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Spawning Survey Summary Update

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# **SPAWNING SURVEY SUMMARY UPDATE**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has conducted fall-run Chinook salmon spawning surveys on the Tuolumne River since 1971 as required under the cooperative fish study program for the Don Pedro Project FERC license. Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts (TID/MID) 1992 reviewed the 1971-1988 period and TID/MID 1997 summarized the 1989-1995 period. This report updates TID/MID 2007 and summarizes the 1971-2007 period.

## **2. SUMMARY UPDATE**

### **2.1 Population Estimates, Sex Composition, and Potential Eggs**

Population estimates for each year are in Table 1 and Figure 1. Estimates for the Tuolumne River and the San Joaquin basin are available since 1940 (Table 2). Tuolumne salmon runs for the 1971-2007 period have ranged from less than 100 salmon in 1990 and 1991 to 40,300 fish in 1985. The 2007 run estimate was about 211 using the adjusted Peterson estimate (Blakeman, 2008), the lowest number since 1992. For this report the Tuolumne River estimates from 2003 to 2006 were based on CDFG, Region 4 modified Schaefer numbers which may differ from other published estimates based on Jolly-Seber calculations.

The percentage of females in the 1971-2007 runs has ranged from 25% in 1983 to 67% in 1978 (Figure 2). The years with less than 40% females usually had runs containing a large percentage of 2-year-old males although this was not the case in 2007 that had about 38% females in the run.

Beginning in 1981, the potential egg deposition for each year has been estimated using the number and average size of females. This is based on a formula from CDFG Los Banos trap data collected in 1988 using a female size to egg number relationship. These potential egg deposition estimates have ranged from 145,000 in 1991 to 128.6 million in 1985 (Figure 3, Table 3). The estimated 2007 potential egg number was about 0.54 million based on approximately 80 females with an average fork length of 81.5 cm.

### **2.2 Spawning Distribution and Timing**

The highest number of redds counted for each riffle was summarized each year for the 1981-2007 period (Table 4). The patterns from redd counts shows the most heavily used riffles are usually found in the upper river, upstream of Bass Bridge River Mile (RM) 47.5. For the 1981-2007 period, this upper reach of river (4.5 miles) averaged 44.6% of the total number of redds. In 2007 about 58% of the total number of redds counted were in this reach. Sections 2-4 (see map), averaged about 24%, 23%, and 8% respectively for the same period of years and section 5 was only surveyed in 1988 and 1989. In 2007 about 17% of the redds counted were in Section A, upstream of the Old La Grange Bridge. This section averaged about 11% during the 27-year period. Changes in survey personnel, survey methods and variable survey conditions could account for some uncertainty in yearly comparisons of redd count data.

The earliest date of peak weekly live count for the 1971-2007 period was 31Oct1996 and the latest peak was 27Nov1972 with a median date of 12Nov (Table 5). The 2007 run had a peak live count of 92 salmon during the week of 19Nov.

### 2.3 Length Frequency Distribution and Age Class Composition

Fork length measurements have been recorded for carcasses since 1981. The size distribution is different for males and females with males typically being longer than females of the same age. Generally, the average length of all males is longer than of all females with the exception of years that have a high proportion of 2-year-olds, which are mostly males (Figure 4,Table 6).

Estimation of age-class composition based on visual examination of the length frequency distribution of fresh measured carcasses was made for the 1981-2007 surveys (Table 7). These initial estimates are made for comparative purposes and may be modified when age analysis of scale and otolith samples collected by CDFG and lengths of known age hatchery fish become available. The estimated female maximum fork lengths for ages two, three, and four were typically about 65, 83, and 95 cm respectively. Male fork length maximums for ages two, three, and four were 70, 90-95, and 105 cm, respectively. The most notable exceptions to the age/length estimates occurred in 1983-1984 and 1997-2000 when ocean growth of salmon may have been reduced due to El Niño (warm water) conditions that affected food resources.

Runs are mainly dominated by either 2 or 3-year-old salmon as shown in Figure 5. The 1998, 1999, and 2004 runs were estimated to have fairly equal numbers of two and three-year-old salmon. Four-year-olds had not been the most abundant age class in any year until 2001, but were estimated to be more than 10% of the 1986, 1989, 1990, and 1997-2007 runs. 2001 and 2007 had the highest estimated percentage of four-year-old salmon in the 1981-2007 study period. Five-year-olds are estimated to have comprised from 0-5% of the runs.

### 2.4 Linear Regression Analysis of 2-year old salmon vs. following year 3-year olds

A linear regression analysis of the logarithmic values for all estimated 2-year old salmon and the following year estimated 3-year olds resulted in an  $r^2 = .84$  for the 1981-2006 period (excluding the 1984 outlier). A similar analysis for estimated 2-year old female salmon only and the following year estimated 3-year old females resulted in an  $r^2 = .83$  (Figure 6). These analyses indicate a high degree of correlation for both all 2-year old salmon and for 2-year old females returning the following year as 3-year olds of that brood year.

### 2.5 Coded Wire Tagged Salmon

Large numbers of coded wire tagged (CWT) hatchery salmon have been released into the Tuolumne River or nearby San Joaquin River since 1986 as part of the Tuolumne River smolt survival evaluations; CWT salmon were last released in 2005. A small percentage of these fish shed their tags but still have the external mark of a clipped adipose fin. In addition, smaller numbers of untagged salmon have been released since 1995 as part of the rotary screw trap evaluations (and other survival evaluations in 1998). Nearly all of these artificially reared salmon have been from the Merced River Hatchery. Other large releases of CWT salmon are made at times by CDFG in the Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Rivers, and in the Delta. In addition, CDFG releases large numbers of unmarked hatchery salmon in some years in the Merced River.

From 1981 to 1986, the estimated proportion of adult CWT salmon in the run was less than 2%. That proportion began increasing with the first return of 1986 CWT study fish in the 1987 run. For the period of years from 1987 to 2005, the proportion of CWT salmon in the runs has generally ranged from 10-25% with the exception of a higher percentage in 1990 and 1991 with runs of less than 100 salmon and with a lesser percentage in the 1988 and 2000 runs. Since 2006, the estimated percent of CWT salmon in the runs was 1.1 and 0.

Most of the Tuolumne River CWT's are of Merced River Hatchery origin and those mostly from Tuolumne River and south delta smolt study releases (Table 8).

## 2.6 Estimated Cohort Returns

The number of returns from a given cohort (spawning run) to the Tuolumne River was estimated using the age class composition values previously described. This enables cohort return estimates from the 1979 run, which first returned as 2-year olds in 1981; up to the 2004 run with 3-year olds returning in 2007 (the 2004 cohort was almost complete with 4-year olds still to return in the 2008 run). Runs since 1987 have had higher percentage contributions of known hatchery origin fish but no attempt was made here to separately consider their influence on the cohort returns.

The cohort return for a given year was determined by adding the estimated age 2 through age 5 returning fish from the subsequent runs. For example, the 1979 spawning run cohort returned as 2-year olds in 1981, 3-year olds in 1982, 4-year olds in 1983, and 5-year olds in 1984. Table 9 contains the age-class percentage estimates for each run, the corresponding number estimates that were added to result in the estimated cohort returns, and the estimated age composition of the cohorts. Figure 7 depicts the estimated runs with their estimated cohort returns, showing a wide range of variability.

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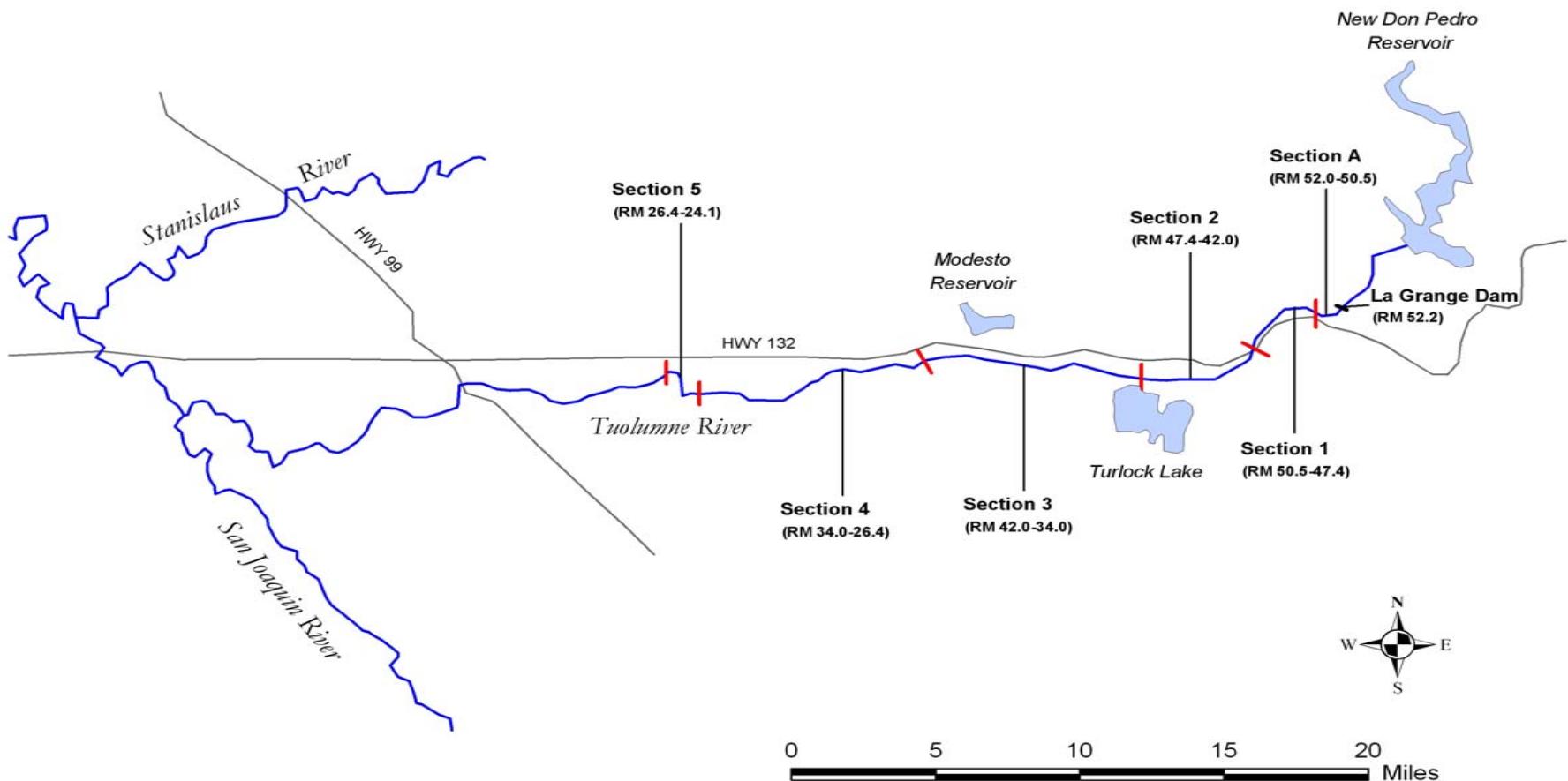
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Map of the Tuolumne River salmon spawning survey areas.

**TUOLUMNE RIVER SALMON RUN**  
 (1971 to 2007)

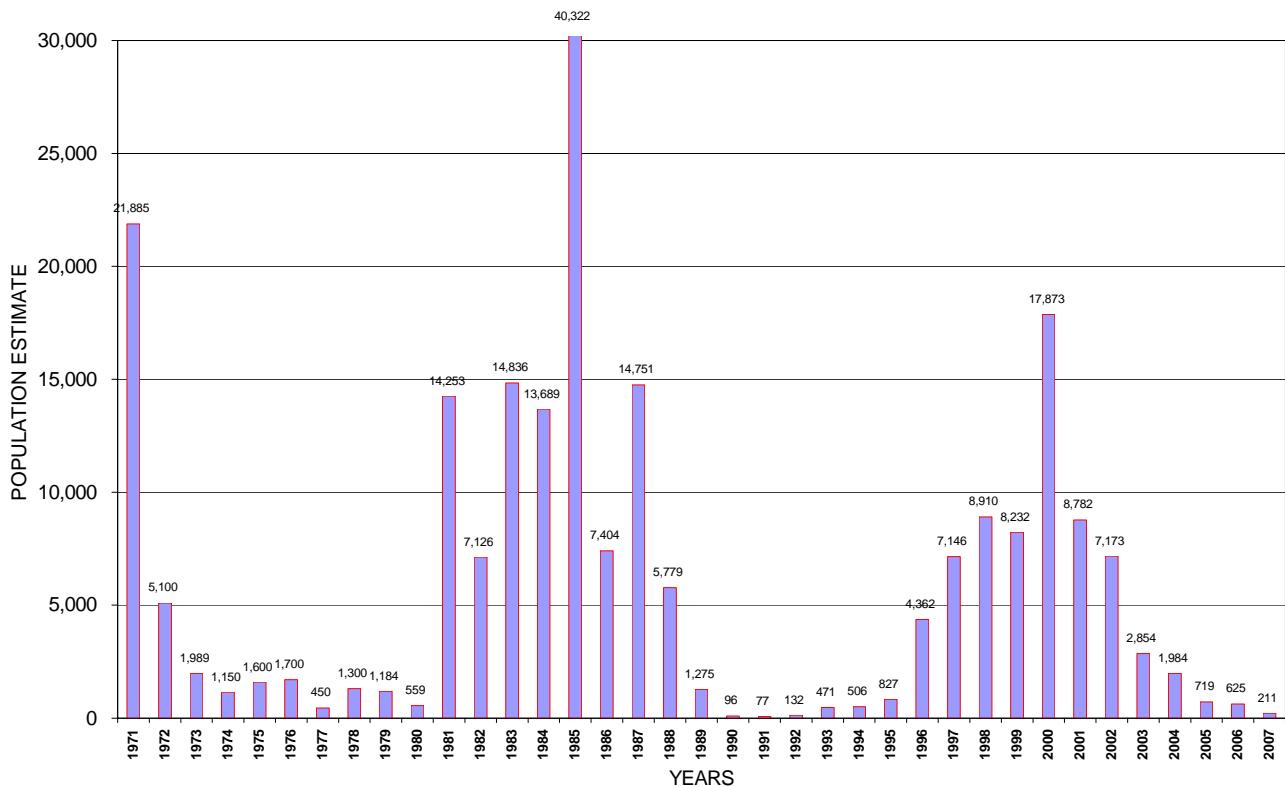


Figure 1. Estimated population of adult Chinook salmon for the Tuolumne River.

**TUOLUMNE RIVER SALMON RUN**  
 PERCENT FEMALE IN THE RUN (1971 to 2007)

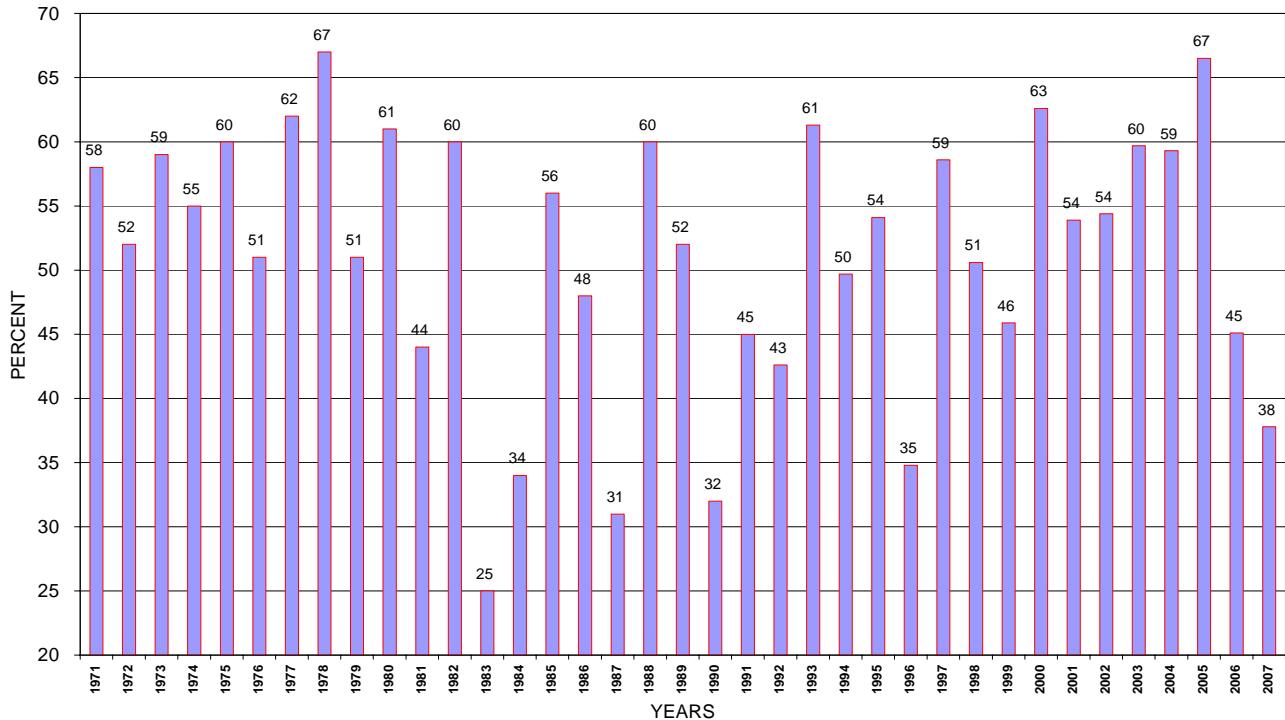


Figure 2. Percent female salmon in the Tuolumne River runs.

TUOLUMNE SALMON EGG POTENTIAL  
BASED ON LOS BANOS TRAP FECUNDITY DATA (1988)

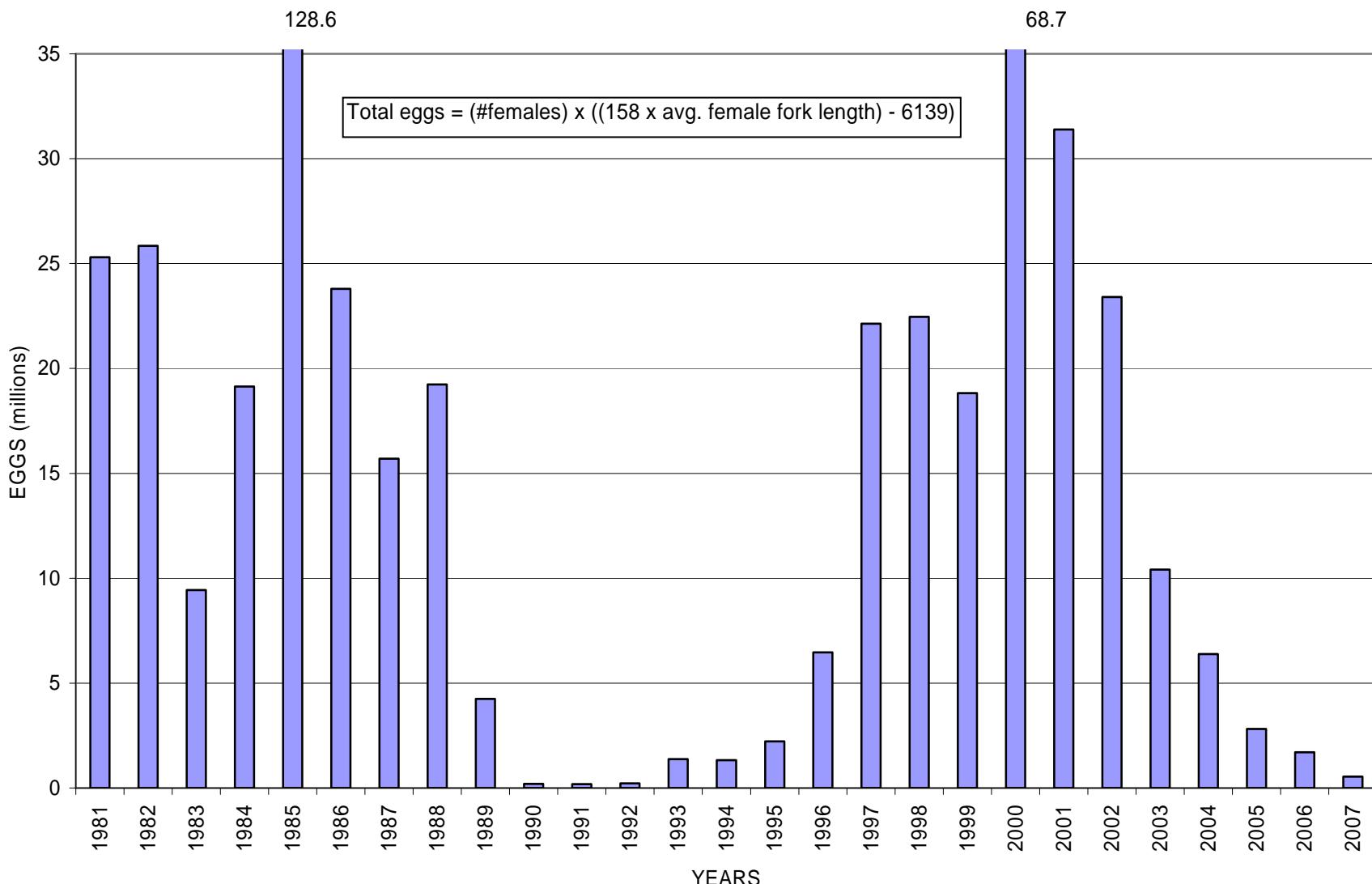


Figure 3. Potential egg deposition for Tuolumne River Chinook salmon, 1981-2007.

## TUOLUMNE RIVER CHINOOK SALMON AVERAGE FORK LENGTH OF FRESH CARCASSES

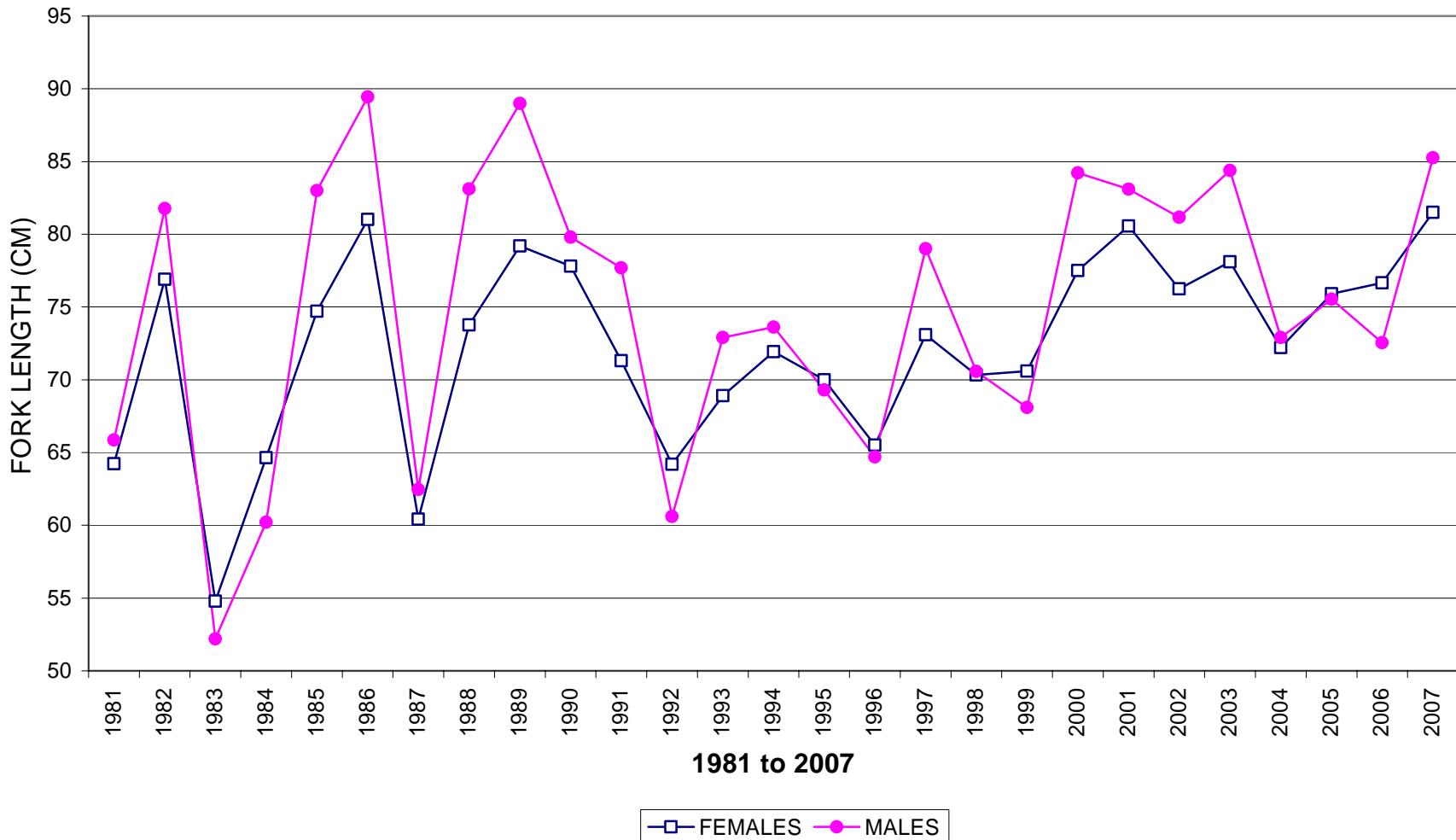
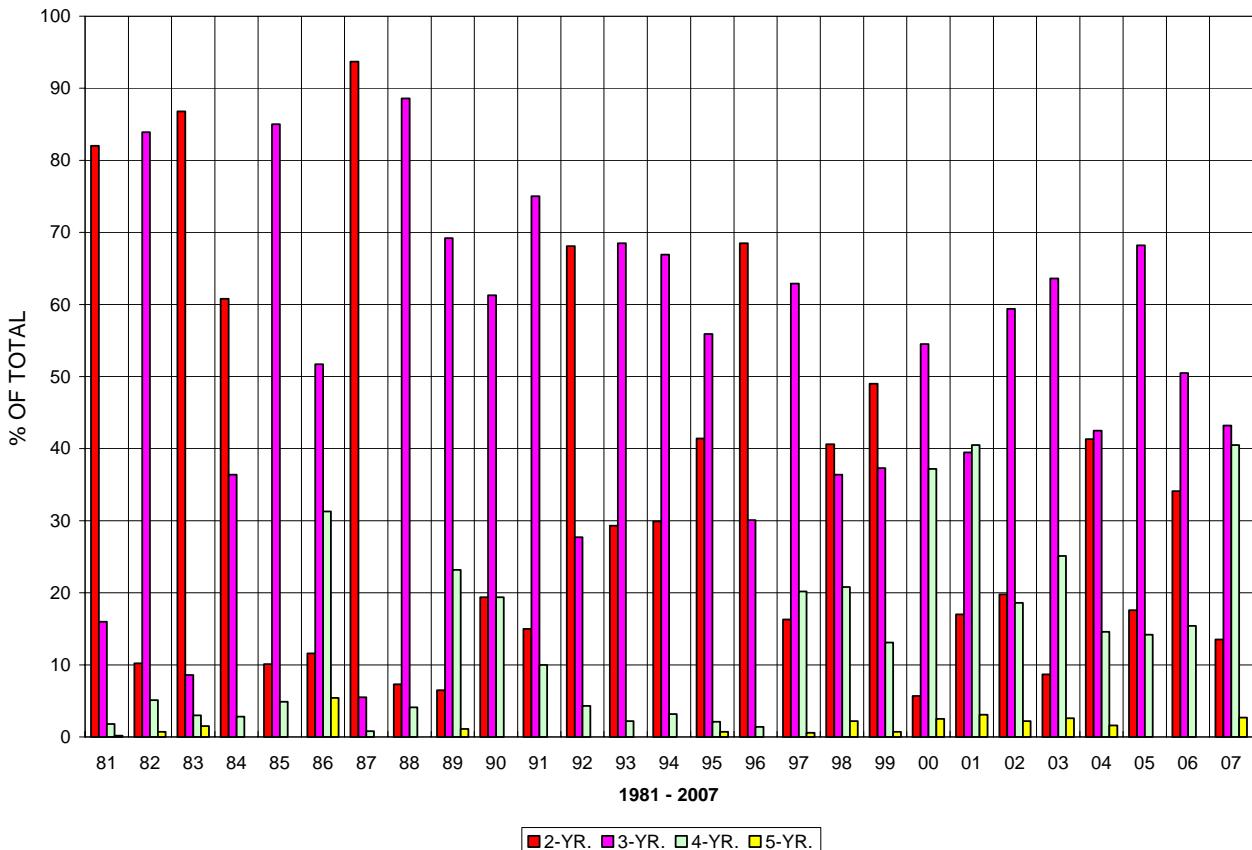


Figure 4. Average fork length of Tuolumne River salmon based on fresh measured carcasses.

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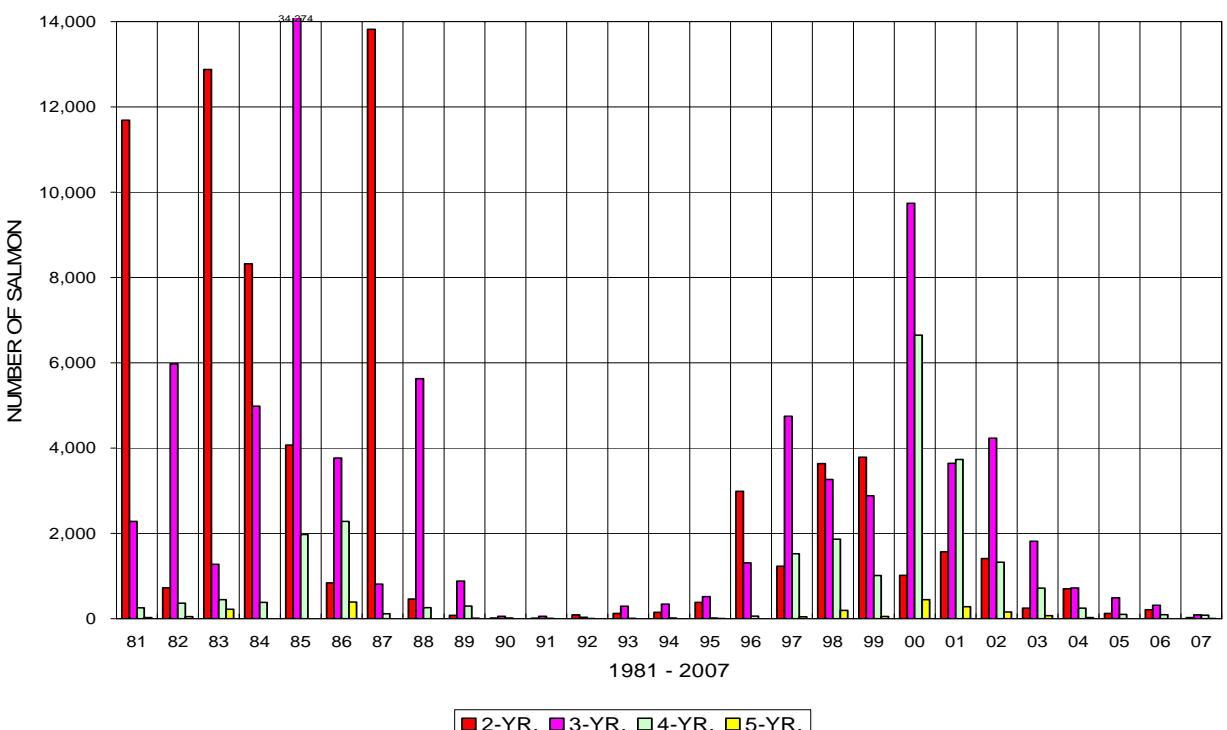


Figure 5. Estimated percent and number by age class for Tuolumne River salmon.

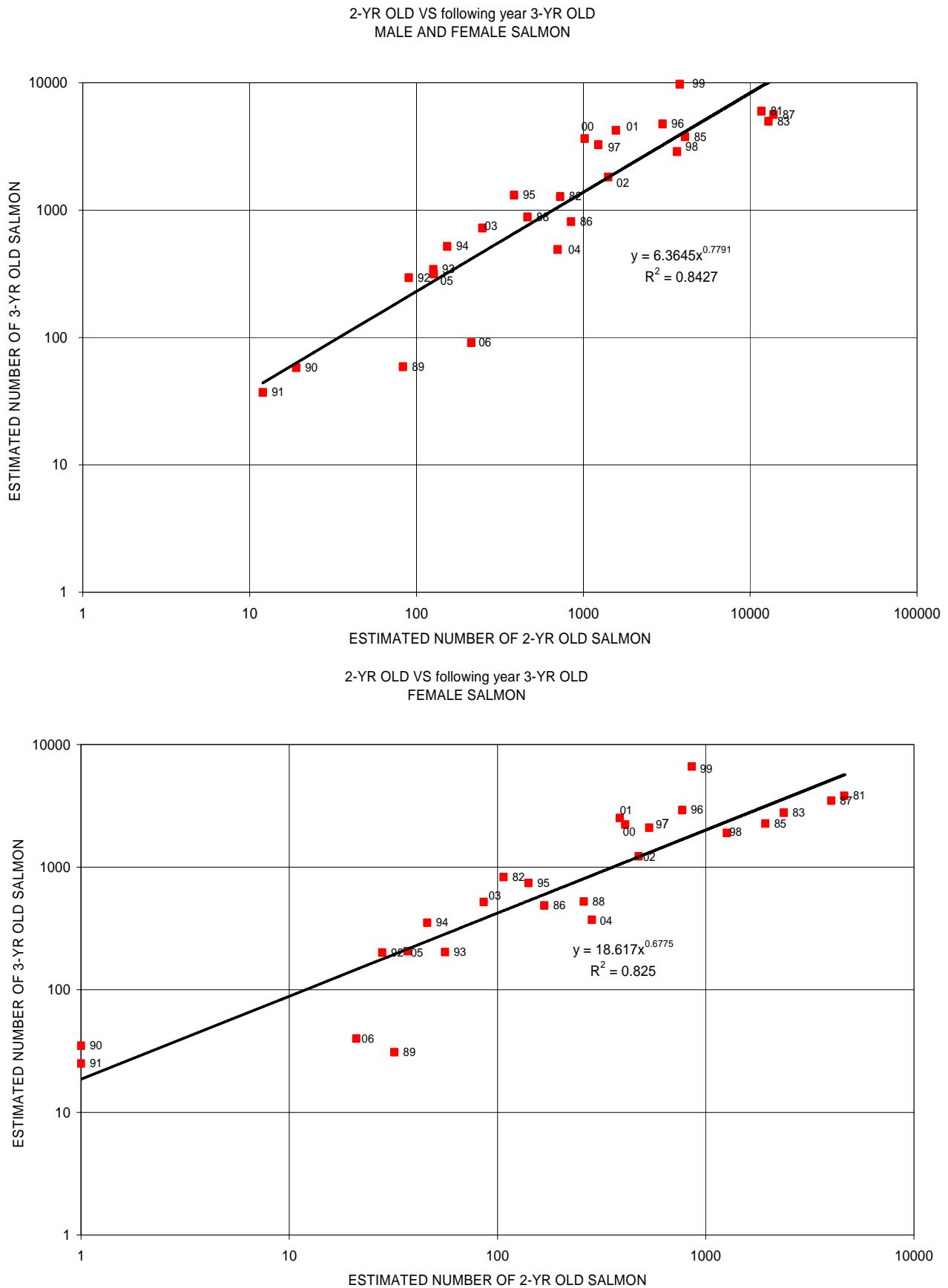


Figure 6. Estimated 2-yr-old salmon VS following year 3-yr-old (1981-2006 Tuolumne River runs) excluding 1984 outlier, run years are for the 2-yr-olds

## Tuolumne Salmon

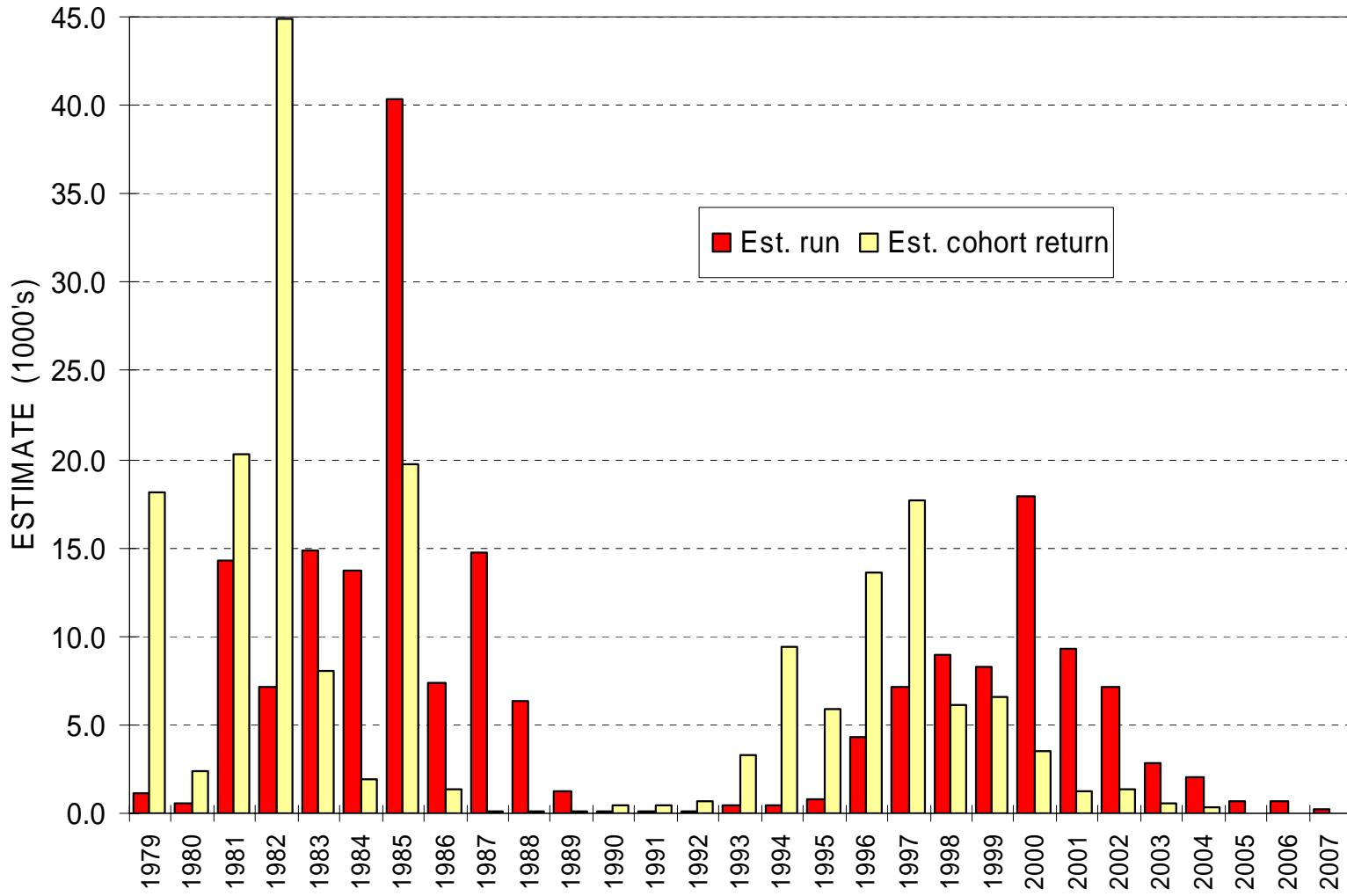


Figure 7. Estimated Tuolumne run numbers and spawner cohort returns

TABLE 1. TUOLUMNE RIVER SPAWNING SALMON SURVEY COUNTS AND ESTIMATES, 1971-2007.

YEAR	TOTAL CARCASSES	% FEMALE	TAGGED CARCASSES			(1) (WEEKLY) MAXIMUM	(WEEKLY) MAXIMUM REDD COUNT	ESTIMATED RUN
			NUMBER TAGGED	NUMBER RECOVERED	% RECOVERED			
1971	2,283	58			10.4 e	2,128	1,598	21,885
1972	537	52			10.5 e	349	423	5,100
1973	351	59	270	35	13.0			1,989
1974	90	55	84	7	8.3			1,150
1975	130	60	125	8	6.4	154	212	1,600
1976	336	51	330	61	18.5	241	312	1,700
1977	45	62						450
1978	116	67	35	2	9.0 e	81	119	1,300
1979	305	51	75	22	29.3	153	204	1,184
1980	248	61	74	30	40.5	112	117	559
1981	5,819	44	664	334	50.3	1,646	1,650	14,253
1982	2,135	60	293	123	42.0	530	1,111	7,126
1983	1,280	25	270	25	9.3	263	465	14,836
1984	3,841	34	693	201	29.0	1,084	1,143	13,689
1985	11,651	56	895	273	30.5	2,986	3,034	40,322
1986	2,463	48	456	172	37.7	1,123	1,250	7,288
1987	5,280	31	1,069	461	43.1	2,155	850	14,751
1988	3,011	60	2,171	1,316	60.6	1,066	1,936	6,349
1989	625	52	491	318	64.8	291	461	1,274
1990	37	32	30	14	46.7	44	42	96
1991	30	45	12	7	58.3	24	51	77
1992	55	43	47	26	55.3	49	38	132
1993	187	61	169	96	56.8	94	215	431
1994	215	50	185	110	59.5	226	264	513
1995	461	54	415	175	42.2	270	174	928
1996	1,301	35	1,186	369	31.1	636	216	4,362
1997	1,520	59	1,056	253	24.0	1,258	716	7,548
1998	2,712	51	2,170	679	31.3	1,058	448	8,967
1999	3,980	46	2,375	1,398	58.9	1,403	404	7,730
2000	6,884	63	2,162	870	40.2	3,269	2,104	17,873
2001	5,400	54	1,170	717	61.3	1,865	1,251	9,222
2002	4,702	54	1,283	826	64.4	1,366	478	7,125
2003	1,489	60	585	328	56.1	463	349	2,961
2004	1,224	59	529	344	65.0	718	455	1,700
2005	312	67	176	58	33.0	129	124	719
2006	152	45	91	21	23.1	114	115	625
2007	87	38	37	15	40.5	92	107	211

(1) Redd counts were taken from TID/MID summary tables after 1980; redd counts for 1986 partially based on aerial photographs taken on 26 November 1986.

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TABLE 3. Number and % of females in the Tuolumne River salmon runs, 1971-2007.

Year	Estimated Run	# of Females	% females	Ave. FL females (cm)	(Y) Eggs per female	Potential egg deposition (millions)
1971	21,885	12,693	58			
1972	5,100	2,652	52			
1973	1,989	1,174	59			
1974	1,150	633	55			
1975	1,600	960	60			
1976	1,700	867	51			
1977	450	279	62			
1978	1,300	871	67			
1979	1,184	604	51			
1980	559	341	61			
1981	14,253	6,271	44	64.2	4034	25.30
1982	7,126	4,276	60	76.9	6046	25.85
1983	14,836	3,709	25	54.8	2544	9.44
1984	13,689	4,654	34	64.7	4113	19.14
1985	40,322	22,580	56	74.7	5697	128.65
1986	7,404	3,554	48	81.0	6696	23.80
1987	14,751	4,573	31	60.4	3431	15.69
1988	5,779	3,467	60	73.8	5548	19.24
1989	1,275	663	52	79.2	6410	4.25
1990	96	31	32	77.8	6189	0.19
1991	77	35	45	71.3	5159	0.18
1992	132	56	43	64.2	4034	0.23
1993	471	289	61	68.8	4762	1.38
1994	506	251	50	71.9	5254	1.32
1995	827	447	54	70.0	4953	2.22
1996	4,362	1,518	35	65.6	4255	6.46
1997	7,146	4,188	59	72.1	5285	22.13
1998	8,910	4,508	51	70.2	4983	22.46
1999	8,232	3,778	46	70.2	4983	18.83
2000	17,873	11,188	63	77.5	6141	68.71
2001	8,782	4,733	54	80.6	6632	31.39
2002	7,173	3,902	54	76.6	5998	23.41
2003	2,854	1,704	60	77.3	6109	10.41
2004	1,984	1,177	59	73.0	5428	6.39
2005	719	478	67	75.9	5887	2.81
2006	625	282	45	76.9	6046	1.70
2007	211	80	38	81.5	6775	0.54

Y=158.45(ave. FL females)-6138.91 based on 1988 Los Banos trap data

TABLE 4 TUOLUMNE RIVER SPAWNING SURVEYS - MAXIMUM REDD COUNTS BY RIFFLE

SECTION A (La Grange Dam to OLGB)																												
Riffle	Aerial																											
	1981	1982	1983a	1984	1985b	1986	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995c	1996d	1997e	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
A1																												1
A2	1					1							1	0	0													3
A3	20	13		8	33	40		17	40	15	0	0	4	8	12	7	10	11	8	14	22	29	7	5	10	5	6	4
A4	20	12		21	29	28		23	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	9	8	12	11	3	32	39	5	6	10	4	2	2
A5	51	37	1	9	78	19		31	58	18	0	0	2	15	13	6	14	9	3	2	10	4		1	1	1	0	2
A6	1	11		4	14	8		14	5	5	0	1	0	1	4	5	9				1	0						
A7	35	33		13	30	21		17	38	8	0	4	6	20	12	12	16	76	46	41	122	189	26	28	17	10	26	25
Total:	128	106	2	55	185	116		102	141	48	0	6	12	45	45	39	57	108	68	60	187	261	38	44	38	20	34	33
Redd/Mile	98.5	81.5	1.5	42.3	142.3	89.2		78.5	108.5	36.9	0.0	4.6	9.2	34.6	34.6	30.0	43.8	83.1	52.3	46.2	143.8	200.8	29.2	33.8	29.2	15.4	26.2	25.4
Redd/1,000 ft2	1.70	1.41	0.03	0.73	2.45	1.54		1.35	1.87	0.64	0.00	0.08	0.16	0.60	0.60	0.52	0.76	1.43	0.90	0.80	2.48	3.46	0.50	0.58	0.50	0.27	0.45	0.44
Percent of Total	8	10	0	5	6	12	0	12	7	8	0	12	23	18	14	17	17	11	11	9	7	12	5	9	8	11	21	17
SECTION 1 (OLGB to Basso Bridge)																												
Riffle	1981	1982	1983a	1984	1985b	1986	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995c	1996d	1997e	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1A	72	83	10	103	278	85	120	56	116	59	6	7	9	43	28	20	28	54	39	43	241	132	41	20	40	17	12	16
1B,C	5	54	0	15	73	4	5	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	17	15	23	83	71	32	18	19	4	1	5
2	77	63	6	77	150	47	100	35	138	47	1	5	1	16	15	13	37	126	35	54	212	187	35	16	46	8	5	21
3A	31	10	0	6	38	7	13	8	50	5	0	0	0	9	5	0	1	3	2	15	40	10	3	0	0	1	0	0
3B	10	36	0	33	102	14	25	32	19	9	0	0	1	0	4	4	9	53	41	72	240	254	44	40	46	7	9	13
4A	102	57	7	56	238	48	60	42	106	22	1	2	2	0	7	3	17	56	44	45	260	168	35	22	30	6	8	12
4B	40	38	1	36	219	36	65	44	72	24	1	1	3	8	8	4	16	52	37	43	319	174	38	29	36	5	3	5
5A,B	173	126	2	32	132	19	40	26	51	15	0	1	1	2	12	4	10	43	30	46	108	80	13	14	7	2	3	7
Total:	510	467	110	358	1230	260	428	246	552	181	10	16	17	78	79	48	125	404	243	341	1503	1076	241	159	224	50	41	79
Redd/Mile	204	186.8	44	143.2	492	104	171.2	98.4	220.8	72.4	4	6.4	6.8	31.2	31.6	19.2	50	161.6	97.2	136.4	601.2	430.4	96.4	63.6	89.6	20	16.4	31.6
Redd/1,000 ft2	0.77	0.70	0.17	0.54	1.85	0.39	0.64	0.37	0.83	0.27	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.12	0.12	0.07	0.19	0.61	0.36	0.51	2.26	1.62	0.36	0.24	0.34	0.08	0.06	0.12
Percent of Total	30	42	24	31	41	27	38	29	31	17	31	32	31	25	21	36	41	38	50	53	50	32	34	46	28	25	41	



TABLE 4 (CONTINUED)

Riffle	SECTION 3 (TLSRA TO Reed Gravel) Aerial																												
	1981	1982	1983a	1984	1985b	1986	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995c	1996d	1997e	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
24A N,S	38	21	10	28	16	28		24	22	14	2	0	0	8	1	3	8	37	13	8	7	29	18	8	9	3	2	0	
24B	12	0	0	7	39	^		2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	(?)			20				0	1	5		
25	23	28	1	18	41	24		11	11	7	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	13	15	6	27	21	13	11	9	8	6	1	
26	21	17	6	21	31	20		18	17	12	3	1	2	3	5	5	5	11	12	6	30	19	9	6	5	8	2	3	
27	17	7	2	8	29	9		11	17	6	2	0	1	2	3	4	2	9	9	2	28	20	12	6	6	2	2	0	
28A,B	11	14	16	13	37	13		4	17	5	0	0	0	1	2	2	1		4	1	20	7	7	7	10	4	3	1	
29	28	21	18	26	36	19		14	22	5	1	0	1	4	8	5	5	6	7	3	11	14	4	3	5	3	5	2	
30A	24	22	7	28	39	12		12	38	16	2	1	0	0	3	2	3		5	10	8	10	5	5	6	4	5		
30B	18	21	18	14	19	10		13	^	^	2	3	1	3	4	2	3	6	5										
31	20	5	0	15	19	12		3	19	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	11	10	9	19	47	15	7	8	3	2	4	
32A,B	46	4	0	2	28	4		6	20	4	2	2	0	2	2	0		6	2	1	7	10	2	5	2	1	0	0	
33	15	1	2	11	33	11		7	16	7	0	1	0	0	1	2		12	5	2	16	24	9	11	3	2	6	1	
34	17	9	0	6	26	10		8	4	5	0	0	1	0	12	0		5	0		3	7	4	5	6	2	5	6	
35A,B	27	3	0	10	14	14		10	26	7	0	1	0	0	0	7	4		10	11	5	51	17	6	0	0	0	0	
36A	14	1	6	13	14	7		6	11	10	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	3	7	6	6	9	15	0	7	4	2	1	1
36B	4	5	^	0	18	7		5	15	0	0	2	0	4	2	3	4	4	5	1	11	19	8	7	6	2	4	1	
37	12	0	0	1	4	9	15	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	3	1	7	8	10	2	1	1	1	0	
38N,S	6	9	15	13	9	8	6	7	11	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	2	10	3	7	20	19	31	10	10	3	0	0
39N,S	8	7	^	7	14	11	20	6	14	6	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	6										
40N,S	14	0	^	9	39	25	20	9	14	12	0	0	0	1	4	0												2	
41	7	4	^	5	11	5	20	9	33	4	0	1	0	2	3	1	2	6	6	2	5	12	7	5	3	3	1	2	
42A,B	34	7	^	2	56	58		15	59	12	0	0	0	0	2	2		3	2	1	8	35	15	6	8	1	0	0	
43A,B,C	6	5	0	1	33	4		0	2		0	0	0	7	6	3	2	3	2										
44	7	2	0	1	^	13		4	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	0					8	7	20	4	4	6	1	0	
45	9	5	2	6	^	^		^	^	^	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	(?)		5	13	4	2	0	1	2	0	
46	2	0	0	0	0	9		2	32	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	5	3	7	10	6	5	2	2	1	0	
Total:	440	218	155	265	605	342	365	209	431	149	21	13	7	49	82	56	58	171	125	69	345	361	210	122	106	63	49	34	
Redd/Mile	57.1	28.3	20.1	34.4	78.6	44.4	47.4	27.1	56.0	19.4	2.7	1.7	0.9	6.4	10.6	7.3	7.5	22.2	16.2	9.0	44.8	46.9	27.3	15.8	13.8	8.2	6.4	4.4	
Redd/1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.61	0.30	0.22	0.37	0.84	0.48	0.51	0.29	0.60	0.21	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.24	0.17	0.10	0.48	0.50	0.29	0.17	0.15	0.09	0.07	0.05	
Percent of Total	26	20	33	23	20	36	32	25	22	25	36	25	13	20	25	24	17	17	19	10	12	17	28	26	22	35	30	18	

TABLE 4 (CONTINUED)

Riffle	Aerial																												
	1981	1982	1983a	1984	1985b	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995c	1996d	1997e	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
47A,B	8		11	13	12	6	6	28	3	0	1	0	1	2	5				10										
48A	17		^	1			2	2	17	2	0	0	0	0	1	0		4	6	3	4	7	7	5	2	2	0	0	
48B	0		^	0			2	3	^	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	1	4	5	3	9	19	17	3	2	1	0	0	
49A,B	4		^	1			0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0											
50	7		^	1				7	7	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	6	7	7	1	5	6	3	1	2	
51	2		^	0				2	10	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1											
52A	9		^	3				3	74	16	0	0	1	3	1	2	6	4	2	4	8	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	
52B	13		^	0				2	^	^	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	4	2	0	4	4	4	2	2	
53	4		^	3	8		5	3	12	7	1	0	1	0	0	0					4	1	13	2	3	0	0	0	
54	6		^	0	^		5	9	24	6	0	1	1	0	1	0	2				3	1	0	4	4	2	1	0	
55	5		^	0	6		20	9	17	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	3	11	16	8	9	5	3	3	0	
56	8		4	3	15		1	1	15	8	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	3	3	2	9	7	11	2	3	2	0	0	
57	8		^	0	^		4	3	17	7	0	0	0	0	0	0		3											
58	5		^	4			7	13	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0					1	9		1	3	1	0		
59	13		^	4			3	2	2		0	1	0	0	0	1		(?)	1		3		0						
60N,S	7		^	1			6	8	62	2	0	1	5	4	3	0		2	1	3	7	11	12	4	2	1	0	0	
61	1		^	0			0	0	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		(?)		2	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	
62	2		^	0			0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0										
63	6		^	0			3	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	1		1		2	7	4	3	1	0	3	0		
64	9		^	0			4	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(?)	1		1	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	
65	0		^	3				0	14	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	3	5	3	4	2	3	2	0	
66N,S	1		^	0				0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	2	4	2	8	0	1	1	0	0	
67	2		^	0				0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
68	0		^	0				0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total:	137		18	37	~140		68	77	376	76	6	7	10	17	21	25	19	26	31	31	102	101	111	46	36	26	13	4	
Redd/Mile	22.5		3.0	6.1	23.0		11.1	12.6	61.6	12.5	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.8	3.4	4.1	3.1	4.3	5.1	5.1	16.7	16.6	18.2	7.5	5.9	4.3	2.1	0.7	
Redd/1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.17		0.02	0.05	0.17		0.08	0.09	0.46	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.12	0.12	0.14	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.00	
Percent of Total	8		4	3	5		6	9	20	13	10	14	19	7	7	11	6	3	5	5	4	5	15	10	7	14	8	2	

TABLE 4 (CONTINUED)

		SECTION 5 (Below Fox Grove)																											
Riffle		Aerial																											
		1981	1982	1983 <sup>a</sup>	1984	1985 <sup>b</sup>	1986	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 <sup>c</sup>	1996 <sup>d</sup>	1997 <sup>e</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
69										1	0																		
70										0	0																		
71										0	0																		
72										5	0																		
73										9	3																		
74										2	0																		
75										9	0																		
76										1																			
77										0																			
78										0																			
Total:										26	4																		
Redd/Mile										9.6	1.5																		
Redd/1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>										0.11	0.02																		
Percent of Total										1	1																		
Grand Total		1676	1099	465	1143	3034	951	1132	850	1928	588	58	51	53	250	322	229	343	981	647	684	2847	2132	755	473	489	180	165	194
# of Females		6300	4200	3700	4700	22600		3498	4600	3809	663	31	35	55	264	255	502	1518	4423	4537	3548	11188	4980	3876	1768	1007	478	282	80
Females/Redd		3.8	3.8	8.0	4.1	7.4		3.1	5.4	2.0	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.8	2.2	4.4	4.5	7.0	5.2	3.9	2.3	5.1	3.7	2.1	2.7	1.7	0.4
Flow (cfs)		230	420	620	500	350	230	230	210	100	220	130	130	160	270	175	300	400	350	320	390	370	180	193	252	190	470	388	160

Section A and 5 were not surveyed on a regular basis

Section riffle areas are estimated at 230 cfs.

<sup>a</sup> = Included in preceding number<sup>a</sup> = 1983 Redd counts were supplemented by aerial survey counts for sections 3 and 4.

In 1983, 261 stranded redds were also counted and are included in the totals for the sections.

<sup>b</sup> = 1985 Total redd count for section 4 was based on extrapolation of 1981 redd counts for the same riffles<sup>c</sup> = 1995 Redd counts were unusually low considering the number of females.<sup>d</sup> = 1996 surveys were terminated after first the week of December due to increase of flow to 5,000 cfs..<sup>e</sup> = (?) Questionable counts that were omitted.

Poor visibility after Riffle 13C prevented a complete count after week 9.

Table 5. Tuolumne River salmon survey periods, peak live counts, and arrival dates.

Year	Survey Period		Peak Live Count		Tuolumne Estimate (x 1,000)	Peak Live / Pop.est. (%)	La Grange Powerhouse Observed Arrival
	Start Date	End Date	Date	Number			
1940	26-Sep	02-Dec	04-Nov	5,447	122.0	4.5%	
1941	21-Sep	18-Nov	13-Nov	2,807	27.0	10.4%	
1942	13-Sep	30-Nov	01-Nov	3,386	44.0	7.7%	
1944	30-Sep	30-Nov	06-Nov	10,039	130.0	7.7%	
1946	11-Oct	20-Nov	04-Nov	6,002	61.0	9.8%	
1957	05-Nov	03-Jan			8.0		
1958	06-Nov	09-Jan			32.0		
1959	03-Nov	01-Jan			46.0		
1960	12-Nov	13-Jan			45.0		
1961					0.5		
1962	08-Nov	04-Jan			0.2		
1963	10-Feb				0.1		
1964	04-Nov	18-Dec			2.1		
1965	19-Nov	12-Jan			3.2		
1966	08-Nov	18-Jan	09-Nov	271	5.1	5.3%	
1967	18-Oct	13-Jan	21-Nov	184	6.8	2.7%	
1968	11-Nov	15-Dec	22-Nov	1,490	8.6	17.3%	
1969	20-Nov	12-Jan			32.2		
1970	19-Nov	20-Jan	20-Nov	1,517	18.4	8.2%	
1971	15-Nov	27-Dec	16-Nov	2,128	21.9	9.7%	
1972	13-Nov	23-Jan	27-Nov	349	5.1	6.8%	
1973	05-Nov	17-Jan			2.0		
1974					1.2		
1975	06-Nov	31-Dec	06-Nov	154	1.6	9.6%	
1976	03-Nov	29-Dec	15-Nov	241	1.7	14.2%	
1977	29-Nov	20-Dec			0.5		
1978	26-Oct	19-Dec	24-Nov	81	1.3	6.2%	
1979	05-Nov	17-Dec	02-Nov	153	1.2	12.8%	
1980	12-Nov	18-Dec	12-Nov	112	0.6	18.7%	
1981	04-Nov	16-Dec			14.3		14-Oct
1982	08-Nov	29-Nov	15-Nov	545	7.1	7.7%	29-Sep
1983	07-Nov	01-Dec	15-Nov	263	14.8	1.8%	13-Oct
1984	01-Nov	30-Nov	01-Nov	1,084	13.7	7.9%	04-Oct
1985	29-Oct	20-Dec	12-Nov	2,986	40.3	7.4%	24-Sep
1986	27-Oct	05-Dec	03-Nov	1,123	7.3	15.4%	10-Sep
1987	28-Oct	16-Dec	17-Nov	2,155	14.8	14.6%	06-Oct
1988	25-Oct	29-Dec	14-Nov	1,066	6.3	16.8%	17-Oct
1989	24-Oct	29-Dec	09-Nov	291	1.3	22.8%	15-Oct
1990	23-Oct	26-Dec	19-Nov	44	0.1	45.8%	24-Oct
1991	22-Oct	02-Jan	25-Nov	24	0.1	31.2%	06-Nov
1992	05-Nov	21-Dec	19-Nov	49	0.1	37.1%	31-Oct
1993	14-Oct	18-Dec	06-Nov	94	0.4	21.8%	26-Sep
1994	03-Nov	05-Jan	21-Nov	226	0.5	44.1%	26-Oct
1995	27-Oct	30-Dec	03-Nov	270	0.9	29.1%	05-Oct
1996	22-Oct	04-Dec	31-Oct	636	4.4	14.6%	
1997	14-Oct	23-Dec	12-Nov	1,258	7.5	16.7%	09-Oct
1998	07-Oct	22-Dec	02-Nov	1,058	9.0	11.8%	17-Sep
1999	04-Oct	28-Dec	01-Nov	1,403	7.7	18.2%	16-Sep
2000	02-Oct	05-Jan	06-Nov	3,269	17.9	18.3%	18-Sep
2001	04-Oct	05-Jan	05-Nov	1,865	9.2	20.2%	05-Sep
2002	01-Oct	02-Jan	04-Nov	1,366	7.1	19.2%	22-Sep
2003	30-Sep	30-Dec	18-Nov	463	3.0	15.6%	13-Oct
2004	04-Oct	06-Jan	08-Nov	718	1.9	37.8%	29-Oct
2005	03-Oct	22-Dec	14-Nov	129	0.7	17.9%	01-Oct
2006	05-Oct	28-Dec	13-Nov	114	0.6	18.2%	16-Oct
2007	02-Oct	28-Dec	19-Nov	92	0.2	43.6%	
<u>For period 1971-2007:</u>							1981-2006
Minimum	30-Sep	29-Nov	31-Oct	---	---	---	05-Sep
Maximum	29-Nov	23-Jan	27-Nov	---	---	---	06-Nov
Median	27-Oct	27-Dec	12-Nov	---	---	---	06-Oct

TABLE 6. TUOLUMNE RIVER CHINOOK SALMON FORK LENGTHS (cm) OF FRESH CARCASSES MEASURED DURING SPAWNING SURVEYS, 1981-2007.

FEMALES	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
NUMBER	289	153	92	286	524	251	349	222	193	11	9	20	56
MIN.	47	56	41	43	47	53	45	49	52	73	68	43	49.5
MAX.	86	97	85	77	90	99	93	90	99	89	74	88	87.5
AVG.	64.2	76.9	54.8	64.7	74.7	81.0	60.4	73.8	79.2	77.8	71.3	64.2	68.9
STD. DEV.	8.5	5.2	11.4	6.2	6.8	8.5	7.0	5.9	6.6	4.4	2.3	13.2	6.6
VARIANCE	72.5	27.0	130.9	38.0	46.7	72.0	48.6	35.4	43.8	19.4	5.1	173.6	44.0
MALES	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
NUMBER	372	121	302	560	407	267	785	149	174	20	11	27	36
MIN.	37	29	34	30	54	35	39	50	46.5	44	52	46	47.5
MAX.	107	113	103	92	102	112	100	104	110.5	105	98	98	96
AVG.	65.9	81.8	52.2	60.2	83.0	89.4	62.5	83.1	89.0	79.8	77.7	60.6	72.9
STD. DEV.	10.0	14.5	11.7	10.5	9.6	16.1	7.3	9.6	12.2	17.2	15.5	12.3	12.6
VARIANCE	100.5	211.5	135.8	109.2	92.4	260.6	53.2	92.2	149.9	296.7	240.4	150.1	159.5

FEMALES	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
NUMBER	78	79	150	232	378	382	594	844	658	278	245	117	42	14
MIN.	50	51	48	51	46	43	53	48	50	54	51	46	56	73
MAX.	88.5	87	89	95	93	93	105	105	104	98	98	93	92	91
AVG.	71.9	70.0	65.5	73.1	70.3	70.6	77.5	80.6	76.2	78.1	72.2	75.9	76.7	81.5
STD. DEV.	8.3	9.0	8.9	6.5	10.7	9.3	6.1	9.1	8.7	7.6	10.5	7.1	7.2	5.3
VARIANCE	69.2	81.4	79.3	41.8	113.6	86.6	37.0	83.7	76.5	57.5	110.3	50.2	51.4	28.0
MALES	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
NUMBER	79	66	279	164	358	476	305	672	589	184	186	59	49	23
MIN.	52	49	41	45	46	43	46	47	31	30	43	46	56	59
MAX.	100.5	106	101	100	105	105	110	115	111	108	108	101	95	105
AVG.	73.6	69.3	64.7	79.0	70.6	68.1	84.2	83.1	81.2	84.4	72.9	75.5	72.6	85.3
STD. DEV.	12.6	13.6	11.3	11.7	15.1	12.4	10.5	15.6	14.5	13.7	14.2	14.3	10.8	14.1
VARIANCE	157.9	184.7	127.9	138.0	226.9	153.0	109.1	243.4	211.3	187.5	201.8	204.2	117.5	199.1



TABLE 8. HATCHERY CONTRIBUTION TO THE TUOLUMNE RIVER SALMON RUNS (BY RELEASE LOCATIONS)

RUN YEAR	TOTAL POP. EST.	ACTUAL DECODED CWT	SAMPLE POP.	ACTUAL % DECODED CWT	TID/MID EST. BASED ON ACTUAL % DECODED CWT	SMOLT RELEASE LOCATIONS								YEARLING RELEASE LOCATIONS					
						MERCED	TUOL.	STAN.	MERCED + JERSEY PT.	FEATHER S. DELTA + JERSEY PT.	FEATHER OTHER DELTA	FEATHER DELTA	AMERICAN OTHER DELTA	MOKEL. MOKEL.	BATTLE CR. OTHER DELTA	MERCED	MERCED	MOKEL.	
																S. DELTA	OTHER DELTA	WILD	
1981	14,253	0	-	0.0	0														
1982	7,126	0	-	0.0	0														
1983	14,836	6	347	1.7	257					2		3						1	
1984	13,689	2	944	0.2	29					2									
1985	40,322	7	1052	0.7	268	1				1						4	1		
1986	7,288	12	806	1.5	109						1						9	2	
1987	14,751	100	1446	6.9	1020		87	7	3			1					2		
1988	6,349	29	719	4.0	256		25	1	3										
1989	1,274	64	625	10.2	130		32	4	25	1			1	1					
1990	96	13	22	59.1	57		6	1	4		1		1						
1991	77	5	20	25.0	19			2	2	1									
1992	132	8	47	17.0	22		1	1			2				1		3		
1993	431	35	169	20.7	89				13				3			1	18		
1994	513	16	81	19.8	101											6	9	1	
1995	928	56	415	13.5	125		46			4	2		1				3		
1996	4,362	233	1186	19.6	857	19	196			9	1		3				5		
1997	7,548	164	1056	15.5	1172	37	106		4	15			1				1		
1998	8,967	259	2170	11.9	1070	3	147		25	79	1		2						
1999	7,730	229	2375	9.6	745	9	122	0	77	17			3						
2000	17,873	109	2162	5.0	901	19	55	0	28	4	0	0	2	1					
2001	9,222	243	1808	13.4	1239	15	150	0	76	1	0		1						
2002	7,125	449	1795	25.0	1782	7	181	3	217		12	1	28						
2003	2,961	107	585	18.3	542	2	37	1	54		6	1	6						
2004	1,700	86	523	16.4	280	2	10	0	44		5	2	23						
2005	719	18	176	10.2	74				16		1	1							
2006	625	1	91	1.1	7														
2007	211	0	37	0.0	0														

The estimated total number of CWT's by DFG (taken from Job #2, Pg 15 of the 1992-93 Region 4 annual report) for the 1988 to 1992 period were 85, 312, 52, 21, and 14 respectively.

\*The 1988 sample population was determined from TID/MID data analysis.

\*\*1989 has been reported with different numbers by DFG. (If CWT were all fresh, the sample pop. of 288 would yield 289 estimated CWT.)

TABLE 9. ESTIMATED TUOLUMNE SALMON RUN NUMBERS AND AGE COMPOSITION WITH ESTIMATED COHORT RETURNS AND COHORT AGE COMPOSITION

Year	Estimated Run (x 1000)	Est. Age-class composition for salmon run				2-yr (%)	3-yr (%)	4-yr (%)	5-yr (%)	Cohort Total (x 1000)	Est. Cohort Composition			
		2-yr (x 1000)	3-yr (x 1000)	4-yr (x 1000)	5-yr (x 1000)						2-yr (%)	3-yr (%)	4-yr (%)	5-yr (%)
1978	1.30									18.11	64.5%	33.0%	2.5%	0.0%
1979	1.18									2.39	30.5%	53.5%	16.1%	0.0%
1980	0.56													
1981	14.25	11.69	2.28	0.26	0.03	82.0	16.0	1.8	0.2	20.24	63.6%	24.6%	9.8%	2.0%
1982	7.13	0.73	5.98	0.36	0.05	10.2	83.9	5.1	0.7	44.91	18.5%	76.3%	5.2%	0.0%
1983	14.84	12.88	1.28	0.45	0.22	86.8	8.6	3.0	1.5	8.02	50.8%	47.7%	1.5%	0.0%
1984	13.69	8.32	4.98	0.38	0.00	60.8	36.4	2.8	0.0	1.94	44.2%	41.7%	13.4%	0.7%
1985	40.32	4.07	34.27	1.98	0.00	10.1	85.0	4.9	0.0	19.74	70.0%	28.5%	1.5%	0.0%
1986	7.40	0.86	3.83	2.32	0.40	11.6	51.7	31.3	5.4	1.36	34.0%	64.7%	1.4%	0.0%
1987	14.75	13.82	0.81	0.12	0.00	93.7	5.5	0.8	0.0	0.15	55.5%	39.4%	5.2%	0.0%
1988	6.35	0.46	5.63	0.26	0.00	7.3	88.6	4.1	0.0	0.08	22.7%	70.4%	6.9%	0.0%
1989	1.28	0.08	0.88	0.30	0.01	6.5	69.2	23.2	1.1	0.06	19.8%	62.5%	17.7%	0.0%
1990	0.10	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.00	19.4	61.3	19.4	0.0	0.43	20.7%	74.3%	3.7%	1.3%
1991	0.08	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.00	15.0	75.0	10.0	0.0	0.49	27.9%	68.5%	3.5%	0.0%
1992	0.13	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.00	68.1	27.7	4.3	0.0	0.72	21.1%	64.4%	8.5%	6.0%
1993	0.47	0.14	0.32	0.01	0.00	29.3	68.5	2.2	0.0	3.29	10.4%	39.8%	43.8%	5.9%
1994	0.51	0.15	0.34	0.02	0.00	29.9	66.9	3.2	0.0	9.39	31.8%	47.8%	19.7%	0.6%
1995	0.83	0.34	0.46	0.02	0.01	41.4	55.9	2.1	0.7	5.93	19.6%	54.7%	18.2%	7.5%
1996	4.36	2.99	1.31	0.06	0.00	68.5	30.1	1.4	0.0	13.62	26.6%	22.5%	48.8%	2.1%
1997	7.15	1.16	4.49	1.44	0.04	16.3	62.9	20.2	0.6	17.68	22.8%	55.1%	21.2%	0.9%
1998	8.91	3.62	3.24	1.85	0.20	40.6	36.4	20.8	2.2	6.08	16.8%	60.1%	21.9%	1.2%
1999	8.23	4.03	3.07	1.08	0.06	49.0	37.3	13.1	0.7	6.58	23.9%	64.7%	10.9%	0.5%
2000	17.87	1.02	9.74	6.65	0.45	5.7	54.5	37.2	2.5	3.53	40.3%	51.5%	8.2%	0.0%
2001	9.25	1.57	3.65	3.75	0.29	17.0	39.5	40.5	3.1	1.19	20.8%	70.6%	8.6%	0.0%
2002	7.17	1.42	4.26	1.33	0.16	19.8	59.4	18.6	2.2	1.41	58.0%	34.7%	6.8%	0.4%
2003	2.85	0.25	1.82	0.72	0.07	8.7	63.6	25.1	2.6	0.53	24.1%	59.7%	16.2%	
2004	1.98	0.82	0.84	0.29	0.03	41.3	42.5	14.6	1.6	0.30	70.0%	30.0%		
2005	0.72	0.13	0.49	0.10	0.00	17.7	68.2	14.2	0.0					
2006	0.63	0.21	0.32	0.10	0.00	34.1	50.5	15.4	0.0					
2007	0.21	0.03	0.09	0.09	0.01	13.5	43.2	40.5	2.7					