# Klamath River Fall Chinook Salmon Age-Specific Escapement, River Harvest, and Run Size Estimates, 2016 Run 

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## Summary

The number of Klamath River fall Chinook Salmon returning to the Klamath River Basin (Basin) in 2016 was estimated to be:

|  | Run Size |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Age | Number | Proportion |
| 2 | 2,786 | 0.10 |
| 3 | 8,615 | 0.31 |
| 4 | 15,443 | 0.56 |
| 5 | 509 | 0.02 |
| Total | 27,353 | 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 <br> Forecast | Postseason <br> Estimate | Pre / Post |  |
| Run Size | 52,100 | 24,600 | 2.12 |
| Fishery Mortality |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Tribal Harvest | 7,400 | 5,200 | 1.42 |
| Recreational Harvest | 1,100 | 1,300 | 1.85 |
| Drop-off Mortality | 700 | 500 | 1.40 |
|  | 9,200 | 7,000 | 1.31 |
| Escapement |  |  |  |
| Hatchery Spawners | 12,000 | 3,600 | 3.33 |
| Natural Area Spawners | 30,900 | 13,900 | 2.22 |
|  | 42,900 | 17,500 | 2.45 |

## 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 2016. The estimates provided in this report are consistent with the Klamath Basin Megatable (CDFW 2017) and with the 2017 forecast of ocean stock abundance (KRTT 2017).

Age-specific escapement estimates for 2016 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 2017). 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 2017). 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 2016 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.

An alternative method was used to estimate the age structure of escapement to the Shasta River in 2016. This method is described in Appendix B.

Stream surveys in the Salmon River effectively ended early in the 2016 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 2016
is described in Appendix C .
A new method, applied by USFWS, was used to estimate the Klamath River mainstem escapement in the area from IGH to the Shasta River. This method is described in Appendix D.

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

## Results

A total of 3,500 scales from 16 different sectors were aged for this analysis (Table 2). Of these, 221 were from known-age CWT fish. Known-age scales provide a direct check, or "validation", of accuracy of the scale-based age estimates (Tables 4 a and 4b, Appendices G and H). Overall, the scale-based ages were generally accurate. Accuracy within the Trinity Basin was $96 \%$ for age-2 fish, $87 \%$ for age-3 fish, $100 \%$ for age-4 fish, and $100 \%$ for age -5 fish. Accuracy within the Klamath River Basin was 100\% for age-2 fish, $96 \%$ for age-3 fish, $93 \%$ for age- 4 fish, and $67 \%$ 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 1.

In 2016, sampling was conducted by the Yurok Tribe in the Klamath River to assess the incidence of Ichthyophthirius multifiliis (often referred to as Ich) in returning fish. Sampling was conducted using gill nets in a manner similar to the prosecution of their tribal fisheries. All fish caught as part of this effort were examined and killed and therefore no sampling expansion was necessary. Estimated impacts from Ich sampling include net dropoff mortality. The age structure of fish caught in Ich sampling programs in the Klamath River is reported in Table 5.

The final estimates of the 2015 Klamath Basin age composition are presented in Appendix J.

## 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 |
| YT | Yurok Tribe |
| YTFP | Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program |

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Table 1. Estimation and sampling methods used for the 2016 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 ${ }^{a}$ collected from a systematic random sample of $10 \%$ 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 $20 \%$ 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 the first and only survey day based on historical redd deposition rate since 1998. Additionally, the Wooley Creek redd count was estimated using the historical ratio of redds there versus the rest of the Salmon River basin (Appendix C). Total run based on expanded redd count (2^total redd count)/(1-proportion of jacks). Bio-data collected from all carcasses recovered. | CDFW,USFS,YT, KT, SRRC, SCS, WSP |
| 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 (Appendix D). Bio-data collected from fresh carcasses. | USFWS, YT |
| Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R. to Indian Cr.) | Weekly redd survey. Total run $=\left(2^{*}\right.$ total redd count) $)(1$-proportion jacks). Jacks estimated from the Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.) area scale-age data. | USFWS, KT |
| Klamath Tributaries above Trinity | Periodic redd surveys. High flows precluded repeated surveys in some areas. Total run $=\left(2^{*}\right.$ 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, SCS, WSP |
| Blue Creek | Total estimated using the single diver count completed for this year. No bio-data was collected as conditions prevented recovery of any carcasses. | Yt |
| Trinity River (mainstem above WCW) | Mark-recapture (non-stratified Peterson); marks applied at WCW and recovered at TRH. All fish bio-sampled and scales collected in systematic random sample (1:2). Natural spawning escapement estimated by subtracting age specific estimates of hatchery returns and recreational harvest above WCW from the total run. | CDFW, HVT |
| Trinity River (mainstem below WCW) | No redd survey was possible due to flow conditions in 2016. Adult escapement estimated by applying the average ratio of this sector to the upper Trinity River adult natural escapement for years 2001-2015 to the 2016 upper Trinity River adult escapement. | HVT, USFWS |
| Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW) | Periodic redd surveys. Total run $=\left(2^{*}\right.$ total redd count)/(1-proportion jacks) + live fish observed on last day surveyed. Bio-data collected from all recovered carcasses. | CDFW, USFS, WSP |
| Hoopa Reservation Tributaries | Periodic redd surveys. Total run $=\left(2^{*}\right.$ total redd count) $)(1$-proportion jacks). Bio-data collected from all recovered carcasses. | HVT |
| Recreational Harvest |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge) | Jack and adult estimates based on access point creel survey during three randomly selected days per statistical week (two weekdays and one weekend day). Bio-data collected during angler interviews. | CDFW |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec) | Jack and adult estimates based on access point creel survey during three randomly selected days per statistical week (two weekdays and one weekend day). Bio-data collected during angler interviews. | CDFW |
| Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH) | No survey. Upper Klamath adult harvest estimated using the ratio of lower river to total adult river harvest during the years 1999-2002 (Appendix B). Upper river adult harvest = total adult harvest minus lower river adult harvest. Total harvest = adults/(1-proportion jacks). Jacks estimated from the weighted IGH, Klamath mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.), and Bogus Creek age composition data. | CDFW |
| Trinity River Basin (above WCW) | Jack and adult harvest estimates based on estimated harvest rates from angler return of reward and nonreward tags applied at WCW. | 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 ( $\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{Su}$ ) 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. Bio-data collected during net harvest and buying station interviews. | YT |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth) | Daily harvest estimates based on effort and catch-per-effort surveys. Bio-data collected during net harvest interviews. | YT |
| Trinity River (Hoopa Reservation) | Effort and catch-per-effort surveys during four randomly selected days per statistical week. Bio-data collected during net harvest interviews. | HVT |
| Fishery Dropoff Mortality |  |  |
| Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality 2.04\% | Not directly estimated. Assumed rate relative to fishery impacts = .02; relative to fishery harvest $=.02 /(1-.02)$. | KRTAT |
| Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8.7\% | Not directly estimated. Assumed rate relative to fishery impacts $=.08$; relative to fishery harvest $=.08 /(1-.08)$. | KRTAT |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Bio-data generally includes: fork length, scale, sex, tags or marks, and CWT recovery from dead ad-clipped fish.

Table 2. Scale sampling locations and numbers of scales collected for the 2016 Klamath Basin fall Chinook age-composition assessment.

| Sampling Location | Aged |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Collected }^{\text {cl }} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Agency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unknown-age ${ }^{\text {a/ }}$ | Known-age ${ }^{\text {b/ }}$ | Total |  |  |
| Hatchery Spawners |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH) | 203 | 24 | 227 | 285 | CDFW |
| Trinity River Hatchery (TRH) | 220 | 82 | 302 | 306 | HVT |
| Natural Spawners |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon River Carcass Survey | 21 | 0 | 21 | 22 | CDFW |
| Scott River Carcass Survey | 153 | 0 | 153 | 163 | CDFW |
| Shasta River Carcass | 53 | 1 | 54 | 54 | CDFW |
| Bogus Creek | 103 | 13 | 116 | 126 | CDFW |
| Klamath River mainstem | 228 | 13 | 241 | 250 | USFWS |
| Upper Klamath River tributaries | 33 | 0 | 33 | 33 | USFS |
| Blue Creek Snorkel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Yt |
| Willow Creek Weir | 147 | 9 | 156 | 158 | CDFW, HVT |
| Lower Trinity River Carcass | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | HVT |
| Hoopa Reservation tributaries | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | HVT |
| Other Trinity River tributaries | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | USFS |
| Recreational Harvest |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lower Klamath River Creel | 219 | 1 | 220 | 221 | CDFW |
| Lower Trinity River Creel | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 | HVT |
| Tribal Harvest |  |  |  |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101) | 1,151 | 50 | 1,201 | 1,225 | YT |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity R) | 546 | 10 | 556 | 580 | YT |
| Trinity River (Hoopa Reservation) | 194 | 18 | 212 | 213 | HVT |
| TOTAL | 3,279 | 221 | 3,500 | 3,644 |  |

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 2016 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 | Surrogate: jacks estimated from Klamath tributaries (above Trinity R.). Adults estimated using scale-age analysis from this area. |
| Scott River Basin | Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis. |
| Shasta River Basin | Jacks estimated as per Appendix B. 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 Indian Cr.) | Surrogate: Klamath mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.) age structure. |
| Klamath tributaries (above Trinity R.) | Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis. |
| Blue Creek | Jacks estimated through direct observation. Adult surrogate: structure from unweighted average estimated for this sector in years 2011-2015. |
| 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) | Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis. |
| Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH) | Surrogate: IGH, Bogus Creek, and Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R.) weighted age composition. |
| Trinity River Basin (above WCW) | Jack component based on estimated jack harvest rate and total jack run estimate. Adult surrogate: age composition from Trinity River recreational harvest below WCW. |
| 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) | Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis. |
| Trinity River (Hoopa Reservation) | Jack/adult structure from scale-age analysis. |
| Ich Disease Monitoring |  |
| Klamath River (Yurok Reservation) | Surrogate: jack/adult structure from Tribal harvest Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth). |

Table 4a. 2016 Klamath River Basin scale validation matrices.

| Number |  | n Age |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ 291 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| ReadAge | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 0 | 132 | 10 | 1 |  |
|  | 0 | 3 | 127 | 0 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |  |
| Total | 14 | 137 | 137 | 3 |  |
| Percentage | Known Age |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| 2 | 1.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
| Read 3 | 0.00 | 0.96 | 0.07 | 0.33 |  |
| Age 4 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.93 | 0.00 |  |
| 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.67 |  |
| Total | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |  |

Table 4b. 2015 Trinity River Basin scale validation matrices.

| Number | Known Age |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ 110 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| 2 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Read 3 | 1 | 47 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Age 4 | 0 | 7 | 27 | 0 |  |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| Total | 28 | 54 | 27 | 1 |  |
| Percentage | Known Age |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| 2 | 0.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
| Read 3 | 0.04 | 0.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
| Age 4 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 1.00 | 0.00 |  |
| 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 |  |
| Total | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |  |

Table 5. Age composition of the 2016 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run.

| Escapement \& Harvest | 2 | 3 | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{AGE} \\ 4 \end{array}$ | 5 | Total Adults | Total 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 Spawners |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon River Basin | 26 | 676 | 356 | 0 | 1,032 | 1,058 |
| Scott River Basin | 139 | 1 | 1,375 | 0 | 1,376 | 1,515 |
| Shasta River Basin | 135 | 536 | 2,218 | 0 | 2,754 | 2,889 |
| Bogus Creek Basin | 38 | 245 | 585 | 0 | 830 | 868 |
| Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R) | 38 | 236 | 471 | 1 | 708 | 746 |
| Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R to Indian Cr) | 121 | 732 | 1,462 | 0 | 2,194 | 2,315 |
| Klamath Tributaries (above Trinity River) | 30 | 234 | 919 | 52 | 1,205 | 1,235 |
| Blue Creek | $\underline{27}$ | $\underline{42}$ | $\underline{210}$ | 12 | $\underline{264}$ | $\underline{291}$ |
| Klamath Basin subtotal | 554 | 2,702 | 7,596 | 65 | 10,363 | 10,917 |
| 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 | $\underline{24}$ | 36 | $\underline{25}$ | 1 | $\underline{62}$ | $\underline{86}$ |
| Trinity Basin subtotal | 1,340 | 2,056 | 1,424 | 81 | 3,561 | 4,901 |
| Natural Spawners subtotal | 1,894 | 4,758 | 9,020 | 146 | 13,924 | 15,818 |
| Total Spawner Escapement | 2,446 | 7,163 | 10,147 | 192 | 17,502 | 19,948 |
| Recreational Harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge) | 31 | 129 | 672 | 0 | 801 | 832 |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec) | 91 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 115 |
| Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH) | 24 | 227 | 185 | 4 | 416 | 440 |
| Trinity River Basin (above WCW) | 0 | 34 | 6 | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| Trinity River Basin (below WCW) | 15 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 29 | 44 |
| Subtotals | 161 | 430 | 870 | 10 | 1,310 | 1,471 |
| 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 | 341 | 378 | 31 | 750 | 770 |
| Subtotals | 160 | 917 | 3,966 | 276 | 5,159 | 5,319 |
| Total Harvest | 321 | 1,347 | 4,836 | 286 | 6,469 | 6,790 |
| Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harvest and Escapement | 2,767 | 8,510 | 14,983 | 478 | 23,971 | 26,738 |
| Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality 2.04\% | 3 | 9 | 18 | 0 | 27 | 30 |
| Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8.7\%* | 14 | 81 | 353 | 24 | 458 | 472 |
| Klamath River Ich disease testing (Yurok Tribe) | 2 | 15 | 89 | 7 | 111 | 113 |
| Total River Run | 2,786 | 8,615 | 15,443 | 509 | 24,567 | 27,353 |

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

Table 6: Age proportion of the 2016 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run.

| Escapement \& Harvest | AGE |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Hatchery Spawners |  |  |  |  |
| Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH) | 0.06 | 0.65 | 0.28 | 0.01 |
| Trinity River Hatchery (TRH) | 0.26 | 0.47 | 0.27 | 0.01 |
| Hatchery Spawner subtotal | 0.13 | 0.58 | 0.27 | 0.01 |
| Natural Spawners |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon River Basin | 0.02 | 0.64 | 0.34 | 0.00 |
| Scott River Basin | 0.09 | 0.00 | 0.91 | 0.00 |
| Shasta River Basin | 0.05 | 0.19 | 0.77 | 0.00 |
| Bogus Creek Basin | 0.04 | 0.28 | 0.67 | 0.00 |
| Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R) | 0.05 | 0.32 | 0.63 | 0.00 |
| Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R to Indian Cr) | 0.05 | 0.32 | 0.63 | 0.00 |
| Klamath tributaries (above Reservation) | 0.02 | 0.19 | 0.74 | 0.04 |
| Yurok Reservation tributaries | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.72 | $\underline{0.04}$ |
| Klamath Basin subtotal | 0.05 | 0.25 | 0.70 | 0.01 |
| Trinity River (mainstem above WCW) | 0.27 | 0.42 | 0.29 | 0.02 |
| Trinity River (mainstem below WCW) | 0.28 | 0.42 | 0.29 | 0.02 |
| Trinity tributaries (above Reservation) | 0.28 | 0.41 | 0.29 | 0.03 |
| Hoopa Reservation tributaries | $\underline{0.28}$ | 0.42 | $\underline{0.29}$ | $\underline{0.01}$ |
| Trinity Basin subtotal | 0.27 | 0.42 | 0.29 | 0.02 |
| Natural Spawners subtotal | 0.12 | 0.30 | 0.57 | 0.01 |
| Total Spawner Escapement | 0.12 | 0.36 | 0.51 | 0.01 |
| Recreational Harvest |  |  |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge) | 0.04 | 0.16 | 0.81 | 0.00 |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec) | 0.79 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.05 |
| Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH) | 0.05 | 0.52 | 0.42 | 0.01 |
| Trinity River Basin (above WCW) | 0.00 | 0.85 | 0.15 | 0.00 |
| Trinity River Basin (below WCW) | $\underline{0.34}$ | $\underline{0.57}$ | $\underline{0.09}$ | $\underline{0.00}$ |
| Subtotals | 0.11 | 0.29 | 0.59 | 0.01 |
| Tribal Harvest |  |  |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101) | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.79 | 0.05 |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth) | 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.79 | 0.07 |
| Trinity River (Hoopa Reservation) | $\underline{0.03}$ | $\underline{0.44}$ | $\underline{0.49}$ | $\underline{0.04}$ |
| Subtotals | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0.75 | 0.05 |
| Total Harvest | 0.05 | 0.20 | 0.71 | 0.04 |
| Totals |  |  |  |  |
| Harvest and Escapement | 0.10 | 0.32 | 0.56 | 0.02 |
| Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality 2.04\% | 0.10 | 0.30 | 0.60 | 0.00 |
| Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8.7\% | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0.75 | 0.05 |
| Total River Run | 0.10 | 0.31 | 0.56 | 0.02 |

## 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 $\left\{N_{\mathrm{a}}, a=2,3,4,5\right\}, N=\sum N_{\mathrm{a}}$, and for the random sample of size $(n+m)$ fish, denote the following quantities:

- known-age fish: number at age $\left\{n_{a}, a=2,3,4,5\right\}, n=\sum n_{a}, p_{a}=n_{a} / n$.
- unknown read-age fish: number at age $\left\{m_{a}, a=2,3,4,5\right\}, m=\sum m_{a}, r_{a}=m_{a} / m$.
- bias-corrected unknown read-age proportions: $\left\{r_{a}^{*}, a=2,3,4,5\right\}, r_{A}^{*}=r_{3}^{*}+r_{4}^{*}+r_{5}^{*}$.
- 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):

$$
N_{a}=n p_{a}+(N-n) r_{a}^{*}, a=2,3,4,5 .
$$

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):

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

## Appendix B: Shasta River escapement age composition 2016.

Age structure of the Shasta River fall Chinook Salmon run was determined using:

1. the estimated total number of fish passing the video weir [jacks (J) and adults (A) combined],
2. proportion of males among adults in the spawning ground survey,
3. proportion of jacks among males in the "washback" samples taken at the weir site,
4. adult scales collected in the spawning survey.

A total of $N=2,889$ fall Chinook salmon were estimated to have passed the weir in 2016. Data from the spawning ground surveys included no jacks and was deemed by the KRTT to be unrepresentative of the true number of jacks in the Shasta River. A single jack carcass was sampled at the weir from carcasses that accumulated at the upstream side (washback samples).

The KRTT elected to utilize an age composition estimation method, developed in 2006 (KRTAT 2007), to partition the run using data collected from the spawning ground survey and weir washbacks. The proportion of males among adults, $P(M \mid A)$, was estimated using the spawning ground survey. There were 20 adult males from the total adult sample of 37 taken in the spawning ground survey, yielding $P(M \mid A)=$ 0.5405 . The proportion of jacks among males, $P(J \mid M)$, was estimated from the sampled washbacks. There was 1 jack among the 12 male Chinook in the sampled washbacks, yielding $P(J \mid M)=0.0833$. The equations below were then used to partition the total run $(N)$ into jacks and adults. Following that, the age composition of adults was estimated using the age proportions derived from the spawning ground survey.

1. Estimate the proportion of males in the run,

$$
P(M)=\frac{P(M \mid A)}{1-P(J \mid M)[1-P(M \mid A)]}=\frac{0.5405}{1-[0.0833 \times(1-0.5405)]}=0.5620,
$$

based on the following relationship:

$$
P(M \mid A)=\frac{P(M, A)}{P(A)}=\frac{P(M)-P(J)}{1-P(J)}=\frac{P(M)-P(J \mid M) P(M)}{1-P(J \mid M) P(M)} .
$$

2. Estimate the proportion of jacks in the run:

$$
P(J)=P(M) \times P(J \mid M)=0.5620 \times 0.0833=0.0468
$$

3. Estimate the number of jacks in the run:

$$
J=N \times P(J)=2,889 \times 0.0468=135 .
$$

4. Estimate the adult run:

$$
A=N-J=2,889-135=2,754 .
$$

## Reference

KRTAT (Klamath River Technical Advisory Team). 2007. Klamath River fall Chinook age-specific escapement , river harvest, and run size estimates, 2006 run. Available from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

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

In 2016, the initial Salmon River redd survey was conducted during Julian week 41 (the week ending on 14 October 2016). Large flow events following this initial survey resulted in very sparse additional surveys. In the Salmon River system, substantial spawning typically occurs after Julian week 41, and this spawning activity was insufficiently sampled. Additionally, no sampling was performed on Wooley Creek in 2016, 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).

To account for the lack of sampling after Julian week 41 in the Salmon River, 2016 redd deposition data up to and including Julian week 41, and the cumulative distributions of redd deposition from past years were used to estimate redds in 2016 (KRTT 2011). Redd deposition data for years 1998-2015 (but excluding 2010, where survey effort was also low) indicated that the maximum proportion of new redds counted up to, and including, Julian week 41 was $p=0.3237$. The KRTT discussed whether a mean, minimum, or maximum proportion of redd deposition (across years with appropriate data) at Julian week 41 would be most representative of 2016 conditions. The team decided that the maximum proportion would be most appropriate because observations from other neighboring sectors (including the upper Klamath tributaries and the Scott River) suggested early run timing and spawning in 2016.

In 2016, 153 redds were enumerated through Julian week 41 ( $R_{\text {inc }}=153$ ) and the total number of redds in the Salmon River ( $R$ ), not including Wooley Creek, was estimated to be:

$$
R=\frac{R_{\text {inc }}}{p}=\frac{153}{0.3237}=473 .
$$

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 $\bar{T}$ ) to the mean number of redds in the Salmon River (excluding Wooley Creek $\bar{S}$ ) was computed using data from 1996-2015 (but excluding 2008 when Wooley Creek was not sampled):
$\lambda=\frac{\bar{T}}{\bar{S}}=\frac{1124.95}{1030.63}=1.09$.

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

$$
R_{\text {tot }}=R \times \lambda=473 \times 1.09=516,
$$

which allows for estimate of adult escapement $(E)$ to the Salmon River basin, assuming two adult fish per redd:
$E=R_{\text {tot }} \times 2=516 \times 2=1,032$.

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KRTT (Klamath River Technical Team). 2009. Klamath River fall Chinook age-specific escapement, river harvest, and run size estimates, 2008 run. Available from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

KRTT (Klamath River Technical Team). 2011. Klamath River fall Chinook age-specific escapement, river harvest, and run size estimates, 2010 run. Available from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

## Appendix D: Description of the hierarchical latent variable model used to estimate fall Chinook Salmon escapement in the mainstem Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Shasta River, 2016.

Carcass abundance estimates of Chinook Salmon in the mainstem Klamath River between Iron Gate Dam and the Shasta River confluence were generated via a hierarchical latent variable model in 2016. This model assumes a latent (unobservable) ecological process interacts with a detection process to produce the observed counts of carcasses (Kery and Schaub 2012). For this survey, the latent process is the true abundance of carcasses. As not all carcasses are observed (imperfect detection), a separate observation process links the unobserved latent process to the observed data.

The general model described above was executed with counts of fresh Chinook Salmon carcasses ( $C_{i}$, and hereafter $i$ indexes week; i.e., those arriving since the prior survey) and weekly detection probabilities $\left(p_{i}\right)$ estimated from mark-recapture data. Detection probability $\left(p_{i}\right)$ is estimated via the count of recovered carcasses $\left(R_{i}\right)$ that had been marked the previous week ( $M_{i-1}$ ). Weekly abundances ( $N_{i}$ ) are estimated by assuming that the weekly counts of fresh Chinook Salmon carcasses ( $C_{i}$ ) arise from a binomial distribution (index parameter $=N_{i}$, probability of detection $=p_{i}$; Kery and Schaub 2012). Finally, weekly estimates were summed to create an annual abundance estimate of carcasses ( $N$ ) as a derived parameter (Kery and Schaub 2012). The assumptions of this modeling framework include: 1) crews correctly identify fresh Chinook Salmon carcasses among all other carcasses (e.g., decaying carcasses or carcasses of other species), 2) marked carcasses remain in the study area for at least one week, and 3) the detection probability of all carcasses is equal within a given week.

$$
\begin{gathered}
R_{i} \sim \operatorname{binomial}\left(M_{i-1}, p_{i}\right) ; C_{i} \sim \operatorname{binomial}\left(N_{i}, p_{i}\right) \\
N=\sum_{i} N_{i}
\end{gathered}
$$

Implementing our abundance model in a Bayesian framework and estimating parameters via Markov Chain Monte-Carlo (MCMC) methods allowed us to propagate all sources of estimation uncertainty (over all detection probabilities and weeks) and generate confidence intervals for each annual abundance estimate (Kery and Schaub 2012). A requirement of Bayesian implementation is specifying prior distributions for all estimated parameters. In all cases, we implemented non-informative priors, and commenced with MCMC sampling via JAGS software (Plummer 2014) implemented with R statistical software (R Core Team 2016).

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## Appendix E: Klamath River - 2016 details.

## Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH)

A systematic random bio-sample ${ }^{\text {a }}$ was obtained from every tenth Chinook Salmon returning to IGH in 2016. A total of 227 scale samples were aged, of which 24 were from known-age CWT fish. Additionally, 21 non-random scales were collected from known-age CWT fish <55 cm FL to assist in validation. Scalebased age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

## Bogus Creek

Escapement was estimated by summing carcasses encountered below the video weir and videography counts above the weir. Bio-samples were obtained at a 1:2 systematic random sampling rate. Additionally, biological data (including scales), were obtained from every (i.e., non-random) ad-clipped fish encountered. A total of 116 scale samples were aged, of which 13 were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

## Shasta River

Escapement was estimated by videography while bio-samples were collected from all recovered carcasses during surveys in the lower seven miles on public and private lands where access is granted. Bio-samples were also obtained from systematically sampling carcasses that washed back onto the counting weir. Additionally, all ad-clipped fish not falling within the systematic sample were bio-sampled. A total of 54 scales were aged, of which only one was from a known-age fish. Scale-based age compositions collected from the spawning ground surveys were used to apportion adult age classes. Due to no recovery of fish <59 cm FL (presumed jacks), jacks were estimated using methods described in Appendix B.

## Scott River

Independent estimates from above and below the weir were combined to estimate total escapement. Escapement above the weir was estimated using videography supplemented by ARIS acoustic counts during multiple high flow events. Species proportions observed by videography prior to and after ARIS deployment were used to estimate Chinook Salmon counts by ARIS. Escapement below the weir was attempted using the Cormack-Jolly-Seber estimator with data from twice weekly mark-recapture carcass surveys. However, multiple surveys were cancelled due to high flows. Adult escapement below the weir was estimated by total redd count (redds $X 2$ ). Bio-samples were obtained from all non-deteriorated carcasses recovered above and below the weir. A total of 153 scale samples were aged of which none were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

## Salmon River

River flows were too excessive in most weeks to conduct comprehensive mark recapture estimates, and inhibited redd surveys on several occasions. A comprehensive survey of the mainstem was completed only for Julian week 41. Wooley Creek was excluded entirely from redd surveys due to high flows. To account for incomplete sampling, adult escapement was estimated using methods described in Appendix C. Bio-samples and scales were obtained from all recovered carcasses. A total of 21 scale samples were aged, none of which were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion adult age classes. The jack proportion from the upper Klamath River tributaries was used as a surrogate.

## Klamath River Tributaries

Typically, streams are surveyed every other week for counting redds. In 2016 high flow events precluded repeated surveys. Total escapement was estimated by expanding the total redd count (redds $\times 2$ ), applying the scale-based age-2 proportion to the expanded redd count, and then adding the number of live fish observed during the final survey in each tributary. A total of 33 scale samples were aged, none

[^0]of which were from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

## Klamath River Mainstem

For the upper reach (IGH to Shasta River), weekly carcass counts were input into a hierarchical latent variable model to estimate escapement (Appendix D). Weekly observation efficiency was derived from recapture histories of marked carcasses. Only fresh carcasses were marked for this estimation method. A total of 241 scales were aged, 13 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 Indian Creek), adult escapement was estimated by expanding the total redd count (redds X 2). Total escapement was estimated by expanding the adult estimate by the scale-based age-2 proportion from the upper reach. Scale-based age proportions from the upper reach were used as surrogate to assign all age classes.

## 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). A total of 220 scale samples were aged, of which 1 was taken from a known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age proportions for each sub-area were used to apportion all age classes in their respective sub-areas.

## Upper Klamath River Recreational Fishery

A creel census in this sub-area was not conducted in 2016. Creel census data were available for the lower and upper river fisheries in 1999 through 2002. The ratio of average adult harvest in the entire Klamath main stem to the average harvest in the lower Klamath River Creel area from these years was applied to the 2016 lower Klamath River Creel harvest to estimate the total adult harvest in the Klamath River main stem. Adult harvest for the upper Klamath River recreational fishery was then estimated by subtracting the estimated lower Klamath River Creel estimate from the Klamath main stem total harvest. Finally, the combined adult and jack harvest was obtained by dividing the adult harvest by the proportion of adults from the weighted average scale age composition of the Upper Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta River), Bogus Creek, and Iron Gate Hatchery. This weighted scale-based age composition was used to apportion all age classes in this fishery.

Yurok Tribal Estuary Fishery (Klamath mouth to Hwy 101)
Yurok harvest in this sub-area was estimated by hourly effort and catch-per-effort analyses. A total of 1,201 scales were aged, of which 50 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. A total of 556 scale samples were aged, of which 10 came from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age composition was used to apportion all age classes.

## Blue Creek

Total run was estimated from the single diver (assumed peak) count completed on November 9, 2016. No scales were obtained from this sector. Age-2 composition was estimated through direct observation from the single diver survey. Adult age proportions were estimated using the un-weighted average proportions estimated for this sector from years 2011-2015.

## Appendix F: Trinity River - 2016 details.

## Trinity River Hatchery (TRH)

Sampling for scales was conducted in a systematic (1:5) random manner including ad-clipped and non-ad-clipped fish. A total of 302 scales were aged, of which 82 scales came from known-age CWT fish. Scale-based age compositions were used to apportion all age classes.

## Upper Trinity River Recreational Harvest

The method for estimating the upper Trinity River recreational harvest depends on the application of reward and non-reward program tags at the Willow Creek Weir (WCW) and subsequent returns by anglers. In 2016, only non-reward tags were recovered. CDFW estimated a 0.893\% harvest rate on adult Chinook Salmon based on the return of program tags (2 of 224) applied at WCW. The jack harvest rate of $0.0 \%$ was based on return of program tags ( 0 of 88 ), yielding an estimated harvest of no age-2 Chinook Salmon. There were no scales recovered from this fishery as no creel survey was implemented in 2016. The adult age proportions were determined using surrogate scales aged from recreational harvest below WCW.

## Lower Trinity River Creel

A roving creel survey was implemented in the Trinity River below the location of the WCW. A total of six scales were aged, of which none came from known-age CWT fish. Scale age proportions were used to apportion age structure in this sector.

## Trinity River Natural Escapement (above WCW)

Total run was estimated using a non-stratified Petersen mark-recapture estimator. 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 upper basin natural spawning escapement, and recreational harvest. At WCW a systematic random sample (1:2) of all Chinook Salmon examined yielded a collection of scales for program-marked fish, some of which were ad-clipped (Trinity River Hatchery origin). Validation of WCW scales is accomplished with known-age fish recovered throughout all sectors of the Trinity River. A total of 156 scales were aged of which 9 were from known-age CWT fish subsequently recovered at TRH.

The age structure for fish passing above WCW was estimated using scales collected at WCW minus those from known-age fish later recovered at TRH. Next, specific age structures were estimated for fish returning to TRH and the recreational fishery. These proportions were applied to the total hatchery escapement and estimated fishery harvest, respectively, providing totals by age within area. These totals were then deducted from the WCW run and apportioned by age, resulting in an age structure for the natural escapement in the upper Trinity River.

## Trinity Mainstem Natural Escapement (below WCW)

No successful redd surveys were completed in this sector. Adult escapement was estimated by multiplying the ratio of this sector to the upper Trinity River adult natural escapement for years 2001-2015 (0.0274), by the 2016 estimated adult run size in the upper Trinity River natural escapement sector. This product was then divided by the adult proportion of the upper Trinity River natural escapement sector to produce the total run. The upper Trinity River natural escapement age structure was used to apportion all ages.

## Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW)

Total escapement was estimated by expanding the total redd count (redds $\times 2$ ), applying the age-2 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. One scale was recovered from an unknown-age carcass. 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 from the upper Trinity River natural escapement sector to the expanded redd count. One scale 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

Hoopa Valley Tribal harvest is a composite of the gill net and hook-and-line fisheries prosecuted by Tribal members. A total of 212 scales were aged, of which 18 were from known-age fish. Scale age proportions were used to apportion the age structure in this sector.

Appendix G: 2016 Klamath age analysis.

| Unknown scales age composition as read |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AGE 2 | AGE 3 | AGE 4 | AGE 5 | TOTAL |
| BOGUS | 5 | 33 | 65 | 0 | 103 |
| IGH | 15 | 132 | 54 | 2 | 203 |
| SALMON | 0 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 21 |
| SCOTT | 14 | 7 | 132 | 0 | 153 |
| SHASTA | 0 | 10 | 30 | 0 | 40 |
| MAINSTEM | 13 | 80 | 135 | 0 | 228 |
| UR TRIBS | 1 | 9 | 25 | 1 | 36 |
| LRC EST | 7 | 37 | 134 | 0 | 178 |
| LRC UP | 27 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 34 |
| YTFP EST | 44 | 218 | 851 | 38 | 1,151 |
| YTFP M\&U | 9 | 112 | 400 | 25 | 546 |
| BLUE CRK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 135 | 657 | 1834 | 67 | 2693 |
| Unknown scales corrected age proportions (Kimura method) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | AGE 2 | AGE 3 | AGE 4 | AGE 5 | TOTAL |
| BOGUS | 0.0444 | 0.2815 | 0.6741 | 0.0000 | 1.0 |
| IGH | 0.0644 | 0.6492 | 0.2716 | 0.0148 | 1.0 |
| SALMON | 0.0000 | 0.6555 | 0.3445 | 0.0000 | 1.0 |
| SCOTT | 0.0915 | 0.0000 | 0.9085 | 0.0000 | 1.0 |
| SHASTA | 0.0000 | 0.1946 | 0.8054 | 0.0000 | 1.0 |
| MAINSTEM | 0.0524 | 0.3163 | 0.6313 | 0.0000 | 1.0 |
| UR TRIBS | 0.0250 | 0.1886 | 0.7447 | 0.0417 | 1.0 |
| LRC EST | 0.0371 | 0.1545 | 0.8084 | 0.0000 | 1.0 |
| LRC UP | 0.7921 | 0.1352 | 0.0285 | 0.0441 | 1.0 |
| YTFP EST | 0.0365 | 0.1192 | 0.7948 | 0.0495 | 1.0 |
| YTFP M\&U | 0.0146 | 0.1295 | 0.7872 | 0.0687 | 1.0 |
| BLUE CRK | 0.0928 | 0.1433 | 0.7221 | 0.0417 | 1.0 |
| Known CWT ages a/ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | AGE 2 | AGE 3 | AGE 4 | AGE 5 | TOTAL |
| BOGUS | 0 | 7 | 15 | 0 | 22 |
| IGH | 17 | 332 | 150 | 7 | 506 |
| SALMON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SCOTT | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| SHASTA | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| MAINSTEM | 0 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 16 |
| UR TRIBS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LRC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| YTFP EST | 2 | 25 | 23 | 0 | 50 |
| YTFP M\&U | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 10 |
| BLUE CRK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 21 | 373 | 205 | 8 | 607 |
| Breakout within strata |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bogus1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 |
| Bogus2 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 13 |
| LRC - lo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LRC - mid | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| YTFP MID-UP | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |

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

Appendix H: 2016 Trinity age analysis



Appendix J: Final age composition of the 2015 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run.

| Escapement \& Harvest | 2 | 3 | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{AGE} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 5 | Total Adults | Total Run |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hatchery Spawners |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron Gate Hatchery (IGH) | 220 | 3,657 | 4,073 | 226 | 7,956 | 8,176 |
| Trinity River Hatchery (TRH) | 224 | 1,832 | 1,258 | 39 | 3,129 | 3,353 |
| Hatchery Spawner subtotal | 444 | 5,489 | 5,331 | 265 | 11,085 | 11,529 |
| Natural Spawners |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon River Basin | 92 | 847 | 982 | 149 | 1,978 | 2,070 |
| Scott River Basin | 21 | 1,053 | 829 | 210 | 2,092 | 2,113 |
| Shasta River Basin | 133 | 5,752 | 658 | 202 | 6,612 | 6,745 |
| Bogus Creek Basin | 45 | 1,314 | 974 | 20 | 2,308 | 2,353 |
| Klamath River mainstem (IGH to Shasta R) | 84 | 1,040 | 1,261 | 122 | 2,423 | 2,507 |
| Klamath River mainstem (Shasta R to Indian Cr ) | 175 | 2,131 | 2,601 | 252 | 4,984 | 5,159 |
| Klamath Tributaries (above Trinity River) | 49 | 1,262 | 871 | 111 | 2,244 | 2,293 |
| Blue Creek | 149 | 141 | 491 | $\underline{0}$ | 632 | 781 |
| Klamath Basin subtotal | 748 | 13,540 | 8,667 | 1,066 | 23,273 | 24,021 |
| Trinity River (mainstem above WCW) | 2,505 | 1,421 | 2,598 | 432 | 4,451 | 6,956 |
| Trinity River (mainstem below WCW) | 155 | 88 | 161 | 27 | 276 | 431 |
| Trinity Tributaries (above Reservation; below WCW) | 26 | 15 | 27 | 4 | 46 | 72 |
| Hoopa Reservation tributaries | 38 | $\underline{22}$ | $\underline{39}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{66}$ | 104 |
| Trinity Basin subtotal | 2,724 | 1,546 | 2,825 | 468 | 4,839 | 7,563 |
| Natural Spawners subtotal | 3,472 | 15,086 | 11,492 | 1,534 | 28,112 | 31,584 |
| Total Spawner Escapement | 3,916 | 20,575 | 16,823 | 1,799 | 39,197 | 43,113 |
| Recreational Harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101 bridge) | 292 | 1,396 | 1,118 | 400 | 2,914 | 3,206 |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Weitchpec) | 1,224 | 1,492 | 602 | 164 | 2,258 | 3,482 |
| Klamath River (Weitchpec to IGH) | 65 | 1,589 | 941 | 77 | 2,607 | 2,672 |
| Trinity River Basin (above WCW) | 21 | 18 | 17 | 0 | 35 | 56 |
| Trinity River Basin (below WCW) | 3 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 28 | 31 |
| Subtotals | 1,605 | 4,509 | 2,692 | 641 | 7,842 | 9,447 |
| Tribal Harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Klamath River (below Hwy 101) | 405 | 8,955 | 9,934 | 3,619 | 22,508 | 22,913 |
| Klamath River (Hwy 101 to Trinity mouth) | 44 | 1,035 | 1,932 | 553 | 3,520 | 3,564 |
| Trinity River (Hoopa Reservation) | 47 | 614 | 1,294 | 112 | 2,020 | 2,067 |
| Subtotals | 496 | 10,604 | 13,160 | 4,284 | 28,048 | 28,544 |
| Total Harvest | 2,101 | 15,113 | 15,852 | 4,925 | 35,890 | 37,991 |
| Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harvest and Escapement | 6,017 | 35,688 | 32,675 | 6,724 | 75,087 | 81,104 |
| Recreational Angling Dropoff Mortality 2.04\% | 33 | 92 | 55 | 13 | 160 | 193 |
| Tribal Net Dropoff Mortality 8.7\%* | 43 | 926 | 1,151 | 374 | 2,451 | 2,494 |
| Klamath River Ich disease testing (Yurok Tribe) | 1 | 30 | 57 | 16 | 103 | 104 |
| Trinity River Ich disease testing (Hoopa Valley Tribe) | 0 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Total River Run | 6,094 | 36,742 | 33,951 | 7,128 | 77,821 | 83,915 |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 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.

[^1]:    * Net drop-off mortality includes fish collected by tribes for Ich testing.

