### Klamath River Fall Chinook Salmon Age-Specific Escapement, River Harvest, and Run Size Estimates, 2017 Run

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#### Summary

The number of Klamath River fall Chinook Salmon returning to the Klamath River Basin (Basin) in 2017 was estimated to be:

_	Run Size				
Age	Number	Proportion			
2	21,903	0.41			
3	23,187 0.43				
4	7,125 0.13				
5	1,526 0.03				
Total	53,741	1.00			

Preseason forecasts of the number of fall Chinook Salmon adults returning to the Basin and the corresponding post-season estimates are:

	Adults					
Sector	Preseason Forecast	Postseason Estimate	Pre / Post			
Run Size	18,400	31,800	0.58			
Fishery Mortality Tribal Harvest	800	1,900	0.42			
Recreational Harvest	100	100	1.00			
Drop-off Mortality	100	200	0.50			
	1,000	2,200	0.45			
Escapement						
Hatchery Spawners	6,000	11,200	0.54			
Natural Area Spawners	11,400	18,500	0.62			
	17,400	29,700	0.59			

#### Introduction

This report describes the data and methods used by the Klamath River Technical Team (KRTT) to estimate age-specific numbers of fall Chinook Salmon returning to the Basin in 2017. The estimates provided in this report are consistent with the Klamath Basin Megatable (CDFW 2018) and with the 2018 forecast of ocean stock abundance (KRTT 2018).

Age-specific escapement estimates for 2017 and previous years, coupled with the coded-wire tag (CWT) recovery data from Basin hatchery stocks, allow for a cohort reconstruction of the hatchery and natural components of Klamath River fall Chinook Salmon (Goldwasser et al. 2001, Mohr 2006a, KRTT 2018). Cohort reconstruction enables forecasts to be developed for the current year's ocean stock abundance, ocean fishery contact rates, and percent of spawners expected in natural areas (KRTT 2018). These forecasts are necessary inputs to the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (Mohr 2006b), the model used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council to forecast the effect of fisheries on Klamath River fall Chinook Salmon.

#### Methods

The KRTT obtained estimates of abundance and age composition separately for each sector of harvest and escapement. Random and nonrandom sampling methods of various types were used throughout the Basin (Table 1) to estimate the numbers of fall Chinook Salmon in the 2017 run and to obtain the data from which the Klamath Basin Megatable totals and estimates of age composition were derived. The KRTT relied on surrogate data for estimating age composition where the sample of scales was insufficient, or altogether lacking, within a particular sector.

Estimates of age composition were based on random samples of scales (Table 2) whenever possible. Generally, each scale was aged independently by two trained readers. In cases of disagreement, a third read was used to arbitrate. Statistical methods (Cook and Lord 1978, Cook 1983, Kimura and Chikuni 1987) were used to correct the reader-assigned age composition estimates for potential bias based on the known-age vs. read-age validation matrices. The method used to combine the random sample's known ages (for CWT fish) and unknown read ages for estimation of the escapement or harvest age composition is described in Appendix A.

For cases in which scales were believed to be non-representative of the age-2 component, the KRTT relied on analysis of length-frequency histograms. In these cases, all fish less than or equal to a given fork-length "cutoff" were assumed to be age-2, and all fish greater than the cutoff length were assumed to be adults. The cutoff value varied by sector, and was based on location of the length-frequency nadir and, if appropriate, the length-frequency of known-age fish. As before, scales were used to estimate the age composition of adults (Appendix A).

An indirect method was used to estimate age composition for natural spawners in the Trinity River above the Willow Creek Weir (WCW). Age-specific numbers of fall Chinook Salmon that immigrated above WCW were estimated by applying the age composition from scales collected at the weir to the estimate of total abundance above the weir. Next, the age composition of returns to Trinity River Hatchery and the harvest above WCW were estimated. The age composition of natural spawners above the weir was then estimated as the age-specific abundances above the WCW, minus the age-specific hatchery and harvest totals.

Stream surveys in the Salmon River effectively ended early in the 2017 spawning season due to high flow events. Also because of these high flows, sampling of Wooley Creek was not possible. The alternative method used for estimation of adult escapement to the Salmon River Basin in 2017 is described in Appendix B.

The abundance estimate for the carcass survey in the upper Klamath mainstem from Iron Gate

Hatchery (IGH) to the Shasta River was generated using a hierarchical latent variable model. This method, applied by USFWS, was first used for the 2016 run. A description of this estimation approach is described in KRTT (2017), Appendix D.

There were two changes to the Klamath mainstem redd survey occurring below the Shasta River. First, the traditional survey area (Shasta River to Indian Creek) was extended downstream to Wingate Bar, an additional 11.2 kilometers. Second, carcass sampling in the mainstem Klamath River from IGH to Shasta River detected an unusually high prevalence of age-2 female Chinook. It was inferred that age-2 females likely constructed redds in the downstream redd survey area (Shasta River to Wingate Bar). A new method was developed to account for the presence of age-2 females that were assumed to construct redds in that area (Appendix C).

The specific protocols used to develop estimates of age composition for each sector are provided in Table 3. A summary of the KRTT methods specific to each sector is given in Appendix D for the Klamath River and Appendix E for the Trinity River.

#### Results

A total of 7,863 scales from 17 different sectors were aged for this analysis (Table 2). Of these, 785 were from known-age CWT fish. Known-age scales provide a direct check, or "validation", of accuracy of the scale-based age estimates (Tables 4a and 4b, Appendices F and G). Overall, the scale-based ages were generally accurate. Accuracy within the Trinity Basin was 100% for age-2 fish, 98% for age-3 fish, 100% for age-4 fish, and 67% for age-5 fish. Accuracy within the Klamath River Basin was 98% for age-2 fish, 97% for age-3 fish, 90% for age-4 fish, and 75% for age-5 fish. The statistical bias-adjustment methods employed are intended to correct for scale-reading bias, but the methods assume that the known-age versus read-age validation matrices are themselves well estimated (Kimura and Chikuni 1987).

Table 5 presents estimates of age-specific returns to Basin hatcheries and spawning grounds, as well as Basin harvest by tribal and recreational fisheries and the drop-off mortality associated with those fisheries. Table 6 displays the Table 5 estimates as proportions. Calculations underlying the results summarized in Table 5 are presented in Appendix H.

Recreational fisheries for fall Chinook in the Basin were closed in 2017. A small amount of recreational harvest was estimated to have occurred based on illegal catch in the fall Chinook survey period (beginning on August 15) and fall run fish taken during the spring Chinook survey period (prior to August 15).

The final estimates of the 2016 Klamath Basin age composition are presented in Appendix I.

#### List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ad-clipped	adipose fin removed
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CWT	coded-wire tag
EST	Klamath River estuary
FL	fork length
HVT	Hoopa Valley Tribe
IGH	Iron Gate Hatchery
KRTAT	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
KRTT	Klamath River Technical Team
KT	Karuk Tribe
LRC	Lower Klamath River Creel
MKWC	Mid-Klamath Watershed Council

M&U	Klamath River below Weitchpec: "middle" section (Hwy 101-Surpur Cr.) and "upper"
	section (Surpur Cr.—Trinity River)
NCRC	Northern California Resource Center
QVIR	Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
SCS	Siskiyou County Schools
SRCD	Siskiyou Resource Conservation District
SRRC	Salmon River Restoration Council
TRH	Trinity River Hatchery
UR TRIBS	Upper Klamath River Tributaries
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WCW	Willow Creek Weir
WSP	AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Program
ΥT	Yurok Tribe
YTFP	Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program

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Table 1. Estimation and s	ampling methods used for the 2017 Klamath River fall Chinook run assessment.	
Sampling Location	Estimation and Sampling Methods	Agency
Hatchery Spawners		
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	Direct count. All fish examined for fin-clips, tags, and marks. Bio-data collected from a systematic random sample of 20% of the fish. Additionally, all ad-clipped fish were bio-sampled.	CDFW, WSP
Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)	Direct count. All fish examined for fin-clips, tags, and marks. Bio-data collected from a systematic random sample of 25% of the fish.	CDFW, HVT
Natural Spawners		
Salmon River Basin	Redd surveys of the upper and lower mainstem and tributaries. Total redds estimated by extrapolating redds counted from surveys through JW 44 based on historical redd deposition rate since 1998. Wooley Creek redd count was estimated using the historical ratio of redds there versus the rest of the Salmon River basin (Appendix B). Total run based on expanded redd count (2*total redd count)/(1-proportion of jacks). Bio-data collected from all carcasses recovered.	CDFW, USFS, USFWS, KT, SRRC, SCS, WSP, MKWC, NCRC
Scott River Basin	Combination ARIS acoustic and video count above weir at river mile 18 and redd survey below the weir. Total run based on ARIS acoustic and video count through the weir and redd survey (Total run below the weir = (2*total redd count)/(1-proportion jacks)). Bio-data collected from all carcasses recovered.	CDFW, QVIR, USFS, KT, NCRC, SRCD, WSP
Shasta River Basin	Video count above weir. Bio-data collected from all carcasses upstream of video weir site, and a systematic random sample of carcasses stranded on weir.	CDFW, WSP
Bogus Creek Basin	Video count above weir and twice weekly direct carcass count below weir. Bio-data collected from a systematic random sample (1:2) of all carcasses observed during surveys above and below weir. Additionally, all ad-clipped fish were bio-sampled.	CDFW, WSP
Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.)	Hierarchical Latent Variable Model from weekly carcass surveys. Bio-data collected from fresh carcasses.	USFWS, YT
Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R. to Wingate Bar)	Weekly redd surveys. Adult escapement was the sum of redds by adult females and total redds, assuming each redd also represents one adult male (Appendix C). Age-2 escapement was the sum of age-2 males and redds made by age-2 females.	USFWS, KT
Klamath Tributaries above Trinity	Periodic redd surveys. High flows precluded repeated surveys in some areas. Total run = (2*total redd count)/(1-proportion jacks) + live fish observed on last day surveyed. Jacks estimated from Klamath tributary scale-age data. Bio-data collected from all carcasses recovered.	USFS, CDFW, KT, YT, SRRC, MKWC, WSP
Blue Creek	Total estimated using the maximum count from dive surveys conducted between 7 November and 14 December. Bio-data was collected from all carcasses recovered.	ΥT
Trinity River (mainstem above WCW)	Mark-recapture (stratified Peterson); marks applied at WCW and recovered at TRH. All fish bio-sampled and scales collected from every Chinook in good condition. Natural area spawning escapement estimated by subtracting age-specific estimates of hatchery returns and recreational harvest above WCW from age-specific estimates of the total run upstream of WCW.	CDFW, HVT
Trinity River (mainstem below WCW)	Bi-weekly redd surveys. Total run = (2*total redd count)/(1-proportion jacks). Bio-data collected from all recovered carcasses.	HVT, USFWS
Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW)	Periodic redd surveys. Total run = (2*total redd count)/(1-proportion jacks) + live fish observed on last day surveyed.	CDFW, USFS, HVT, WSP
Hoopa Reservation Tributaries	Periodic redd surveys. Total run = (2*total redd count)/(1-proportion jacks). Bio-data collected from all recovered carcasses.	HVT
<u>Recreational Harvest</u> Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge)	Jack and adult estimates based on access point creel survey during 2 randomly selected days per statistical week, two weekdays or weekend days on alternating weeks. Additional sampling occurred in JW 32 and 33. Bio-data collected during angler interviews.	CDFW
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec)	Jack and adult estimates based on access point creel survey during 2 randomly selected days per statistical week, two weekdays or weekend days on alternating weeks. Additional sampling occurred in JW 32 and 35. Bio-data collected during angler interviews.	CDFW
Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH)	No survey. Ratio estimator was not used in 2017 due to closure of the fall-run fishery after 15 August.	CDFW
Trinity River Basin (above WCW)	No legal recreational harvest of Chinook Salmon in 2017 was allowed. No tags were returned by anglers from fish reported as harvested.	CDFW, HVT
Trinity River Basin (below WCW)	Roving access creel survey during three randomly selected days per statistical week stratified by weekdays (M-Th) and weekend (F-Su) days (1 weekday and 2 weekend). Bio-data collected during angler interviews.	HVT
Tribal Harvest		
Klamath River (below Hwy 101)	Daily harvest estimates based on effort and catch-per-effort surveys and a census of the elder net fishery. Bio-data collected during elder net harvest.	ΥT
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth)	Daily harvest estimates based on effort and catch-per-effort surveys of incidental harvest in the steelhead fishery. No bio-data collected.	ΥT
Trinity River (net and hook-and-line)	Effort and catch-per-effort surveys during four randomly selected days per statistical week for the net fishery, and three randomly selected days for the hook-and-line fishery. Bio-data collected during net harvest interviews.	HVT
Trinity River (harvest weir)	Direct count of all harvested fish. Bio-data collected from all harvested fish.	HVT
Fishery Dropoff Mortality Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality	Not directly estimated. Assumed rate relative to fishery impacts = .02; relative to fishery harvest = .02/(102).	KRTAT
Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8.7%	Not directly estimated. Assumed rate relative to fishery impacts = .08; relative to fishery harvest = .08/(108).	KRTAT

<sup>a</sup> Bio-data generally includes: fork length, scale, sex, tags or marks, and CWT recovery from dead ad-clipped fish.

		Aged	_			
Compling Location	$\frac{1}{2}$		Total	Total	A	
	Unknown-age	Known-age	TOLAI	Collected	Agency	
Hatchery Spawners						
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	1,569	192	1,761	2,034	CDFW	
Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)	1,017	309	1,326	1,410	HVT	
Natural Spawners						
Salmon River Carcass Survey	75	0	75	78	CDFW	
Scott River Carcass Survey	441	0	441	448	CDFW	
Shasta River Carcass	82	0	82	256	CDFW	
Bogus Creek	654	56	710	745	CDFW	
Klamath River mainstem	585	50	635	1,168	USFWS	
Upper Klamath River tributaries	36	0	36	39	USFS	
Blue Creek Snorkel	4	0	4	4	ΥT	
Willow Creek Weir	1,688	127	1,815	1,857	CDFW, HVT	
Lower Trinity River Carcass	0	0	0	0	HVT	
Hoopa Reservation tributaries	1	0	1	1	HVT	
Other Trinity River tributaries	2	0	2	2	USFS	
Recreational Harvest						
Lower Klamath River Creel	25	1	26	26	CDFW	
Lower Trinity River Creel	2	1	3	3	HVT	
Tribal Harvest						
Klamath River (below Hwy 101)	178	11	189	191	ΥT	
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity R)	0	0	0	0	ΥT	
Trinity River (net and hook-and-line)	468	32	500	516	HVT	
Trinity River (harvest weir)	83	6	89	89	HVT	
TOTAL	6,910	785	7,695	8,867		

Table 2. Scale sampling locations and numbers of scales collected for the 2017 Klamath Basin fall Chinook age-composition assessment.

a/ Scales from non-ad-clipped fish and ad-clipped fish without CWTs, mounted and read.b/ Scales from all mounted and aged ad-clipped CWT fish; non-random CWT fish used for validation but not age composition.

c/ Scales collected from the area.

Table 3. Age-composition methods used for the 2017 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run assessment.

Sampling Location	Age Composition Method
Hatchery Spawners	
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Natural Spawners	
Salmon River Basin	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Scott River Basin	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Shasta River Basin	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Bogus Creek Basin	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R. to Wingate Bar)	Surrogate: Klamath mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.) age structure. Sex-specific age-2 components described in Appendix C. Adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Klamath tributaries (above Trinity R.)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Blue Creek	Jacks estimated through direct observation. Adult age structure from scale-age analysis.
Trinity River (above WCW)	Jack/adult structure derived from subtracting age-specific TRH counts and recreational harvest estimate above WCW from the age-specific total run estimate above WCW derived from scale-age analysis.
Trinity River (mainstem below WCW)	Surrogate: jack/adult structure from Trinity River (above WCW).
Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation to WCW)	Surrogate: jack/adult structure from Trinity River (above WCW).
Hoopa Reservation Tributaries	Surrogate: jack/adult structure from Trinity River (above WCW).
Recreational Harvest	
Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec)	Surrogate: jack/adult structure from Klamath River recreational harvest (below Hwy 101 bridge).
Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH)	No harvest estimated. Fishery closed.
Trinity River Basin (above WCW)	No harvest estimated. Fishery closed.
Trinity River Basin (below WCW)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Tribal Harvest	
Klamath River (below Hwy 101)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth)	Surrogate: jack/adult structure from Klamath River recreational harvest (below Hwy 101 bridge).
Trinity River (net and hook-and-line)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Trinity River (harvest weir)	Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis.
Ich Disease Monitoring	
Klamath-Trinity Basin	No additional fish harvested for disease monitoring.

Numbe	<u>er</u>		Known Age	e		
		2	3	4	5	
	2	60	4	0	0	
Read	3	0	243	9	0	
Age	4	1	3	79	1	
_	5	0	0	0	3	Total
	Total	61	250	88	4	403
Percer	ntage		Known Age	Э		
		2	3	4	5	
	2	0.98	0.02	0.00	0.00	
Read	3	0.00	0.97	0.10	0.00	
Age	4	0.02	0.01	0.90	0.25	
	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	
	Total	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	

 Table 4a. 2017 Klamath River Basin scale validation matrices.

# Table 4b. 2017 Trinity River Basin scale validation matrices.

Numbe	<u>er</u>		Known Age	)		
		2	3	4	5	
	2	167	2	0	0	
Read	3	0	267	0	0	
Age	4	0	4	29	2	
	5	0	0	0	4	Total
	Total	167	273	29	6	475
Percer	<u>itage</u>		Known Age	)		
		2	3	4	5	
	2	1.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	
Read	3	0.00	0.98	0.00	0.00	
Age	4	0.00	0.01	1.00	0.33	
	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67	
	Total	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	

## Table 5. Age composition of the 2017 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run.

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			AGE		Total	Total
Escapement & Harvest	2	3	4	5	Adults	Run
Hatobary Snownorg						
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	3 193	5 800	1 620	23	7 443	10.636
Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)	1 863	3 487	244	39	3 770	5 633
Hatchery Spawner subtotal	5,056	9,287	1,864	62	11,213	16,269
Natural Crawnana						
Natural Spawners Salmon River Basin	307	724	105	110	1 338	1 665
Scott River Basin	307	1 033	495 70	257	2 260	2 576
Shacta River Basin	6 6 1 8	782	2 022	237 /83	2,209	2,370
Bogus Creek Basin	848	1 565	2,022	-00	1 874	2 722
Klamath River mainstem (ICH to Shasta R)	1 735	2 370	560	66	3 005	1 7/0
Klamath River mainstern (Shasta R to Indian Cr)	587	2,379	169	20	017	1 50/
Klamath Tributarios (chave Tribite Biver)	154	720 527	200	176	1 002	1,504
	154	527	299	170	1,002	1,100
Klamath Basin subtotal	4 <u>5</u> 10.621	<u>23</u> 8.661	4.015	<u>0</u> 1.156	13.832	24.453
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Trinity River (mainstem above WCW)	5,586	3,642	620	170	4,432	10,018
Trinity River (mainstem below WCW)	129	84	14	4	102	231
Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW)	96	63	10	3	76	172
Hoopa Reservation tributaries	<u>90</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>162</u>
Trinity Basin subtotal	5,901	3,848	655	179	4,682	10,583
Natural Spawners subtotal	16,522	12,509	4,670	1,335	18,514	35,036
Total Spawner Escapement	21,578	21,796	6,534	1,397	29,727	51,305
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Total Spawner Escapement Recreational Harvest	21,578	21,796	6,534	1,397	29,727	51,305
Total Spawner Escapement           Recreational Harvest           Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge)	<b>21,578</b> 26	<b>21,796</b> 16	<b>6,534</b> 27	<b>1,397</b> 4	<b>29,727</b> 47	<b>51,305</b> 73
Total Spawner Escapement <u>Recreational Harvest</u> Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge) Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec)	<b>21,578</b> 26 10	<b>21,796</b> 16 6	<b>6,534</b> 27 10	<b>1,397</b> 4 1	<b>29,727</b> 47 17	<b>51,305</b> 73 27
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Total Spawner Escapement         Recreational Harvest         Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge)         Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec)         Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH)         Trinity River Basin (above WCW)         Trinity River Basin (below WCW)	21,578 26 10 0 0 6	<b>21,796</b> 16 6 0 0 1	<b>6,534</b> 27 10 0 0 6	<b>1,397</b> 4 1 0 0 0	<b>29,727</b> 47 17 0 0 7	51,305 73 27 0 0 13
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Escapement & Harvest	2	3	4	5
Hatchery Spawners	0.00	0.55	0.45	0.00
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	0.30	0.55	0.15	0.00
I rinity River Hatchery (TRH)	0.33	0.62	0.04	0.01
Hatchery Spawner Subtotal	0.31	0.57	0.11	0.00
Natural Snawners				
Salmon River Basin	0.20	0.43	0.30	0.07
Scott River Basin	0.12	0.45	0.00	0.07
Shasta River Basin	0.67	0.08	0.00	0.05
Bogus Creek Basin	0.31	0.57	0.10	0.01
Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R)	0.37	0.50	0.12	0.01
Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R to Indian Cr)	0.39	0.48	0.11	0.01
Klamath tributaries (above Trinity River)	0.13	0.46	0.26	0.15
Yurok Reservation tributaries	0.24	0.12	0.63	0.00
Klamath Basin subtotal	0.43	0.35	0.16	0.05
Trinity River (mainstem above WCW)	0.56	0.36	0.06	0.02
Trinity River (mainstem below WCW)	0.56	0.36	0.06	0.02
Trinity tributaries (above Reservation)	0.56	0.37	0.06	0.02
Hoopa Reservation tributaries	0.56	0.36	0.07	0.01
Trinity Basin subtotal	0.56	0.36	0.06	0.02
Natural Spawners subtotal	0.47	0.36	0.13	0.04
Total Spawner Escapement	0.42	0.42	0.13	0.03
	0	0	0.10	0.00
Recreational Harvest				
Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge)	0.36	0.22	0.37	0.05
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec)	0.37	0.22	0.37	0.04
Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH)	-	-	-	-
Trinity River Basin (above WCW)	-	-	-	-
Trinity River Basin (below WCW)	<u>0.46</u>	<u>0.08</u>	0.46	0.00
Subtotals	0.37	0.20	0.38	0.04
Tribal Harvest				
Klamath River (below Hwy 101)	0.24	0.56	0.19	0.01
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth)	0.39	0.22	0.39	0.00
Trinity River (net and hook-and-line)	0.06	0.62	0.25	0.06
Trinity River (harvest weir)	0.92	0.08	0.00	0.00
Subtotals	0.12	0.59	0.23	0.05
Total Harvest	0.14	0.57	0.24	0.05
Totals				
Harvest and Escapement	0.41	0.43	0.13	0.03
Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality 2.04%	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8.7%	0.09	0.61	0.25	0.06
Total River Run	0.41	0.43	0.13	0.03

# Table 6. Age proportion of the 2017 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run.

Appendix A: Estimation of escapement age-composition from a random sample containing known-age (CWT) and unknown read-age fish.

Denote the escapement at age as { $N_a$ , a = 2,3,4,5},  $N = \sum N_a$ , and for the random sample of size (n + m) fish, denote the following quantities:

- known-age fish: number at age  $\{n_a, a = 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $n = \sum n_a$ ,  $p_a = n_a / n$ .
- unknown read-age fish: number at age  $\{m_a, a = 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $m = \sum m_a$ ,  $r_a = m_a / m$ .
- bias-corrected unknown read-age proportions:  $\{r_a, a = 2, 3, 4, 5\}, r_A = r_3 + r_4 + r_5$ .
- age-2 proportion as estimated by size-frequency:  $s_2$ .
- 1. Age 2–5 escapement by scales. Estimate  $N_a$  as the sample of known-age *a* fish plus the unknown age portion of the escapement times the estimated age *a* proportion (bias-corrected):

$$N_a = np_a + (N - n)r_a^*, \ a = 2,3,4,5.$$

2. Age-2 escapement by size-frequency; age 3–5 escapement by scales. Estimate  $N_2$  as the total escapement times the size-frequency based estimated age-2 proportion. Estimate  $N_a$  for a = 3,4,5 as the sample known-age *a* fish plus the unknown age portion of the adult escapement times the age *a* proportion among adults (bias-corrected):

$$N_{a} = \begin{cases} Ns_{2}, & a = 2\\ np_{a} + [N(1 - s_{2}) - n(1 - p_{2})](r_{a}^{*} / r_{A}^{*}), & a = 3, 4, 5 \end{cases}$$

Appendix B: Estimation of Salmon River adult escapement, accounting for a shortened survey and a lack of sampling in Wooley Creek.

In 2017, the Salmon River redd survey was effectively ended during Julian week 44 (the week ending on 4 November 2017); large flows resulted in very sparse additional surveys. In the Salmon River system, additional spawning typically occurs after Julian week 44, and this spawning activity was insufficiently sampled. Additionally, no sampling was performed on Wooley Creek in 2017, and the total Salmon River escapement estimate reported annually includes fish spawning in Wooley Creek. To derive an adult spawner estimate given these sampling shortfalls in the Salmon River watershed, we employed methods previously developed by the KRTT to account for scenarios when sampling effort was either low or lacking altogether (KRTT 2009, 2011, 2017).

To account for the lack of sampling after Julian week 44 in the Salmon River, 2017 redd deposition data up to and including Julian week 44, and the cumulative distributions of redd deposition from past years were used to estimate redds in 2017 (KRTT 2011). Redd deposition data for years 1998-2016 (but excluding 2010 and 2016, where survey effort was also low) indicated that the maximum proportion of new redds counted up to, and including, Julian week 44 was p = 0.9066. The KRTT discussed whether a mean, minimum, or maximum proportion of redd deposition (across years with appropriate data) at Julian week 44 would be most representative of 2017 conditions. The team decided that the maximum proportion would be most appropriate because observations from other neighboring sectors suggested early run timing and spawning in 2017.

In 2017, 556 redds were enumerated through Julian week 44 ( $R_{inc} = 556$ ) and the total number of redds in the Salmon River (R), not including Wooley Creek, was estimated to be:

$$R = \frac{R_{inc}}{p} = \frac{556}{0.9066} = 613.$$

To account for the lack of sampling in Wooley Creek, we applied a method previously described in KRTT (2009). The ratio of the mean number of total redds in the Salmon River basin (including Wooley Creek  $\overline{T}$ ) to the mean number of redds in the Salmon River (excluding Wooley Creek  $\overline{S}$ ) was computed using data from 1996-2016 (but excluding 2008 and 2016 when Wooley Creek was not sampled):

$$\lambda = \frac{T}{\overline{S}} = \frac{1124.95}{1030.63} = 1.09$$

The total number of redds in the Salmon River Basin ( $R_{tot}$ ), accounting for both a shortened survey and a lack of sampling in Wooley Creek, is therefore

$$R_{tot} = R \times \lambda = 613 \times 1.09 = 669,$$

which allows for the estimation of adult escapement (E) to the Salmon River basin, assuming two adult fish per redd:

$$E = R_{tot} \times 2 = 669 \times 2 = 1,338$$
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# Appendix C. Estimation of escapement in the mainstem Klamath River below the Shasta River

An unusual presence of jills (age-2 females) was observed in the mainstem Klamath River carcass survey (Iron Gate Dam to Shasta River) in 2017. To account for the presence of age-2 females we introduced an alternative method for estimating escapement from redd data in the Klamath River mainstem below the Shasta River.

#### Separating redds made by jills from redds made by adult females

Scale ages from mainstem Klamath River carcasses revealed that 53.4% of males and 8.2% of females were age-2. To isolate redds constructed by *adult* (age-3+) females ( $R_a$ ), we multiply the total redd count (R) by the proportion of adult females ( $\hat{P}_{f,a}$ ):

$$\hat{R}_a = R * \hat{P}_{fa} = 478 * 0.918 = 439.$$

Likewise, to isolate redds constructed by age-2 females ( $R_2$ ), we multiply the redd count (R) by the proportion of age-2 females ( $\hat{P}_{f,2}$ ):

$$\hat{R}_2 = R * \hat{P}_{f,2} = 478 * 0.082 = 39.$$

#### Adult Escapement Estimate

Assuming each redd also represents one adult male salmon (i.e.,  $R = N_{m,a}$ ),  $R_a$  was added to R to estimate adult escapement ( $N_a$ ):

$$\widehat{N}_a = \widehat{R}_a + R = 439 + 478 = 917.$$

Where  $\hat{R}_a$  represents the number of adult females (one adult female per redd constructed by an adult female) and *R* represents the number of adult males (since one adult male is assumed to be associated with each redd, regardless of the age of the female that constructed the redd).

#### Age-2 Escapement Estimate

We then use the age-2 male proportion  $(\hat{P}_{m,2})$  determined from scales and the assumed adult male escapement  $(\hat{N}_{m,a}; \text{ equal to } R)$  to estimate jack escapement  $(\hat{N}_{m,2})$ :

$$\widehat{N}_{m,2} = \frac{\widehat{N}_{m,a}}{\left(1 - \widehat{P}_{m,2}\right)} - \widehat{N}_{m,a} = \frac{478}{\left(1 - 0.534\right)} - 478 = 548.$$

The total male and female age-2 escapement  $(\hat{N}_2)$  estimate is then:

$$\widehat{N}_2 = \widehat{N}_{m,2} + \widehat{R}_2 = 548 + 39 = 587.$$

#### Appendix D. Klamath River – 2017 details.

#### Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)

Escapement to IGH is a direct count of the number of fall Chinook Salmon entering the hatchery over the duration of the spawning season. A systematic random bio-sample<sup>a</sup> was obtained from every fifth Chinook Salmon returning to IGH in 2017. Heads were also collected for CWT analysis from all adclipped fish not included in the systematic sample. A total of 1,761 scale samples were aged, of which 192 were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

#### Bogus Creek

Escapement was estimated by summing carcasses encountered during spawning ground surveys below the video weir and videography counts above the weir. Spawning ground surveys are also conducted upstream of the weir to collect bio-samples. Bio-samples were obtained at a 1:2 systematic random sampling rate and from every (i.e., non-random) ad-clipped fish encountered. A total of 710 scale samples were aged, of which 56 were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

#### Shasta River

Escapement was estimated by videography as the net count of fish moving upstream (total observed moving upstream minus total moving downstream). Bio-samples were collected from all carcasses encountered during surveys in the lower seven miles of the Shasta River, five reaches in the upper Shasta River mainstem, Yreka Creek, Big Springs Creek, Little Springs Creek, and Parks Creek. Bio-samples were also obtained from a 1:5 systematic sample of carcasses, and all ad-clipped fish not falling within the systematic sample, that washed back onto the counting weir. A total of 256 scale samples were aged, 82 of which were from spawning ground surveys and none of which were from known-aged fish. Scale-based age compositions from 82 scale samples collected during spawning ground surveys were used to apportion all age classes.

#### Scott River

Independent estimates from above and below the weir were combined to estimate total escapement. Escapement above the weir was estimated using videography as the net count of fish moving upstream, supplemented by ARIS acoustic counts during one 14-day high flow event. Species proportions observed by videography prior to and after ARIS deployment were used to estimate Chinook Salmon counts by ARIS. Due to insufficient recaptures (0) of marked carcasses (11) for implementing a Cormack-Jolly-Seber estimator, adult escapement below the weir was estimated by total redd count (redds X 2). Spawning ground surveys were also conducted upstream of the weir to collect bio-samples. Bio-samples were obtained from all non-deteriorated carcasses recovered above and below the weir. A total of 441 scale samples were aged, of which none were from known-age fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

#### Salmon River

Redd surveys were used to estimate escapement in 2017; insufficient marks and recoveries prevented the use of mark-recapture estimators. River flows prevented comprehensive redd surveys beyond Julian week 44, and no surveys were conducted in Wooley Creek. To account for incomplete sampling, adult escapement was estimated using methods described in Appendix B. Bio-samples were obtained from all recovered carcasses. A total of 75 scale samples were aged, none of which were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion jack and adult age classes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Biological samples ("bio-samples") of live fish or carcasses generally included: sex, fork length, tags or marks, a scale sample, and CWT recovery codes from adipose fin-clipped fish.

#### Klamath River Tributaries

Adult escapement was estimated by expanding the total redd count (redds X 2) and adding the number of live fish observed during the final survey in each tributary. A total of 36 scale samples were aged, none of which were from known-age CWT fish. Total escapement (including jacks) was estimated by expanding the adult estimate by the scale-based age-2 proportion. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

#### Klamath River Mainstem

A hierarchical latent variable model based on weekly carcass counts and mark-recapture data was used to estimate escapement in the upper reach (IGH to Shasta River). A total of 635 scale samples were aged, 50 of which were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age proportions were used to assign all age classes.

For the lower reach (Shasta River to Wingate Bar), escapement was estimated from redd surveys. A large proportion of age-2 females, based on scale aging, was observed among carcasses in the upper reach, which led to the estimation methods described in Appendix C. Age assignments were based on sex-specific age proportions from scales collected in the upper reach.

#### Lower Klamath River Creel

Total harvest was estimated by combining creel census estimates from the two sub-areas (above the Highway 101 Bridge to Weitchpec and below the Highway 101 Bridge to the mouth). All harvest occurring in the two days preceding the fall Chinook fishery closure (JW 33) were included, as well as half of the estimated harvest from the week preceding the closure (JW 32). These harvested fish were included in the fall harvest because one fall CWT was recovered in JW 33 and one spring CWT was recovered in JW 31. Based on expansion of one illegally harvested fish sampled in the creel survey, four additional fish were estimated to have been harvested during the fishery closure. A total of 26 scale samples were aged, of which one was from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age proportions from these 26 samples were used to apportion all age classes.

#### Upper Klamath River Recreational Fishery

No harvest was estimated in the upper Klamath River recreational fishery due to the complete closure of the fishery. The usual ratio estimator was not applied to the fall fish harvested before the closure because this was deemed to be the beginning of the fall run and therefore fall run fish were not expected to be available for harvest in the upper sector. The four fish illegally harvested were not expanded to the upper river because there was no evidence that illegal harvest occurred in the upper sector.

#### Yurok Tribal Estuary Fishery (Klamath mouth to Hwy 101)

Yurok harvest in this sub-area was estimated by summing census counts from the elder net fishery and estimates of incidental harvest from the steelhead angler fishery. Harvest in the steelhead angler fishery was estimated from daily effort and catch-per-effort analyses. A total of 189 scale samples were aged, of which 11 were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age composition was used to apportion all age classes.

#### Yurok Tribal Fishery Above Hwy 101

Yurok harvest in this sub-area was estimated by daily effort and catch-per-effort analyses as incidental harvest in the steelhead angler fishery. No scale samples were collected in this sector. Scale-based age composition from the lower Klamath River creel was used as a surrogate to apportion all age classes.

#### Blue Creek

Total run was estimated as the peak count from surveys conducted between 7 November and 14 December 2017. Age-2 composition was estimated through direct observation. Adult age proportions were estimated using four scale samples collected during the dive surveys.

#### Appendix E. Trinity River – 2017 details.

#### Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)

Escapement to TRH is a direct count of the number of fall Chinook Salmon entering the hatchery over the duration of the spawning season. Sampling for scales was conducted in a systematic (1:4) random manner including ad-clipped and non-ad-clipped fish. A total of 1,326 scale samples were aged, of which 309 samples were from known-age CWT fish. Scale samples were used to apportion the hatchery return into age classes.

#### Upper Trinity River Recreational Harvest

The fall-run Chinook fishery was closed on 31 August 2017 in the Trinity River. Fish were tagged with reward and non-reward tags to be returned by anglers. Tags returned by anglers were used to estimate total harvest. Seventy-eight reward and five non-reward tags were returned from incidental catch and release in the steelhead fishery, and zero harvest was estimated.

#### Lower Trinity River Creel

A roving creel survey was implemented in the Trinity River downstream of WCW. A total of three scale samples were aged, of which one was from a known-age CWT fish. Scales were used to apportion the age structure in this sector.

#### Trinity River Natural Escapement (above WCW)

Total run was estimated using a Petersen mark-recapture estimator, stratified by jacks and adults. The methods used for estimating age structure within the Trinity River run above WCW were similar to those used in the population estimate, apportioned into three general recovery areas: Trinity River Hatchery, Trinity basin natural spawning escapement above WCW, and recreational harvest. Bio-samples were collected from all Chinook Salmon at WCW in good condition, yielding 1,815 scale samples used from program-marked fall Chinook, 127 of which were ad-clipped. Validation of WCW scales was accomplished with known-age fish recovered throughout all sectors of the Trinity River.

The age structure for fish passing above WCW was estimated using scales collected at WCW and TRH. Age-specific abundances for all fish passing upstream of WCW were estimated from scales collected at WCW. Next, age-specific abundances of fish returning to TRH and fish harvested in the recreational fishery were estimated. Finally, age-specific abundances from TRH and the recreational fishery were subtracted from age-specific abundances of fish passing upstream of WCW to yield age-specific abundances of fish passing upstream of WCW to yield age-specific abundances of fish returning areas upstream of WCW.

#### Trinity Mainstem Natural Escapement (below WCW)

Total escapement was estimated by expanding total redd counts (redds X 2) from surveys conducted biweekly as conditions allowed, and applying the jack proportion from the upper Trinity River natural escapement. The upper Trinity River natural escapement age structure was used as a surrogate to apportion all ages. No scales were collected in this sector.

#### Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW)

Total escapement was estimated by expanding the total redd count (redds X 2), applying the jack proportion from the upper Trinity River natural escapement sector to the expanded redd count, and then adding the number of live fish observed during the final survey in each tributary. Two scale samples were collected, neither of which were from known-age fish. The upper Trinity River natural escapement age structure was used to apportion all ages.

#### Hoopa Reservation Tributaries

Total escapement was estimated by expanding the total redd count (redds X 2) and applying the age-2 proportion in the upper Trinity River natural escapement sector to the expanded redd count. One scale sample was recovered from an unknown-age carcass. The upper Trinity River natural escapement age structure was used to apportion all ages.

#### Hoopa Valley Tribal Harvest (net and hook-and-line)

Hoopa Valley Tribal harvest is a composite of the gill net and hook-and-line fisheries prosecuted by Tribal members. A total of 500 scale samples were aged, of which 32 were from known-age fish. Scale age proportions were used to apportion all ages.

#### Hoopa Valley Tribal Harvest (harvest weir)

Direct harvest of Chinook measuring less than 56 cm. Scale samples taken from all harvested fish. A total of 89 scale samples were aged, of which six were from known-age fish. Scale age proportions were used to apportion all ages.

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Unknown scales age composition as read										
	AGE 2	AGE 3	AGE 4	AGE 5	TOTAL					
BOGUS	210	372	66	6	654					
IGH	497	843	227	2	1,569					
SALMON	15	34	22	4	75					
SCOTT	57	323	28	33	441					
SHASTA	54	8	17	3	82					
MAINSTEM	217	292	70	6	585					
UR TRIBS	5	17	10	4	36					
LRC EST	9	6	9	1	25					
LRC UP	0	0	0	0	0					
YTFP EST	46	98	33	1	178					
YTFP M&U	0	0	0	0	0					
BLUE CRK	0	1	3	0	4					
	1,110	1,994	485	60	3,649					

### Unknown scales corrected age proportions (Kimura method)

	AGE 2	AGE 3	AGE 4	AGE 5	TOTAL
BOGUS	0.3171	0.5751	0.0955	0.0122	1.0
IGH	0.3133	0.5372	0.1478	0.0017	1.0
SALMON	0.1963	0.4351	0.2975	0.0711	1.0
SCOTT	0.1192	0.7503	0.0307	0.0998	1.0
SHASTA	0.6682	0.0789	0.2041	0.0488	1.0
MAINSTEM	0.3690	0.5013	0.1160	0.0137	1.0
UR TRIBS	0.1337	0.4585	0.2596	0.1481	1.0
LRC EST	0.3626	0.2073	0.3768	0.0533	1.0
LRC UP	0.3626	0.2073	0.3768	0.0533	1.0
YTFP EST	0.2538	0.5462	0.1925	0.0075	1.0
YTFP M&U	0.3626	0.2073	0.3768	0.0533	1.0
BLUE CRK	0.0000	0.1652	0.8348	0.0000	1.0
Known CWT ages	a/				
•	AGE 2	AGE 3	AGE 4	AGE 5	TOTAL
BOGUS	11	47	22	2	82
IGH	464	1,120	333	8	1,925
SALMON	0	0	0	0	0
SCOTT	0	0	0	0	0
SHASTA	1	1	1	0	3
MAINSTEM	7	31	16	2	56
UR TRIBS	0	0	0	0	0
LRC	0	1	0	0	1
YTFP EST	1	14	2	0	17
YTFP M&U	0	0	0	0	0
BLUE CRK	0	0	0	0	0
	484	1,214	374	12	2,084
Breakout within strata					
Bogus1	4	25	14	2	45
Bogus2	7	22	8	0	37
LRC - lo	0	1	0	0	1
LRC - mid	0	0	0	0	0
YTFP MID-UP	TRUE	0	0	0	0

a/ Table includes known-age fish whose scales were not mounted / read.

#### Appendix G. 2017 Trinity age analysis.



#### Appendix H. 2017 Klamath Basin fall Chinook age-composition calculation worksheet.

Appendix H. 2017 Klamath Basin fall Chinook age-composition calculation worksheet.														
Hatchery spawners	Grilse	Adults	Run	2	ALCULA	4	5	Total	2 3 4 5	Total	Scales Read	Redd Surveys Redds Live	Video	Carcass
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	3193	7443	10636	3193	5800	1620	23	10636	scales 0.31330 0.53721 0.14778 0.00170 IGH cwts 464 1120 333 8	1.0 1925	1,569			
Trinity River Hatchery (TRH) Hatchery spawner subtotal:	1863 5056	3770 11213	5633 16269	1863 5056	3487 9287	244 1864	39 62	5633 16269	scales 0.33274 0.61831 0.04158 0.00737 TRH cwts 385 740 59 6	1.0 1190	1017			
Natural Spawners	prop. nato	nery grise	0.311	5500	00.40	proportion	170	40040						
Trinity River mainstem below WCW	129	4432 102	231	129	3642 84	620 14	170	231	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693 Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0	1688 0	51		
Salmon River Basin (includes Wooley Cr) Scott River	327 307	1338 2269	1665 2576	327 307	724 1933	495 79	119 257	1665 2576	scales 0.19626 0.43508 0.29755 0.07111 scales 0.11920 0.75029 0.03073 0.09977	1.0 1.0	75 441	669 131	2279	
Shasta River	6618	3287	9905	6618	782	2022	483	9905	Scott CWT 0 0 0 0 scales 0.66823 0.07890 0.20409 0.04878	0 1.0	82		9905	
Bogus Creek	848	1874	2722	848	1565	274	35	2722	Shasta CWT 1 1 1 0 scales 0.31710 0.57514 0.09553 0.01223	3 1.0	654		2224	498
Mainstem Klamath (IGH to Shasta R)	1735	3005	4740	1735	2379	560	66	4740	Bogus CWT 11 47 22 2 scales 0.36897 0.50131 0.11604 0.01368	82 1.0	585			
Mainstem Klamath (Ash Cr to Wingate Bar)	587	917	1504	587	728	169	20	1504	KR main CWT 7 31 16 2 Up K main adults 0.79443 0.18389 0.02167	56 1.0	IGH to Shasta	478		
Main basin subtotals:	16,137	17224	33,361	16,137	11,837	4,233	1154	33361						
Klamath Tributaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	0 0	)	
Beaver Cr	6	42	48	6	22	12	8	48	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	21 0		
Boise Cr	3	22	25	3	11	6	5	25	scales 0.13375 0.45651 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	11 (	)	
Camp Cr Clear Cr	43 20	275 129	318 149	43 20	146 68	83 39	46 22	318 149	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	132 13 63 4	5 	
Dillon Cr Elk Cr	13 8	84 54	97 62	13 8	44 28	25 16	15 10	97 62	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	42 ( 22 11	)	
Ft. Goff Cr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	0 (	0	
Horse Cr	6 2	42	48 14	6	6	12	8	48 14	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	6 (		
Independence Cr Indian Cr	0 16	0 105	0 121	0 16	0 55	0 31	0 19	0 121	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	0 0 50 e	6	
Irving Cr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	0 0		
Red Cap Cr	31	199	230	31	105	60	34	230	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	99 1		
Rock Cr Slate Cr	3 1	18 8	21 9	3 1	10 4	5 2	3 2	21 9	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	9 (		
Swillup Cr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	6		
Ti Cr	2	12	14	2	0	4	2	14	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	0 0		
Ukonom Cr Other (China, Rogers, Seiad)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815 scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0 1.0	36 36	0 0	)	
Pine Cr (formerly in Hoopa tribs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	scales 0.13375 0.45851 0.25960 0.14815	1.0	36	486 35	1	
	104	1002	1150	104	527	299	170	1150				400 30		
Horse Linto Cr	58	46	104	58	38	6	2	104	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0	3	23 (	)	
Cedar Cr (trib to Horse Linto) Other (Willow & Madden creeks in Lin TR nat estim)	38	30 0	68 0	38 0	25 0	4	1	68 0	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0 1.0	3	15 (	)	
Trinity trib subtotal:	96	76	172	96	63	10	3	172			Ū	38	1	
inon-reservation trib subtotal:	250	1078	1328	250	590	309	179	1328						
Campbell Cr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0	3	0		
Hostler Cr Mill Cr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 72	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0	3	0		
Pine Cr. (moved in 2007 to Klam tribs)	40		12	-0	20	0		12		1.0	5	10		
Supply Cr	40	32	72	40	26	5	1	72	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693 Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0	3	16		
Tish Tang Cr Other (Hospital Cr.)	10 0	8 0	18 0	10 0	7 0	1 0	0	18 0	Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693 Up T main 0.55757 0.36356 0.06193 0.01693	1.0 1.0	3 3	4 0		
HVT reservation trib subtotal:	90	72	162	90	59	11	<mark>2</mark> 2	162				36		
Reservation Tributaries-Yurok	45	140	105	45	22	117	-	105	aceles acust 0.16540.0.93494.0.00000	10				
blue Cr	45	140	100	45	23	117	U	160	0.243	1.0	4			
Reservation tributaries subtotal: Natural spawner subtotal:	135 16522	212 18514	347 35036	135 16522	82 12509	128 4670	2 1335	347 35036						
Total spawners:	21578	29727	51305	21578	21796	6534	1397	51305						
Angler Harvest Klamath River (below Hwy 101)	26	47	73	26	16	27	4	73	scales 0.36263 0.20727 0.37677 0.05333	1.0	25			
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec)	10	17	27	10	6	10	1	27	est-LRC CWT 0 1 0 0 Creel - estuary 0.36263 0.20727 0.37677 0.05333	1 1.0	0			
		Upper Kla	ım						mid-LRC CWT 0 0 0 0 SURROGATE - Iron Gate+Bogus+Klamath Mainstem V	0 Veighted 1	Fotals	IGH+BOG+Kmain		
Klamath River (Weitchnec to IGH)	0	ratio estin	nator	0	0	0	0	0	IGH+Bog+Klam 5776 9744 2454 124	18098		18098		
*not applying ratio estimator this year - do	besn't appl	ly to illega	l harvest	0	0	0	0	0	SURROGATE - Trinity Rec. Harvest below WCW - adu	Its only		0 0	, 	
I rinity River (above Willow Cr. Weir)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TR LRC count 0.00000 1.00000 0.00000 don't use paper TR CWTs in age calculations	1.0				
Trinity River (below Willow Cr. Weir)	6	7	13	6	1	6	0	13	scales 0.50000 0.00000 0.50000 0.00000 TR-low CWT 0 1 0 0	1.0 1	2			
Angler harvest subtotal:	42	71	113	42	23	43	5	113						
Tribal Harvest	05	205	070	05	450	54	2	070		10	170			
	05	205	210	05	102	51	2	270	Scales         0.2536         0.5462         0.1925         0.0075           YTFP EST CWT         1         14         2         0	17	176	Yurok harvest		
Klamath River (101 to Trinity R)	7	11	18	7	4	7	0	18	Creel - estuary         0.36263         0.20727         0.37677         0.05333           YTFP MU CWT         0         0         0         0	1.0 0	0	2 MidKlm 16 UpKlm		
Trinity River (net and hook-and-line)	112	1653	1765	112	1096	445	112	1765	net scales 0.06383 0.62047 0.25159 0.06410 HVT net CWT 2 23 10 0	1.0 35	468			
Trinity River (harvest weir)	82	7	89	82	7	0	0	89	weir scales 0.92718 0.07282 0.00000 0.00000	1.0	83			
Tribal harvest subtotal:	266	1876 <b>1947</b>	2142	266	1259	503	114 119	2142 2255		o				
Tatala	308	1947	£200	308	1202	540	119	2200						
Harvest and Escapement	21886	31674	53560	21886	23078	7080	1516	53560						
Angling drop-off mortality (2.04%) Net drop-off mortality (8.7%)*	1 16	1 163	2 179	1 16	0 109	1 44	0 10	2 179	0.0204 angling drop-off mortality rate on har 0.0870 net drop-off mortality rate on harvest	vest				
Ich Disease Testing (Tribal)									Klam CWTs 0 0 0	0				
Klamath River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	YTFP MU scales 0.3626 0.2073 0.3768 0.0533	1.0000				
Total disease testing:	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	HVI scales         0.0638         0.6205         0.2516         0.0641           Trin CWTs         0         0         0         0	1.0000 0				
Total in-river run	21903	31838	53741	21903	23187	7125	1526	53741					1	

Appendix I.	Final age com	position of the	e 2016 Klamath	Basin fall Chinook run.
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			AGE		Total	Total
Escapement & Harvest	2	3	4	5	Adults	Run
Hatchery Spawners						
Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)	151	1,683	715	38	2,436	2,587
Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)	401	722	412	8	1,142	1,543
Hatchery Spawner subtotal	552	2,405	1,127	46	3,578	4,130
Natural Snawners						
Salmon River Basin	26	676	356	0	1 032	1 058
Scott River Basin	139	1	1 375	0	1,002	1,000
Shasta River Basin	135	536	2 218	0	2 754	2 889
Bogus Creek Basin	38	245	585	0	830	2,000
Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R)	38	236	471	1	708	746
Klamath River mainstern (Shasta R to Indian Cr)	121	732	1 462	0	2 194	2 315
Klamath Tributaries (above Trinity River)	30	237	929	52	1.218	1,248
Blue Creek	27	42	210	12	264	291
Klamath Basin subtotal	554	2,705	7,606	65	10,376	10,930
		,	,		-,	-,
Trinity River (mainstem above WCW)	1,260	1,936	1,340	76	3,352	4,612
Trinity River (mainstem below WCW)	35	53	37	2	92	127
Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW)	21	31	22	2	55	76
Hoopa Reservation tributaries	<u>24</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>86</u>
Trinity Basin subtotal	1,340	2,056	1,424	81	3,561	4,901
Natural Spawners subtotal	1,894	4,761	9,030	146	13,937	15,831
		,			,	,
Total Spawner Escapement	2,446	7,166	10,157	192	17,515	19,961
Peerestional Harvost						
Kecreational naivesi	24	120	670	0	901	922
Klamath River (Luci 404 to Meiteknee)	31	129	072	0	001	032
Klemeth River (Meiteknes to ICU)	91	15	3 195	0	24	115
Trinity Diver Regin (chave MCM)	24	221	100	4	410	440
Trinity River Basin (above WCW)	16	34	0	0	40	40
	10	20	4	10	29	45
Subtotals	102	430	870	10	1,310	1,472
Tribal Harvest						
Klamath River (below Hwy 101)	121	413	2.611	161	3,185	3,306
Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth)	19	163	977	84	1,224	1,243
Trinity River (Hoopa Reservation)	20	342	378	31	751	771
Subtotals	160	918	3,966	276	5,160	5,320
Total Harvest	322	1,348	4,836	286	6,470	6,792
Totals						
Harvest and Escapement	2,768	8 514	14 993	478	23 985	26 753
Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality 2 04%	2,100	0,014 Q	18	0	20,000	20,700 30
Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8 7%*	1/	S 81	252	25	150	173
	14	01	000	20	700	413
Klamath River Ich disease testing (Yurok Tribe)	2	15	89	7	111	113
Total River Run	2,787	8.619	15,453	510	24,582	27,369

\* Net drop-off mortality includes fish collected by tribes for Ich testing.