

2012 West Coast Salmon GSI Sampling

The West Coast Salmon GSI collaboration had a successful season in 2012, achieving the most comprehensive sampling coverage to date. We collected about 22,000 samples in Washington, Oregon, and California with almost 150 boats participating. Catch rates for Central Valley fall Chinook were the highest we have seen in three years of comprehensive sampling. In Washington this was the first year of funding for sampling, with a resulting increase in fisherman participation and improved coverage of fisheries. Oregon conducted five tests of a fishery-independent sampling design using commercial vessels to assess stock composition and distribution. California added a fourth year of distribution data north and south of Pt. Reyes, and collected additional movement information using acoustic tags. Sampling is planned in all three states in 2013, pending receipt of funds. Analysis is on-going and a full report will be presented to the Council in March 2013.

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