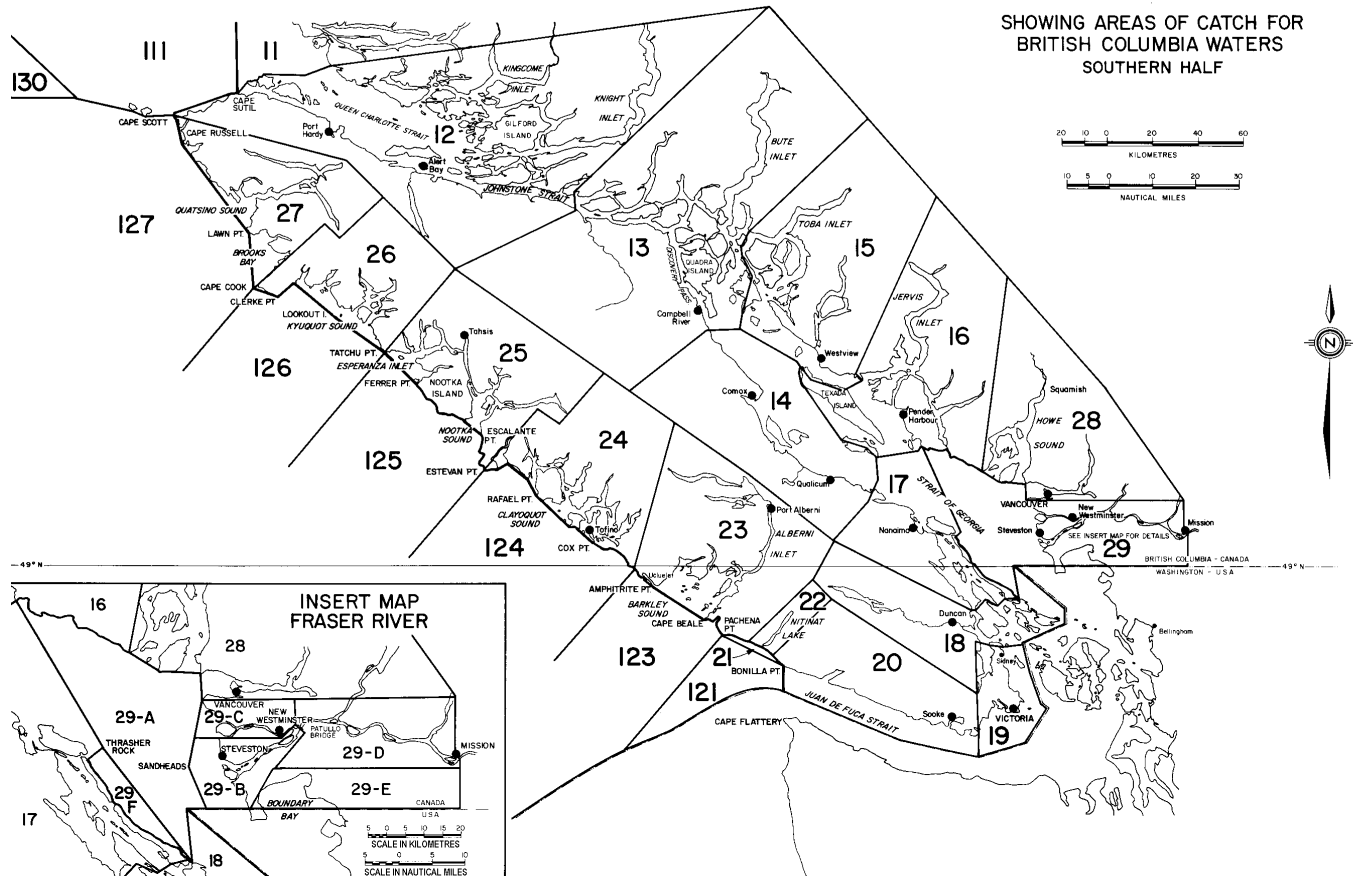


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STATISTICAL AREA MAP

SHOWING AREAS OF CATCH FOR
BRITISH COLUMBIA WATERS
NORTHERN HALF

