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### Salmon Catch Statistics

Total catch of chum salmon was 28,553 fish or 97 metric tons in 2004. Among these 16,131 fish or 55 metric tons were caught from the coastal areas for the commercial purpose and 12,422 fish or 42 metric tons from the river for artificial propagation (Table 1).

### Release of Salmon Fries

In Korea there are 4 chum salmon hatcheries and releases in 18 streams with northernmost Myeongpa-cheon to southernmost Sumjin-gang (Fig 1).

The total released fries of chum salmon was 12,925 thousand fish in 2004 (2003 brood) and 10,930 thousand fish in 2005 (2004 brood) (Table 2).

Among these, the number of chum salmon fries released was highest in Namdae-cheon which occupied 55% of total Korean chum salmon fries releases.

Table 1. Chum salmon catch by area and region from Republic of Korea in 2004

Area	Region (Province)	Catch in Number	Catch in Weight
		(No. of fish)	(mt)
Coastal Area	East Sea	16,131	54.5
River	Gangwon Province	11,649	39.4
	Gyeongbuk Province	610	2.1
	Jeonnam Province	163	0.6
Total		28,553	96.6

Table 2. Chum salmon releases in thousand fish by hatchery and river from Republic of Korea in 2004 and 2005

Province	Hatchery/Location (Main river)	No. of Release (thousand fish)	
		2004	2005
Gangwon	Yangyang (Namdae-cheon)	8,000	6,960
	Samcheok (Maup-cheon)	2,600	2,530
Gyeongbuk	Gyeongbuk (Wangpi-cheon)	1,800	960
Others		525	480
Total		12,925	10,930