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## Abstract

Long-term monitoring of major salmon stocks is a necessary component of successful fisheries management on the Yukon River. The Rampart Rapids video fish wheel project provides the only U.S. main stem Yukon River assessment database of run strength and relative abundance of Chinook and chum salmon in 1000 miles of river. Many of these stocks are bound for spawning grounds in Canada and contribute to international treaty obligations. Since 2000, the project has provided daily catch data of salmon and migratory whitefish species to fisheries managers throughout the Yukon drainage.

The project's fish wheel design and construction incorporates features that reduce injury to fish. The installed video system allows fish to be immediately released back into the water, eliminating stress from live box holding and handling. Fish wheel operation and location is maintained in a consistent manner from year to year using a list of standards, so more meaningful comparisons and interpretations can be made. The video technology allows precise and reliable collection of catch-per-unit-effort data as demonstrated by the successful R&E Fund pilot project in 1999 and operational projects from 2000 to 2007. The site has been used throughout the years for development and testing of new video components. Daily in-season update reports, which include species catch data, subsistence information and run timing graphs, have been sent to managers and interested persons from 2005 to 2007 and will continue in future projects using satellite internet service emails

## Introduction

Monitoring of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) passage in the middle Yukon River began in 1999 at Rampart Rapids (Rapids: 730 miles upstream from the Yukon River mouth). Before this time, there was no U.S. run assessment projects for mainstem Yukon River Chinook salmon above Pilot Station, 138 miles from the mouth. This unmonitored area covered over 1,000 miles. Numerous subsistence and commercial fishermen harvest salmon along this section of river. In 1999 daily subsistence fish wheel Chinook salmon catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) was supplied to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) by satellite phone from the Rapids. From 2000 to 2007, daily catch rates of Chinook and chum salmon (*O. keta*), sheefish (*Stenodus leucichthys*), humpback whitefish (*Coregonus pidschian*), broad whitefish (*C. nasus*), and cisco spp (*C. laurettae* and *C. sardinella*) were reported. Future data on Chinook salmon and the numerous other fish species that are important subsistence resources caught at Rapids will help build a long-term population trend database that will increase in value as the project continues. The Restoration and Enhancement Fund has been the major source of funding for this project over the years.

The project site at the Rapids has probably been a subsistence fish wheel site since fish wheels came to the Yukon around 1900. The particular bend in the river where this site is located has always been well known for its ability to consistently produce good catches of fish, Chinook as well as chum salmon, whether the water was high or low. Because of the unique currents in the Rapids, fish wheels are capable of being run there even during the spring drift that happens at the same time as the Chinook salmon run. Traditionally, people would travel to the Rapids area to spend their summers because of these qualities. Even today it is one of the most densely populated active fish camp areas on the Yukon River.

Fish wheels are a common capture method for management and research activities in the Yukon River drainage. Specifically, fish wheels have provided CPUE data at various locations to fishery managers. Also, fish wheels are used to capture and hold fish for tagging studies. Most of these fish wheels use live boxes to hold fish until the researchers or contractors process and release them, and crowding and holding times greater than four hours is common. A growing body of data suggests delayed mortality and reduced traveling rates are associated with holding, crowding, and/or repeated re-capture (Bromaghin and Underwood 2003, 2004; Bromaghin et al. 2004; Underwood et al. 2004). These studies are the reason for the efforts to develop and use video capture techniques by this project.

From 1996 to 2005 the site had been used to run fish wheels for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Rampart Rapids fall chum salmon tagging project (Apodaca et al. 2004). During these years limited (hours varied) CPUE data was collected by the USFWS on chum salmon. From 2000 to present video fish wheel projects at the site have been run to provide CPUE data on all species present in the fish wheels catch. During these 12 years the site fish wheel operated without any down days or days when data were compromised.

In 1997, 1998 and 1999 a fall chum radio-tagging project was conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service at this site. During the first year of operation the radio tag project became aware of a possible problem with live box held chum salmon. This problem was studied in 1998 and 1999 and project results (not yet published) showed a significant negative effect on fish held in the live box for 4 to 6 hours (J. Eiler, National Marine Fisheries Service, personal communication).

In the fall of 1999, a development project was undertaken at this site to address the increasing concerns over live box held fish and devise an alternative method of monitoring catch using video (Zuray and Underwood 1999). Video technology, as an alternative to live

boxes, avoids all of the handling and live box crowding issues by eliminating the use of live boxes altogether. Video systems have been used in counting windows at dams in the Columbia River basin for several years (Hatch et al. 1998). These systems have proved to be efficiently able to provide accurate counts. They have however been designed for use in developed areas where standard power is available and environmental variables are easily controlled. To transfer this technology to a fish wheel on the Yukon River, it was necessary to deal with many problems that did not exist in prior applications of this technology. A video capture system was developed that had low DC power requirements (Daum 2005). The system used an analog Charge Coupled Device (CCD) camera, mounted above the fish wheel chute. As fish slide down the fish wheel chute, they were recorded to a time-lapse VCR in 12-hour recording mode. The fish images were then extracted from the VCR tape and digitized using Salmonsoft video capture software. Fish were tallied by species and CPUE data were generated (see the methods section of Zuray and Underwood 1999 for a detailed description of the original video methods). Over the years this system has been modified and improved. Also, a specially built fish wheel was used that had many features designed to reduce possible injury to fish. The USFWS Fairbanks Field Office was directly involved in the development and support of the Rapids CPUE video project in 1999.

In 2000, a Chinook and fall chum salmon CPUE video project was funded at the Rapids site by the Restoration and Enhancement Fund. Also, catches of sheefish, humpback whitefish, broad whitefish, and cisco spp. were monitored. The Chinook and fall chum salmon video projects were run both years without any live box held fish released back into the river and were the first projects of this kind ever run.

From 2001 to 2003 the USFWS Office of Subsistence Management funded operation of the Chinook salmon video project (Zuray 2003). The 2001 to 2003 Office of Subsistence Management project was a mating of the need for run timing and assessment data and the use of video capture as a means of producing data in a way much less harmful to fish. Restoration and Enhancement Fund monies continued to fund fall chum salmon video projects in 2001 and 2002 (Zuray 2002a and 2002c)

From 2004 to 2007 the Restoration and Enhancement Fund funded the Chinook and fall chum salmon full season video project at the Rapids (Zuray 2004, 2005, 2006). As requested by the Yukon River Panel these projects provided monitoring of the whole season for all species present.

### **Objectives**

1. To provide daily fish wheel/video catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) data on Chinook, summer chum, and fall chum salmon.
2. To provide daily fish wheel/video CPUE data on migratory whitefish.
3. To continue improving fish-friendly fish wheel capture techniques.
4. To continue developing our present method for adjusting raw catch data that takes into account factors such as river discharge, and fish wheel catch efficiency.
5. To use video measuring techniques to separate captured Chinook salmon into small (“< 70 cm”) and large ( $\geq 70$  cm) size categories.



## Study Area

The project was conducted 40 miles upriver from the village of Tanana at an area locally known as “The Rapids”, a narrow canyon 1,176 km (730 miles) from the mouth of the Yukon River. Traditionally and at the present time this area is known for its abundance and variety of fish species. This condition exists because of the currents and steep banks that force fish to migrate through the area relatively concentrated and close to shore. Fish wheel sites have been established for many years in the area, so no site conflicts occurred. The unique protection offered by the site, from wind, high water, and spring river drift allow fish wheels to run with little or no down time (map of site, Figure 1).

## Methods

In the following methods section I often talk about past years procedures and equipment. While it adds to content and can seem not relevant it is done to provide a historical account and explains reasons for the improvements that have taken place over the years. The goal is to keep each years report as complete a manual as possible for anyone wanting to look into video capture systems. Also some of what is past to this project is currently in use at other sites out of necessity because of site conditions.

### *Fish Wheel Operation*

A two-basket fish wheel equipped with a video capture system was used to count salmon and other species in 2007. Effort was taken so the operation of the project was consistent from year to year. The fish wheel rotation speed, basket dip depth, distance from the basket to river bottom, and length of the lead fence were kept similar between years. Sonar readings were used to improve consistent positioning of the wheel relative to the migrating fish. Basket width was 10 feet and dip was kept around 13 feet. Nylon seine netting was installed on the sides of the baskets to minimize injury to fish as they were lifted clear of the water. Plastic vinyl covered mesh was placed on the bed or sliding portion of the baskets for “fish friendly” operation. Underwater holding boxes that were used for subsistence by the operator and as a means of catching fish for research activities that the project supported were eight feet long, four feet deep and two and one half feet wide. Two and one half inch holes were drilled throughout the live box to allow a continuous flow of water while reducing current inside the box.

The fish wheel was put in the water during the first week of June and assembled in running order within a week. The water generator and associated electronics gear were mounted on the wheel. By mid-June all of the electronic gear to be used in the video project was mounted on the fish wheel or set up back at camp. This included the surveillance camera, video tape recorder (VCR), portable monitor, laptop and desktop computers, two generators, the data transmitter and receiver.

The first Chinook salmon arrive historically, as early as mid June or as late as the first week of July. Because of the large amount of subsistence gear in the river at the Rapids before arrival of Chinook salmon and the applicants own participation in this fishery, monitoring the arrival of the first fish is always easy. Each year, nets are in the water at the Rapids in early June, before the first Chinook arrive, and ADF&G’s Pilot Station Sonar data are monitored for run timing. Within a day or so of the first reported fish caught anywhere in this section of river the Rapids test wheel started counting and assembling the data in electronic and graph form. Collection of chum salmon, sheefish, and broad, humpback and cisco whitefish data started at this time also.

Secchi disk readings related to fish wheel efficiency testing are started at this time as are the daily fish discharge tables from the Yukon River Bridge and in season wheel temperature readings. More accurate temperature data loggers (post season available only) were placed on the lead fence at the top (1 m depth) and bottom (4.3 m depth) to evaluate any temperature differences throughout the day between the two. This is a continuing attempt to look into the reasons for the diel catch patterns that exists at the wheel and any possible relation to fish movement.

The schedule for running the wheel during Chinook salmon season was 12 hours per day, 6 days per week (excluding Sundays). This schedule was originally worked out in a discussion with Keith Shultz of the ADF&G in 2000. The reasons for this schedule are as follows:

1. Because of the high amount of drift in the river at this time of year, continuous nighttime (unattended) running of the fish wheel is not advisable. This was the case in 2000 and 2001 and some of 2006.
2. Twelve hours running time would reduce the amount of Chinook salmon processed by the wheel yet still provide the data needed.
3. The logistics of one person running a site 40 miles from the nearest town necessitate one day a week being used for a supply trip to Tanana. In all years the town trip was not needed every week and a count would be taken for that day.

During the fall season some changes take place in the operation of the project. The date this project used for the official fall chum salmon arrival in 2007 was August 5. Traditional ecological knowledge derived from elders in this area and the addition of some scientific principles of data collection is used to determine arrival time. This date is different than the set date used each year by Federal and State managers. The arrival of fall chum salmon is determined by viewing the flesh of the fish as they are cut in the subsistence fishery. As the fall season approaches, the percent of salmon having bright red color in the flesh, a distinguishing characteristic of fall chum salmon is recorded. When the percentage rises abruptly to 50% or more it is considered that the fall chum run is solidly underway. This method of thinking is prevalent in the subsistence fishery of this area and is used in place of a set date.

Start up date for the fall project is August 1 unless significant numbers of fall chum salmon are detected earlier. The proposed schedule for running is 24 hours per day (minus time needed for normal maintenance, data transfer, etc. each day). Project runs six days per week (see below). Project shut down coincides with the declining numbers of the last fall chum pulse (September 15 – September 25) or if icing conditions are severe. Reasons for schedule are as follows:

1. Twenty four hours sampling would maximize the amount of data collection time and be in line with recommendations from ADF&G for operation of the Rapids fall chum CPUE project.
2. Logistics of one person running a site 40 miles from the nearest town necessitate one day a week being needed for a supply trip to Tanana and occasional equipment repairs or changes. As demonstrated during the Chinook and fall chum salmon projects from 2000 to 2007, data are collected on these off days when trips or repairs are not needed.

### *Project Specifications*

This section provides specifications on fish wheel components and operation so CPUE results in future years may be comparable. Changes in some of these could easily make these

comparisons meaningless. Because of shifting silt deposits and unstable banks sites, some projects are not able to collect data consistently using these specifications from one year to the next. The Rapids has a hard rock bottom and the same site can be used each year. The specifications listed below are kept as consistent as possible each year and notes were made any year that was not possible.

1. Basket dip (amount of basket in water when vertical) is 13 feet (12 ½ to 13 ½).
2. Width of basket (outside to outside) is 10 feet.
3. Lead fence length is 20 feet.
4. Wheel is two-basket design with a basket side height on the lead facing side of 5 feet
5. A 6-beam down-looking sonar is used in season to slightly adjust fish wheel location, keeping the concentration of migrating salmon centered in line with the inside logs of the fish wheel raft. The size of the fish wheel was made to fit this specific spot. After many years of using the sonar in conjunction with this size fish wheel, the wheel seems to normally center itself over the concentration of passing fish when these operational specifications are followed. This assumption appears to be especially true of fall chum salmon, which prefer to run at a very consistent depth range.
6. Wheel baskets are always run between one and 1.5 feet off bottom (hitting the rocky bottom can be disastrous).
7. Basket rotation speed is approximately one to 1.5 turns per minute. This slow speed is part of the fish friendly operation and is controlled by sets of easily removable paddleboards. Desired rotation is described as “just a little faster than stalled”.

#### *Video System*

The video system used consisted of a color CCD camera mounted above the fish wheel chute and directly connected to a wireless microwave transmitter mounted on the back of the fish wheel and aimed back toward the camp site. At camp the wireless receiver is connected to a laptop computer through a video capture card. After the fish wheel captured the fish, they were video recorded as they traveled down a chute, and then re-entered the river. A time-lapse VCR and/or second computer were occasionally linked to the system for assessment work and video recording backup. Twelve-volt batteries powered the system at the fish wheel. During daytime operation, a water-wheel generator charged the batteries. In fall at night, floodlights necessitated the use of a small generator.

This system differed substantially from what was used in the development year of 1999 and the first full project year of 2000. In 1999 and 2000 the camera was attached directly to the time-lapse VCR using 12-hour recording mode. These tapes were taken back to camp and run through a capture program (Salmonsoft Vcap 1.07) to extract the video frames that contained fish into digital avi format files. This process took two hours per 12-hour tape. The software program pulled the fish images out of the VCR tape with a “luminescence trigger” that used the change in pixel brightness between the background and the passing fish image. The system worked fairly well as long as any sources of strong shadow and light was eliminated from the viewing area. The major limitations of this method were: 1) the frame rate was limited to 5 frames per sec, 2) camera positioning was limited by the background (no shadows), 3) the system could only be run for 12 hour periods, and 4) VCR tapes would take an additional two hours of processing before digital files could be counted for fish.

In 2001, Dave Daum (USFWS) developed a new system that improved past limitations of the system (Daum 2005). A camera was mounted directly to a laptop computer on the fish wheel. The computer had a new version of Salmonsoft software (funded by USFWS) that used

electronic triggers to initiate capture of fish images as they slid down the fish wheel chute. A lightweight door was installed at the bottom of the chute with a magnetic switch attached. When a fish exiting the chute opened the door, a signal was sent to the computer. Frame rate and numbers of frames captured before and after the triggering event were controlled by software so the limitation of using time-lapse tapes was eliminated. In the late 2006 season an infrared electronic trigger was tested and installed. In 2007 this method was used throughout the season successfully (see results section).

A plywood shack with wood stove was constructed in 2001 and set up to house the equipment in camp each year since.

### *Daily Video Procedures*

The following is a list of daily 2007 video procedures followed at the fish wheel (this gives a general idea only as these procedures change over the season):

#### *Start up*

- Turn on camp laptop, microwave receiver, and start software capture program.
- Arrival at the fish wheel - make sure wheel is adjusted for running (the most complicated part).
- Switch on power to water generator and lower into water. Turn on fish wheel.
- Open electronics cabinet, turn on DC power from batteries, and turn on camera and microwave transmitter.
- Check portable monitor to make sure camera is on, in focus and positioned (rarely changes so this is not done daily).
- Wipe window clean on camera case (splash marks) and clean chute background (for nice pictures).
- Start official counting by manually tripping capture system while holding a start sign in camera view.
- Wet fingers and wipe infrared lenses of silt and fish spatter.

#### *Shut down*

(12 hours later: at least one trip was made to wheel mid-day and often more when drift was heavy).

- Manually trip capture system while holding a stop sign in camera view.
- Lift water generator out of water and turn off DC current to water generator.
- Turn off fish wheel and lift baskets up to protect from nighttime drift.

### *Fish Counting*

In 1999 and 2000 time-lapse VCR 12-hour tapes were brought back to camp and run through Salmonsoft's "luminescence" program to digitize the fish images to electronic video format (avi). This process took two hours. Avi files were viewed through a Windows media player and hand-tallied. We were unable to adjust scroll speed while viewing video and all numbers of fish by species and sample times had to be entered into the database by hand.

In 2001, an electronic tally system was developed to facilitate rapid counting and calculating of CPUE data by fish species. This new video counting system, Salmonsoft capture review program, allowed tallying of individual fish species using a computer keyboard and is what was used in 2007. Images could be reviewed at user-defined speeds and played forward or reverse for review. USFWS funded the new software development.

Fish are enumerated by species and daily CPUE calculated for each species. Catch numbers, comparison graphs and subsistence information were reported daily to the Alaska

Department of Fish and Game and emailed to approx 100 persons requesting the daily updates. These include the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), USFWS, and ADF&G managers and biologists and subsistence persons. Permanent video CD files are made of all fish caught by the fish wheel for back up, later research needs, and project assessment work. Inseason and past project data is also available on the project web site. From 2003 to 2007 a totally separate luminescence capture program was run one day a week for inseason assessment purposes. The results of each were compared as a means of detecting problems. We decided to drop the daily backup using VCR tapes because lack of system failures warranted less backup effort.

#### *Assessment of Capture Program*

As a video capture system assessment, segments of separate luminescence program counts were viewed and compared to the corresponding video capture files generated from the magnetic switch video system. The luminescence program counts contain fish that pass through the chute captured in an entirely different manner than the trigger method, so assessing how many fish, if any, were missed by the trigger method was a fairly straightforward process although rather tedious and boring. Selection of assessment samples was two-parts. A day was selected based mostly on weather, which would optimize the luminescence programs operation. 2. The first six hours or the first 50 fish was selected to review (based on workload in reviewing that much material). The process was as follows:

1. The luminescence program AVI file for a particular day was played into a computer software program called Salmonsoft Review that simply opened up a window on the monitor for viewing. This window was moved onto one half of the monitor screen.
2. On the other half of the screen the AVI file made by the fish wheel laptop/switch program was opened using Salmonsoft Review program
3. Both viewing samples were set at the beginning of the assessment sample period. The regular program controls, the computer mouse and keyboard forward and reverse features were used for viewing the AVI file from this point on.
4. The trigger AVI file was advanced to the first fish, stopped and the time stamp noted.
5. The luminescence program AVI was run forward until a fish appeared and paused.
6. If all went well the trigger AVI fish and the luminescence program AVI fish should be the same and have corresponding times. The operator looked for a fish on one frame and not the other. This situation would signify a miss by the laptop/switch program or the luminescence program.
7. Each fish reviewed was counted on a tally sheet.
8. Misses are recorded on the tally sheets in case further study is needed to see why the error occurred, however most of the time the reason was apparent.
9. The AVI file was advanced to the next fish and the process then repeated.

#### *Power Equipment*

Aquair UW propeller driven water generator: This generator had very little output for the water speed encountered at the fish wheel (approx. 6-8 ft/sec.). It could only produce 1-2 amps. Because the project was sometimes run in only the daytime hours (no lights needed), the camera, laptop, and VCR were able to run without a supplemental generator and keep a full

charge on the batteries. Its use is recommended only after carefully assessing the water current at each site, power needs of the project, cost (\$2000.00) and work of setting up. On a positive note it seems to be a durable, continuous use piece of equipment, lasting 7 years and had only shaft seals replaced once.

Honda 1000 watt generator (EU1000I): The color video camera running at higher shutter speeds required about 180 watts of light at night (fall time only) to produce a nice picture. This plus other equipment (camera, VCR, and inverter) came to under 300 watts, which this generator easily handled, on a lower RPM setting that this generator was equipped with. This efficiency boosted gas economy to 10 hours per .61 gallons. An extended gas supply was run into the generator's carburetor for more use without refueling. When not in use the extended gas supply was lowered to a level below the generator to avoid possible problems associated with a leaking carburetor needle valve. Another method was also used where the fuel supply was run into the generator fuel pump. It required more dismantling of the generator but the fuel supply could then be kept at a level lower than the generator. Although not necessary a timer switch was wired into the generator so the generator would shut off whenever desired. The generator was light and ran on the shore in a converted doghouse with an open front and a 6" square hole in the back for the exhaust to blow out. A 100' extension cord ran from shore along the fish wheel spar pole to the equipment enclosure. A number of generators have had to be replaced over the years (about 1 per year) and overall they don't seem to hold up to the extreme long run times the project requires.

Honda 2500-watt generator (EB2500): used at camp to run the desktop computer. It ran all the camp equipment easily and was very quiet.

Batteries: four 6-volt deep cycle batteries supplied the stored 12-volt DC power. Although fewer batteries could be used, a generator shut down could necessitate the use of this much reserve power to keep the video running. The reserve allowed for minimal use of the water generator on days when drift was especially bad. The batteries all sat neatly in an inexpensive waterproof plastic tote in the bottom of the equipment enclosure.

Battery charger: a 10/30/50 amp (Schumacher SE-1250), taper charge, automobile type, charger was used. The charger will run constant at 8 amps at night with lights on. In 2008 plans are to go to a charge controller specifically made for constant use (the auto type chargers are not designed for continuous use).

Inverter for light: an inexpensive 150-watt modified sine wave inverter worked well and drew minimum watts. A 300 watt modified sine wave inverter was used also and had the advantage of a power off switch. These inverters are replaced occasionally because of durability problems. Spares were always on hand.

Lights: two 90-watt halogen 27° beam GE floodlights. One was run off an inverter from the DC batteries in case the gas generator system ever shut down. The other light ran directly off the generator in case the DC inverter system failed. Each light had an adjustable light sensor wired in and was quite workable with each light coming on independent of the other as darkness progressed. During a generator, light, or inverter failure, one light could produce a dark yet fully countable video. I found these to last the length of time stated by the manufacturer so I started writing installation dates on each light and changing them before they would fail.

### *Fish Wheel Chute*

On wheels equipped with live boxes a “chute” is used to pass the fish from the wheel baskets over the raft logs and into the live box. Wheel sites do exist that do not require vertical adjustments to the axle; this site however required adjustment in times of lower water. The chute, therefore, had to be adjustable in that it must go up and down to match up to the changing level of the baskets or fish injuries increase from fish dropping rather than sliding into the chute. This means the camera, enclosed sides of the chute, and the chute must be one unit to eliminate refocuses of camera, especially in bad weather, in times when the wheel axle/baskets are needed to be raised. The chute enclosure in 2000 was the source of some of the greatest trials and tribulations (Zuray 2000, 2001a). In 2001 the laptop/switch method developed, with the help of Dave Daum, eliminated the need for all the sunlight and wind blocking structures of the fish wheel chute. The bottom (viewing area) of the chute was lined with white UHMW 3/16” thick plastic. It was easily cleaned and stayed white, the preferred color background for the video images.

### *Chute Door/ Magnetic Switch*

A door made of 1/4-inch plywood covered with 3/8-inch thick closed cell foam was constructed to fit over the exit area of the camera chute. The magnet that activated the trigger switch was mounted on the door. The switch itself was mounted in a stationary position adjacent to the magnet. When the door moved outward approximately three inches the magnetic field around the switch weakened sufficiently to close the switch. This sent an electrical current to a serial interface that in turn communicated the switch event with the computer. The door was hinged on top with fish exiting out the bottom. The operation of the door had to be light enough so that even small whitefish could open it, and at the same time, it had to close positively without bouncing when large fish passed. A bouncing door could cause the switch to open again after a fish had passed, resulting in empty frames captured. A 2-foot wooden rod was attached to the top of the door and acted as a counter-balance. The rod was attached by a length of nylon cord that passed through a pulley to a weight suspended in an “ABS” plastic pipe filled with a water/anti-freeze mixture for all weather use. The weight was made of a plastic pill bottle filled with the solution and some lead shot. The action of the weight, dampened by its movement through the liquid, caused the door to slow down just before it reached the closed position, providing bounce-free operation. This system, developed on site, worked very well but required considerable trial and error to install correctly. The length of the handle, the height of the pulley, and the amount of shot used for weight are factors to be synchronized. This dampening system was necessary because of vast differences in the way a 1/2-pound cisco and a 50-pound Chinook salmon went through a hinged door. A buzzer was installed in-line with the switch to provide an audible indicator that the switch was working. In 2003 a simple wind counterbalance was installed at the top of the 2’ wooden rod on the chute door that removed much of the false door openings cause by heavy wind. This system was used till mid season 2006.

### *Other Tested Triggering Devices*

The magnetic switch has been a reliable triggering device since its initial installation in 2001. But certain environmental conditions have been problematic at times and required innovative fixes. During windy conditions, the door opens prematurely, tripping the switch, and allowing fish to pass by the camera undetected. The door hinge has broken due to stress from large fish slamming into the door frame resulting in the door falling off and fish passing undetected. The mechanical magnetic switch has a limited number of “trips” before the contact

points fail and video capture is compromised. Small fish species, especially ciscos do not consistently open the door due to their small size, resulting in missing some small fish. Because of these minor problems, there has been a concerted effort to find another triggering system that is more reliable, less affected by various environmental conditions, and able to detect even the smallest fish. Added incentive for continually looking for better methods is the technology becomes simpler to move to other projects.

Thru-beam ultrasonic sensor: In 2005, a thru-beam ultrasonic sensor was purchased and tested. The sensor consists of one transmit and one receive transducer. After bench testing, the sensor was installed on opposite sides of the chute and field tested. Results were somewhat encouraging, but wind along the surface of either transducer caused the switch to falsely trip. Also, since the sensor was made up of only one narrow beam, depending on placement, some fish could slide under or over the beam undetected. A single-shot timer was installed on the switch so the duration of the electrical output (after being tripped) could be controlled and lengthened. This allowed the software (Salmonsoft) to react consistently when the switch was tripped. This method has never been used for real time counting.

LED light screen sensor: In 2006, a light screen sensor was purchased and tested. The light screen sensing system consists of two self-contained units: an emitter and receiver. The emitter has multiple infrared LEDs spaced at 9.5 mm increments, and the receiver has corresponding photodiodes. The sensor was installed on opposite sides of the chute, resulting in a cross-hatched optical pattern covering all areas of the chute from the bottom to seven inches above the surface. With this almost complete coverage, target detection issues would hopefully be eliminated. A laser rifle-sighting device was used to align the two units during installation. The lens of each unit was cleaned once per day of fish slime and silt to keep the sensor functioning properly. Silicone had to be applied to each unit to more effectively seal the sensor screen from moisture and prevent lens fogging.

Methods for testing the light screen sensor in-season were developed and implemented in 2006. From July 12 through August 21, 2006 the sensor was installed in the video chute with a bright red LED attached to the sensor switch. If a fish passed through the light screen, the light would turn on for a set amount of time controlled by the single-shot timer (see above). The red light was installed in the field of view of the video camera. If a fish was video captured by the original video system using the chute door/magnetic switch, the captured picture would also include a record of the red light being tripped by the light screen. During video file review and fish counting, a record was kept to evaluate if the red light from the screen sensor was activated each time a fish was captured by the video system. On August 22, 2006 the light screen sensor was installed as the triggering device for the actual video system on the fish wheel, thus removing the chute door/magnetic switch from the system. The new light screen sensor was then run for the rest of the season. Regular assessment methods were used to evaluate if any fish were missed using the new light sensor during this testing period (see Assessment of Capture Program, Methods). In 2007 this method was used successfully all season and a new improved video chute built around the sensors which easily allowed for small aiming adjustments to be made. Results from these assessments are reported in the Results section.

### *Fish Wheel Construction*

It is counterproductive to install a video system only to have fish injured by the fish wheel unnecessarily. The fish wheel used was specially built to try to eliminate injuries. Basket



sides have seine webbing and no braces creating a sort of trampoline in the critical areas. The basket bed was lined with 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" high-density plastic webbing in 2001 and 2002 and 1" x 1" vinyl coated wire in 2003 to 2006. All entrance and exit doors are lined with closed-cell foam. Easily removable paddleboards of different sizes allow much control of the fish wheel rotation speed. Rotation needs to be consistent with no prolonged hesitations but should not be so fast as to lift the fish high before it has a chance to migrate towards the basket chutes. In 2003 to 2006 basket chutes were completely lined with durable 5/16" closed cell foam that was contact cemented to the chute boards. This produced dramatic results in the reduction and for all practical purposes the elimination of bloody gills in Chinook. In 2007 an almost exact duplicate of the 2006 wheel was finished and used and run all season. While some changes were made relative to strength and wear all the wheel specifications required by the project such as basket dip and width, etc. were used.

### *Electronics*

Camera and Lens: Panasonic color 1/3" format CCTV camera: (model WV-CP474 with 480 lines horizontal). This camera has many user selectable features including shutter speed that was critical for providing quality images. The camera has 12-volt DC power input and standard BNC video connectors for video output. This camera used in 2001-2007 produced noticeably better images than the similar model WV-CP464 used in 2000 and is still running fine. Numerous lenses are available. The lens is a Computar, vari-focus model TG3Z271FCS, 2.7-8mm, F1.0 TV lens, color camera. A nice piece of equipment new in 2002, improved the pictures that made the system work. The color, zoom and focus capabilities of this camera were essential features. The camera, mounts, and waterproof case were under \$1000. A waterproof camera housing was necessary and we kept a good amount of silica gel in it at all times to absorb any water vapor trapped inside the case (Pelco Surveillance Camera Housing).

Monitor: a 3"X5" color LCD monitor wired to the 12 volt system and the VCR provided a picture of the camera's view for focusing, zooming, and positioning and camera parameter settings at the fish wheel. All of these of course needed to be done on the wheel. It was supplied with 6-ft long wires and could be put right next to the camera during these adjustments for easy viewing and is still running fine.

Video Recorders: these are presently used mostly for our backup system. Video cameras are connected to a 12 volt DC video recorder (Panasonic AG-1070dc) with 12 and 24-hour time-lapse capability. The video recorder is placed in a waterproof Pelican case and wires ran to the outside via waterproof connectors. The video recorder stores images on the videotape at a rate of approximately 5 frames per second on the 12 hour setting and it has a date and time stamp feature that is used at all times. A matching, second video recorder at camp is available to play images into the video capture card/computer for final luminescence capture. These VCRs have factory-cleaning recommendations of every 60 hours. This model of VCR is no longer manufactured. These are still running fine and kept available for instant installation in the event of a trigger system failure.

Desktop Computer: a desktop computer was used in camp to download video files from the fish wheel video system, review and tally fish, capture fish from VCR tapes, and organize data in spreadsheets and graphs. The computer had 3.20 GHz Pentium 4 processor, 1024 MB 400 MHz of DDR SDRAM memory, Windows XP operating system, Recordable/Rewriteable DVD RW/ R/CD-RW, analog PCI video capture card, and multiple card reader installed. The card reader was used to download the video files from the IBM micro-drive. All files were

backed up on compact disk. This computer is new in 2004 and capable of the video work required by this system.

Laptop: connected directly to a camera on the fish wheel through a USB analog capture card. The laptop was a Panasonic Toughbook CF-48. It was the only laptop found that was capable of running on straight 12-volt current. The laptop had a Pentium III 700 Mhz processor, Windows XP operating system, 20 GB hard drive, 500 MB of SDRAM, and an 8 MB video card. An IBM 1 GB micro-drive was used to move video files from the laptop to the camp's desktop computer. Two newer, faster capture laptops are planned for 2008.

Capture and video review software: Salmonsoft capture software Vcap 1.4.0 was used to capture fish images off the fish wheel. The software allowed use of a trigger switch to record fish images as they slide down the fish wheel chute. In camp, video files (AVI format) were reviewed and tallied using Salmonsoft viewing software Vcap Rev 1.4.0. This software could view video files, play files forward and reverse using user controlled scroll speeds, and tally fish with user defined keyboard keys.

Wireless Video Communications System: Model CS-300 made by Premier Wireless Inc. In 2002 this 5.8 Mhz microwave transmitter and receiver were used to experiment with sending the video signal from the fish wheel to camp 1/2 mile away. The objective was to run the system for the entire fall season along side the existing video capture system to see how it performed in various environmental conditions, i.e., wind, rain, and fog. The system performed flawlessly in 2002 and the complete system was installed and ran on the fish wheel from 2003 to 2007 thereby eliminating the need for having the laptop capture system on the fish wheel. All video capture was done back at camp. This reduced power requirements at the fish wheel, reducing amp/hr usage from approx. 3.4 to around .5 amp/hr. Along with the advantages realized in normal use of this wireless system, the ability to run multiple capture systems, both luminescence and magnetic trigger initiated ones, for experimentation purposes, has been greatly enhanced. Having multiple unproven systems on the fish wheel would be difficult in many regards. With wireless this experimentation can be done at camp. In the 2004 season we ran 2 trigger systems with different operating systems and one luminescence system for assessment. In 2005 to 2007 the wireless allowed testing of multiple capture triggers (ultrasonic and infrared) while running the main counting system uninterrupted. The wireless video system made this much simpler and is still running fine. It is very expensive and is one of the few components that we do not have a spare of. This is okay as we have an on the wheel backup system ready to be deployed at any time.

#### *Project Related Areas of Study*

*Flesh color and fall chum arrival.* The summer chum run in this section of the river is relatively small in numbers and is made up of chum whose fat reserves are low (most are close to their spawning areas) and therefore their flesh color is very pale in roughly 90% of the population. These chums are of much lesser value for people and dogs. With the arrival of the fall chum in late July and early August a distinct and unmistakable change takes place. What happens is in a matter of 3-5 days (occasionally longer) after the summer run has been providing people with consistent 10% red flesh fish, the percent of red fleshed fish will rise progressively to 50 - 75% or as high as 90% (mostly depending on the amount of summer chum still running and mixing in). The "official" start date for the video project begins when

the red flesh color passes the 50% point. This method has supplied Rapids video project with the most accurate date to start counting fall chum each year since 2000. Presently no other method including genetic analysis has replaced it although this project has supported genetic proposals to do so.

*Fish wheel efficiency and discharge adjustments.* Rapids test fishwheel adjustments is made by taking 24 hour video counts and adjusting that number using a formula that takes into account the speed of the current at the fish wheel. It is much more accurate than comparing traditional CPUE each year at this site because of the varied influence of water height and speed. This then gives a number similar to a daily passage estimate. At this site it is possible to do this by monitoring USGS discharge or water height readings taken upriver at the Yukon River Bridge, as those readings have a linear relationship to the site current speed. The basic idea for this is born of fishers' traditional knowledge that as current speed increases fish has the tendency to move closer to the banks (and fishwheels) to avoid the increased flow, and will spread out and away from the wheel as speed decreases. There are two key things that have made this type of adjustments easier here. One is that there is never a time when the water does not raise that the speed of current does not increase, or water lower and the current decrease. This was shown by in-situ velocity readings taken over two summers and is not the norm for the average fish wheel site which often has periods of faster and slower current speeds unrelated to water discharge. Second is that for 10 years the site was also contracted to catch fall chum for a USFWS tagging project producing a weekly population estimate. This gave the video project many weekly "efficiency of fish wheel in different water discharges, data points" which with to construct a workable formula. The method is highly suspect among many educated persons. The end result however is a yearly estimate of passage past the Rapids which compares remarkably well with a combined post season Upper Yukon escapement, harvest, and border passage figure from 1996 to 2005. This yearly figure is the primary method the USFWS uses to evaluate projects such as the Rampart Fall Chum Tagging project. Presently because of the use of increasingly more accurate sonar methods and equipment used to assess Upper Yukon escapement in a number of projects there is a need to make adjustments to the Rapids discharge formula. These adjustments will be simple to make but will require the best guess by the upriver projects of the fish counting efficiency gain they have achieved with the new methods. We are currently waiting on those adjustments to be made.

*Water temperature.* An Onset StowAway TidbiT© water temperature data loggers were installed at the fish wheel for the duration of the fishing season. The loggers were installed on the fish wheel lead at about 1 m depth and 4.3 m depth. Measurements were taken daily at 1 h intervals and mean daily water temperature was calculated by averaging the hourly readings. These measurements were taken from 2003 to 2007 in an effort to provide more points of temperature data collection on the Yukon River, to explore possible effects on fish wheel efficiency that temperature variations might have and to have temperature correlation data for the *Ichthyophonus* disease studies at the Rapids. The two loggers used (post season data available only) were placed on the lead fence at the top and bottom to evaluate any temperature differences throughout the day between the two. This was an attempt to look into the reasons for the diel catch patterns that exists at the wheel and any possible relation to fish movement.

A manual readout temperature gauge was also placed on the fish wheel to provide daily readings inseason. While not as accurate it did provide temperature data that was used to correlate with the inseason *Ichthyophonus* research the project was involved with and provide general temperature trends for the YRDFA teleconferences.

*Diel catch patterns.* These patterns are not at present available for Chinook salmon due to the lack of sufficient numbers of captured Chinook salmon, large amount of days containing hours with no Chinook salmon captured and 12-hour project run time. While the existing data have been looked at with interest, the project is unable to present any statistically valid diel patterns at this time. The project's equipment and time has supported this type of effort on the fall chum salmon run which typically starts during the latter part of the project. Seasonal mean hourly catch rates were calculated from days with 24 h of continuous data for fall chum salmon. First, hourly catch rates (fish/h) were calculated for all hours in each day. These hourly catch rates were expressed as proportions (%) of the daily catch so high catch days did not bias results. Then mean catch rates (%) by hour were calculated for the season. Only days with catches of over 100 fish were used to minimize using hours with no fish captured. This is another part of the work being done to explore movements of fish as it relates to the operations of the video project in an attempt to make the project more consistent and accurate. It was decided in 2006 that we had run enough years of diel data (2003-2006) to prove the existence of a consistent diel pattern at the fish wheel and that no more was necessary at this point. Past years data are included in this report as it is an important consideration of fish movement past the fish wheel (Figures 2-4). If any need arises in the future, for diel rates from any year, archived video data can be run to produce the diel graphs, etc.

*Water turbidity.* A standard Secchi disk was used to take daily readings on water clarity changes at the Rapids starting in 2003. This was done in a shaded area about 10' away from shore. Water clarity is known to affect fish capture and this was another area being explored for its effect on catch efficiency at the Rapids fish wheel.

*Video Fish sizing.* The similarity in overall Chinook salmon numbers in 2002 and 2003 for the Rapids project drew our attention because the project operator did not feel the 2002 and 2003 runs were similar in strength at all. The overall number was the one most used in the past to measure run strength. The runs were also not viewed as similar in strength by any of the subsistence fishermen in the Tanana and Rapids area fish camps, which numbered about fifteen. This accelerated an ongoing investigation into just how extreme the abundance or absence of small Chinook salmon in a population can affect the projects assessment of run strength.

Starting in 2003, length measurement marks in the video chute have allowed classification of Chinook salmon into small or large salmon based on length (< 70 cm total length = small). Though not as accurate as manual measurements, the marked chute provides a way to differentiate between two size-classes of fish. Separating the Chinook salmon run into these two components was believed to give a better picture of the run when comparing its catch to other assessment projects. Because the video chute in 2002 had the same marks as the 2003 chute, the 2002 Chinook salmon video avi files were recounted separating the small and large fish. The results were dramatic and show just how far off a run assessment can be if some small separation technique is not employed. For example, the total number of Chinook salmon captured at Rampart Rapids video project was just over 1,600 fish in both 2002 and 2003, but when the small and large Chinook salmon are separated one sees a catch of large Chinook salmon ( $\geq 70$  cm total length) in 2003 that is 67% higher than 2002. When the run is looked at from this perspective a very different picture in terms of fish numbers and pounds available to Chinook net fishermen, pounds available to wheel fishermen, and large fish (females) headed to the spawning grounds emerges.

Thus, by having the ability to separate the Chinook salmon run into the two size components, the result is a better understanding of the run characteristics and true strength. Future project plans are to continue developing the reporting method that includes the accuracies of the separation technique and to continue work on developing a digital measuring method to accurately measure individual fish with the help of Dave Daum (USFWS).

## **Results and Discussion**

The project operated for 98 days in 2007 with no down days or times when project equipment or operation compromised data collection. The project operated on all of the scheduled days off (Sundays). Project started counting on June 18 and continued through the last major chum pulse, and ended on September 23.

The project's 24-hour CPUE for Chinook salmon, summer chum and whitefish are summarized in Tables 1 to 3. Adjustment of fall chum CPUE based on discharge continued in 2007 with the daily release of graphed adjustments made to fisheries managers.

Dave Daum of the USFWS Fairbanks Field Office again worked closely with the project assessing operations. His help on improvements to the detection ability of the video capture system, which ran all season in 2007 (infrared light curtain); will be of benefit in the years to come. One such benefit is much easier transfer of the technology to new sites. His work is supported by the R&E fund.

The video project's computers and equipment were again donated to assist in the 2007 Student Data Collection Project which collects data on a full season of Chinook salmon.

### *Chinook salmon.*

The project had a cumulative CPUE of 1008 Chinook salmon, which is the lowest CPUE in the project's eight years. This year, all the pulses moved upriver from the lower river at a similar travel rate. Chinook salmon took an average of 19 days to arrive from the set net project near the mouth of the Yukon, which yielded an average of 38 miles a day travel speed (Figure 5 and 6).

The 2007 run was composed of 35% percent small (< 70 cm total length) Chinook salmon. In the six years of operating the Chinook salmon video chute fish sizing component, this was a relatively low proportion for small Chinook salmon (Figures 7 and 8).

The primary objective of the project is to collect CPUE data in a consistent manner year to year. The Chinook and chum salmon CPUE data are presently of the most interest to ADF&G, USFWS, and the DFO. These data are only meaningful in as far as they relate accurately to actual salmon passing through the site area. That actual number is of course not available for comparison so other established Chinook and chum salmon assessment and escapement projects on the river are looked at and compared for indications of project accuracy with respect to run-timing and abundance.

Below, the project is compared to four major Chinook salmon projects in, the Yukon River drainage that have been operating consistently over time. The video project is only eight years old so only years 2000-2007 are compared.

**Table 1**

Year	24 hr. expanded Rapids cumulative		Lower River Set Net cumulative CPUE	Pilot Sonar estimates	DFO Border Tag estimates	Eagle Sonar
	All	**Large				
2000	1708		14.12	70,112	16,995	
2001	5563		15.23	137,453	54,029	started
2002	1667	911 (55%)	20.23	183,505	43,359	2005
2003	1646	1351 (82%)	27.06	253,774	58,082	
2004	2854	2000 (70%)	20.48	188,874	48,500	
2005	2061	1485 (72%)	17.8	143,997	45,000	81,528
2006	2917	1891 (65%)	21.81	168,351	47,965	73,691
2007	1008	657 (65%)	*19.21	*125,553	*22,958	41,182

\*Some 2007 figures are preliminary at this time

\*\* Large  $\geq$  70 cm total length

#### *Chum salmon.*

Chum salmon projects available for comparison are much more numerous; some use relatively accurate weirs and small stream sonar. A comparison technique used by USFWS for looking at upper Yukon chum salmon passage above the Tanana River involves adding together escapement projects, harvest, and border passage to evaluate how that estimate compares with in season monitoring projects. This project uses that method to evaluate its yearly discharge adjusted index and or estimated passage of chum salmon at the Rapids site (Figure 9 to 12). Estimates for years 1996 to 2005 show a very close comparison using the projects discharge adjusted formula. Estimated in this manner, the total fall chum salmon run size past Rapids this year was 347,026 fish. Looking at all project years from 1996 to 2007, four years were higher and seven were lower. Presently because of the use of increasingly more accurate sonar methods and equipment used to assess Upper Yukon escapement in a number of projects since 2005, there is a need to make adjustments to the Rapids discharge formula. These adjustments will be relatively simple to make, but will require a best estimate by the upriver projects of the fish counting efficiency gain they have achieved with the new methods (see Figures 13 to 16 for comparisons to selected upriver projects). We are currently waiting on those assessments to be made. With that in mind, this project views the 347,026 estimate as somewhat low relative to present day upper river project assessments, but quite suitable for comparisons to this projects figures in past years.

Three pulses were identified by ADF&G and to avoid confusion Rapids video usually goes by those designations. This year, however, because of the small size of the pulse that brought the first fall chum to the upper river and the closeness of the other pulses in the lower river, comparisons are difficult between the run as it came in the mouth and as it passed Rapids. The one thing that was clearly similar was the lack of chum numbers in the early part of the fall run. This caused concern and adjustments to subsistence fishing activities early in the fall season.

Pulse 1 is always the most valued for people food; the fish are their fullest and flesh is the richest. Every subsequent pulse has declining amounts of these qualities with the front side of each individual pulse having higher quality fish and backside having the poorer quality fish.

Catch rates were around 100 per day, which was very poor for this site and wheel. The percent of chum salmon Rapids caught during the first pulse relative to Pilot Sonar's estimate 18 days prior was much lower than normal, which was likely due to a higher than normal amount of summer chum salmon still coming into the river. The majority of summer chum salmon are typically lower river or Tanana River stocks; hence relatively few make it up to Rapids. After the initial bunch of bright fall fish passed in a few days time, a solid week or more of what seemed to be white fleshed summer chum salmon passed by until the next pulse. First fall chum salmon arrived on August 5th and the low period continued to about August 17th.

Pulse 2 was the largest (comprised of the lower river pulses designated 1 and 2) and still of high quality for people food. This went from August 18th to September 13th and was estimated by this project to have about 237,000 chum salmon.

Pulses 3 was a combination of two smaller lower river pulses and held a surprising number of chum salmon estimated at over 100,000 fish. While not as long and large overall as the prior pulse, pulse 3 had the highest estimated day passage of 21,000 chum salmon.

This year, all the pulses moved upriver from Pilot Sonar at a similar travel rate. Chum salmon took an average of 21 days to arrive, which yielded an average of 29 miles a day travel speed.

*Flesh color and fall chum salmon arrival.* In 2007 video project supported efforts by the Rapids Student Data Collection Project determined a fall chum arrival date of August 5th. The first sign of fall chum salmon arrival was on August 3rd when the catch rate started to rise and the normal summer chum "percent of red flesh" of 5-8% rose to 21.4%. By August 5th the red fleshed chum rate was 57.1%, which is past the 50% point this project starts counting all chum as fall chum salmon (see Figures 17 and 18 for graph of past studies on this).

*Other fish species.* Occasionally pike, burbot, grayling, coho salmon, suckers, and lamprey are recorded in the fish wheel. Their numbers are small from sometimes 0 per year as in pike and grayling to 30 as in coho. The only other fish of any significant amount caught are bering cisco, broad whitefish, humpback whitefish and sheefish. 2007 was the largest run of bering cisco recorded at Rapids and was recorded as very large at Pilot Sonar also (Bonnie Borba, ADF&G, personal communications). Other whitefish seem to be late running and peaking at the time the project shut down so the later part of their runs may not have been recorded fully (Figures 19 to 22).

*Diel catch patterns.* Continuation of this study is considered unnecessary at present. Data potentially capable of producing diel patterns will be taken and archived each year in case there is ever a future need for it.

*Fish wheel efficiency model.* Discharge levels are continuing to be explored, the last few years, for their effects on catch efficiency by the Rapids video project and Dave Daum, USFWS. Analyses continue to show a strong linear correlation between discharge and fish wheel efficiency with chum salmon. From 2004 to 2007 discharge adjusted fall chum salmon data were sent in daily with the normal CPUE data to state and federal managers.

Daily chum salmon numbers are adjusted, using a fish wheel efficiency model related to daily water discharge. This adjusted passage index continues to be modified as a project objective with formula upgrades each season investigated. The results continue to appear to be much more inline with other Yukon run assessment projects than the unadjusted CPUE. In 2007 because of the large number of low water days during when the main portion of the run passed, counts would

have been lower than they were had the CPUE not been adjusted (Figure 23). Many Yukon River fisheries reports continue to list Rapids unadjusted CPUE only. This is a disservice to the public and this project as that method of assessment has been clearly shown to be not as accurate.

*Water temperature.* Daily mean water temperatures during the 2007 project varied from a high of 20.1 °C on July 10 to 5.7 °C on September 25 (Figure 24). The maximum hourly reading was 20.2 °C on July 9, 10, and 24. Within a day, hourly water temperatures varied by 1 °C or less. The lowest readings were between 0600 and 1200 each day. Relative to 2003 to 2006 temperatures ran warmer during July and most of August and colder during September (Figure 25, Table 4). As with other years, temperatures were highly influenced by local weather. The comparison testing done using temperature loggers placed on the top (1 m depth) and bottom (4.3 m depth) of the fish wheel lead fence showed a thorough mixing of the water throughout the day and season (Figure 26). The cause of the diel movement patterns of fall chum salmon documented in the 2003 - 2005 analysis remain a mystery. At this time temperature at different times of the day at different water depths does not seem to be a factor. The thorough mixing of water at the wheel site is most likely caused by the river getting shallow, swift, and narrow above and within sight of the project fish wheel.

*Water turbidity.* Secchi Disk readings responded to rises in river levels and the normal melting of glacial streams from high temperature days early in the season. Colder temperatures of advancing fall weather, lowering of the water level and subsequent clearing of the river in are seen in the data too (Table 4). This year there was an extreme high turbidity event which took place on September 20<sup>th</sup> where the seechi reading went from 28 cm to 4 cm overnight. This was noticed by multiple fishers as well. This 28 cm reading is rather clear for the Yukon and usually only seen in late fall. The 4 cm on the other hand is the other end of the spectrum. Usually the readings make 1 cm changes in 24 hr periods with an occasional 2 jump being seen. Going back in past years records show nothing like this ever. The probable cause was an extreme rain event in the Canadian Yukon and was recognized passing at the border.

*Video system components.* The video system proved to be very accurate at counting fish that were captured by a fish wheel. Many of the potential fish handling problems associated with fish wheel capture have been eliminated by the development of this method. The video capture system used in 2007 has many improvements over the original system used in 2000. The past in season video assessments show the consistent video capturing of the medium and large fish species. With the introduction of the infrared sensors for fish video capture in late 2006 and 2007 even the small cisco whitefish can be counted accurately. Cisco capture accuracy assessment figures show only a 98% capture success rate in 2004 and 95% in 2005 for instance. In 2007 no cisco were missed.

*LED light screen sensor:* The first full season run of the new light screen sensor in 2007 was successful. Of 423 fish assessed, only two were missed (Table 5). These fish were all missed during multiple capture events (more than one fish passing down the chute at once), indicating that software capture settings were probably the cause, not fish passing the sensor undetected. Unlike the chute door/magnetic switch, no ciscos were missed using the screen sensor; a definite improvement over the old system. Of additional interest, passing flies and moths were video captured using the screen sensor, indicating the extreme sensitivity to small passing objects. Windy conditions never caused the screen sensor to trigger. On one extreme rain event during which 3 ½" of rain fell in about one hour, the sensor did capture a few



unnecessary empty frames which was no problem at all considering the violence of the storm. The testing and evaluation of the screen sensor has demonstrated that the new sensor is a definite improvement over the chute door/magnetic switch.

Finding the best software program settings to control the amount of frames captured before and after the infrared sensor was tripped was a matter of trial and error during testing but usually does not change after that. A setting to capture more frames than was necessary would mean larger than needed file sizes and more time spent reviewing video files. Settings that do not capture enough frames can cause some fish to be missed either because they were not recorded at all or there were so few frames in the video file that human error came into play during the review process. Software settings are influenced by the goals of each project.

The video project is primarily used at present to provide CPUE data, with fish needing to be identified by species. If the project was attempting to sex chum salmon the number of frames collected might need to be increased. In applying this technology to a recapture wheel in a spaghetti tagging study one might also want to increase the numbers of frames collected so tagged and untagged fish could be identified consistently. Because of the improved review program being able to speed up or slow down the review process, more frames captured for each fish does not substantially slow down the overall counting process. The increase in file size this may cause is of small consequence considering the storage capacity of the laptop hard drive, micro drive transfer disk and final storage on CD-R disks. In 2007 the introduction of a new chute for infrared fish detection and its change in placement to more mid video chute caused adjustment to these settings in the course of experimentation and testing.

A good review program is important for accurate and timely counting of captured fish. Improvements made to the program in 2001 allowed the user to adjust the speed at which the frames were reviewed. The tally for each species was made with a single click of the computer mouse instead of a mechanical counter and hand tallied on a paper form. Reverse, stop and forward controls were easily accessible and controlled by the keyboard. These features became more important as the numbers of fish counted in a day increased. For example some years daily chum catches can approach 2000-4000 fish. At high numbers such as these every refinement becomes meaningful, not just to speed up the process but also to reduce operator error.

Operation of the laptop computer, interface, electronic components, software program, VCR, and camera all worked well enough in 2007 that all days data could be collected. Running longer into the evening or using our backup luminescence video capture system solved the few problems threatening a loss of a day's data. In 2007 the laptop computer capture program was shut down and a luminescence program ran on the desktop computer any time files were transferred. This was to avoid computer "lock up" problems of the past years and worked very well. A more modern laptop for 2008 is planned.

The building and maintenance of the fish wheel chute door was greatly simplified in 2001 and 2002 and again in 2007. Construction techniques still require attention; because its operation is critical to the proper triggering of the laptop capture system.

Figures 27 and 28 show some of our chute and project operation pictures.

*Past Video System Testing.* The mechanical triggered video system developed during the 2001 to 2004 Rapids video projects has been installed and tested on four fish wheels operated in the Yukon River drainage. Two wheels were used for monitoring daily catch during the summer and fall season and two wheels were used for counting tagged and untagged salmon for mark-recapture experiments. As of spring of 2004 the video system operated for over 14,000 hours and recorded over 262,000 fish images. Salmon species (Chinook, chum,

and coho salmon) were the most common species captured (235,962), followed by Bering and least Cisco (14,746), and sheefish (7,145). Data were collected on total operation time, number of fish captured by species, and type and number of system failures. Throughout the testing period, comparisons were made between fish counted from the switch-triggered video files to: 1) fish collected in the fish wheel live boxes, or 2) fish recorded on time-lapse videotape. A video review program, Salmonsoft Fish Review, was used to tally fish by species from the digitized video files. Live box captured and time-lapse recorded fish were tallied by hand. Digitized and time-lapse recordings were synchronized and each frame was time-stamped so similar time segments could be compared.

During the multi year testing period, comparisons between numbers of fish recorded from the triggered video system were similar to fish recorded on time-lapse videotape and fish captured in fish wheel live boxes. A total of 357 hours of fish wheel capture were recorded on videotape and 1794 hours from live boxes. Compared to time-lapse recordings, the video system missed 34 of 3,462 fish (1%) that passed down the video chute. Of the 34 missed fish, 22 were small cisco species that passed under the exit door without triggering the switch and 12 salmon were missed because the software capture settings for frames captured before the trigger event needed to be increased to allow for multiple fish captures i.e., more than one fish sliding down the chute at once. Subsequent adjustments to the door and software capture settings eliminated undercounting by the video system. Compared to live box capture, the triggered video system recorded 660 additional fish, i.e., of the 19,499 fish recorded using the switch program, 18,839 were counted in the live box. Fish jumping out of the live box before counting began and data recording errors explained the difference

### **Partnerships and Capacity Development**

The Rapids video project continued a close working relationship with the USFWS office in Fairbanks. Dave Daum has made trips each season to help with operations of the video CPUE project and assist in assessing those operations. This work is currently supported by R&E funding. Rapids video projects in 1999 through 2007 have also served as a center for research into fish friendly video development, low fish impact fish wheel improvements, and run assessment improvements related to diel catch patterns, and water discharge and clarity effects on catch efficiency, by the project manager and the Fairbanks Fish and Wildlife Field Office.

In all years, the projects doors have always been open to the public and any agency personnel. A number of persons from the USFWS and ADF&G view the workings of the project each summer.

Laurie Boeck was the main contact person at ADF&G for the daily reporting of data from the 2007 project.

In response to a number of persons requesting the project's data, I started a daily e-mail distribution list in 2005. While the project is in a partnership with the USFWS, they or ADF&G has not normally reported its operation and results in their daily summary of projects in the past. Hence, the project in the past has mostly relied on YRDFAs teleconferences and individual emailing to convey data to the public (As of 2007 ADF&G now includes this project). The list presently encompasses about 100 persons, and has been successful with names continuously added again this summer as requests were received. Presently, the daily updates include many of the graphs and tables seen in this report updated as information from other projects comes in and short

text reports on area subsistence and commercial activity. Project information and a wealth of other reports, etc. are available also on the project web site: [www.RapidsResearch.com](http://www.RapidsResearch.com).

Office of Subsistence Management funding support was withdrawn from the Student Data Collection Project that has operated here since 2001, with the video project as a main partner. R&E monies through a Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) and ADF&G run project did fund a smaller collection project to keep this database going in 2007. This information comes from a full season effort on sampling up to 1000 Chinook salmon each year. These data are described as very important at many of the USFWS regional council meetings, YRDFA meetings, and state advisory council meetings that have taken place each year. Video project computers, generators and much other equipment are donated to helping this projects effort. While the mandatory ASL data collection of R&E funded projects does not apply to this project because of its immediate release of the counted fish, the project is directly involved with this effort through the above partnership.

Each year the video project supports a number of research activities by other individuals or agencies. These have included:

1. *Ichthyophonus* research by Dr. Kocan and Paul Herschberger in 2001 and 2002.
2. The contaminants in salmon study by Keith Mueller and Angela Matz, USFWS, in 2001.
3. A 2003 Bering cisco data and otolith sample effort for Randy Brown of the USFWS Fairbanks Field Office.
4. A whitefish radio telemetry project by Bill Carter of the USFWS Fairbanks Field Office in 2002 and 2003.
5. In 2004 a Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis project designed to investigate bio-energetic features (body fat, water retention, etc) in migrating salmon (Chinook and Chum salmon) was conducted at Rapids working in conjunction with biologists from the Fairbanks Fish and Wildlife Field Office, Keith Cox (Doctoral student who designed this technique) from West Virginia University, Kyle Hartman (Professor) from West Virginia University, and Joe Margraff (Professor, Co-op leader) from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Testing in 2005 continued with fish out of the video fish wheel.
6. In 2005 with student from the TCO project, genetic samples and data from whitefish species were collected for biologists with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. This collection was spread over the season.
7. The video system developed at the Rapids project has been transferred to and currently operates on the Tanana River 5A test fish wheel (Fliris, B. 2000), Rampart fall chum tag recapture fish wheel (USFWS ended 2005) and the Nenana test fish wheel (ADF&G) Numerous other inquires have been made from other river systems and the technology has been adjusted to operate at weirs and counting towers.
8. In 2006 the project facilitated Chinook salmon scale and genetic fin clip sampling at Rapids for ADF&G.
9. 2006 Ichthyophonus heart samples for YRDFA's PCR testing.
10. 2006 Radio Tagging of Bering cisco whitefish by Randy Brown and Dave Daum (USFWS)
11. In 2007 Chinook salmon fin clips (771) were taken for genetic ID information for ADF&G.
11. In 2007 Burbot fin clips were taken for genetic ID information for USFWS.

Rapids video project continues to be the major source of development work in video technology and fish friendly fish wheel monitoring methods.

Figure 29 in this report show some of this capacity development effort.

### **Conclusions**

1. CPUE data can be dependably generated by a fish wheel live box alternative such as a video capture system.
2. Workable and often inexpensive improvements to a fish wheels construction and operation can dramatically reduce injury to sampled fish.

### **Recommendations**

1. CPUE data is only valuable if it is a reflection of what is actually happening in the river. To this end the Rapids video project maintains a list of project components that may influence CPUE data (see Project Specifications on page 10). Future projects at this site should incorporate these specifications to aid in more accurate data collection and interpretation.

2. Each year this project provides local fishermen with run timing and run strength information verbally, through bulletin board postings in Tanana and email updates. In the past it was quite difficult to consistently find the data necessary to do this. We had State, Federal and private projects (such as this one) all with different mechanisms and success for getting the data to the public. For many years I recommended in every report I wrote that I would like to see an Internet web site or someone charged with sending out emails updated with the daily numbers and information from all projects on the Yukon River. Project managers, fishermen, and concerned persons need to have the data in a timely manner to assess their own projects, know when fish pulses are arriving, and provide information to YRDFA representatives for weekly teleconferences. I have been recommending this for many years now and am grateful to see the Department of Fish and Game take this on this summer. The above is particularly important for early and midseason Chinook run data. I recommend this continue in future years.

### **Budget Summary**

Total Cost: 39,000 (1 year project)    Project Dates: June 1 to September 25, 2006:

a. Total Annual Budget	39,000
b. Expenditures Thru December	39,000
c. Balance Thru December	0
d. Anticipated Remaining Expenditures	0
e. Anticipated Final Balance	0

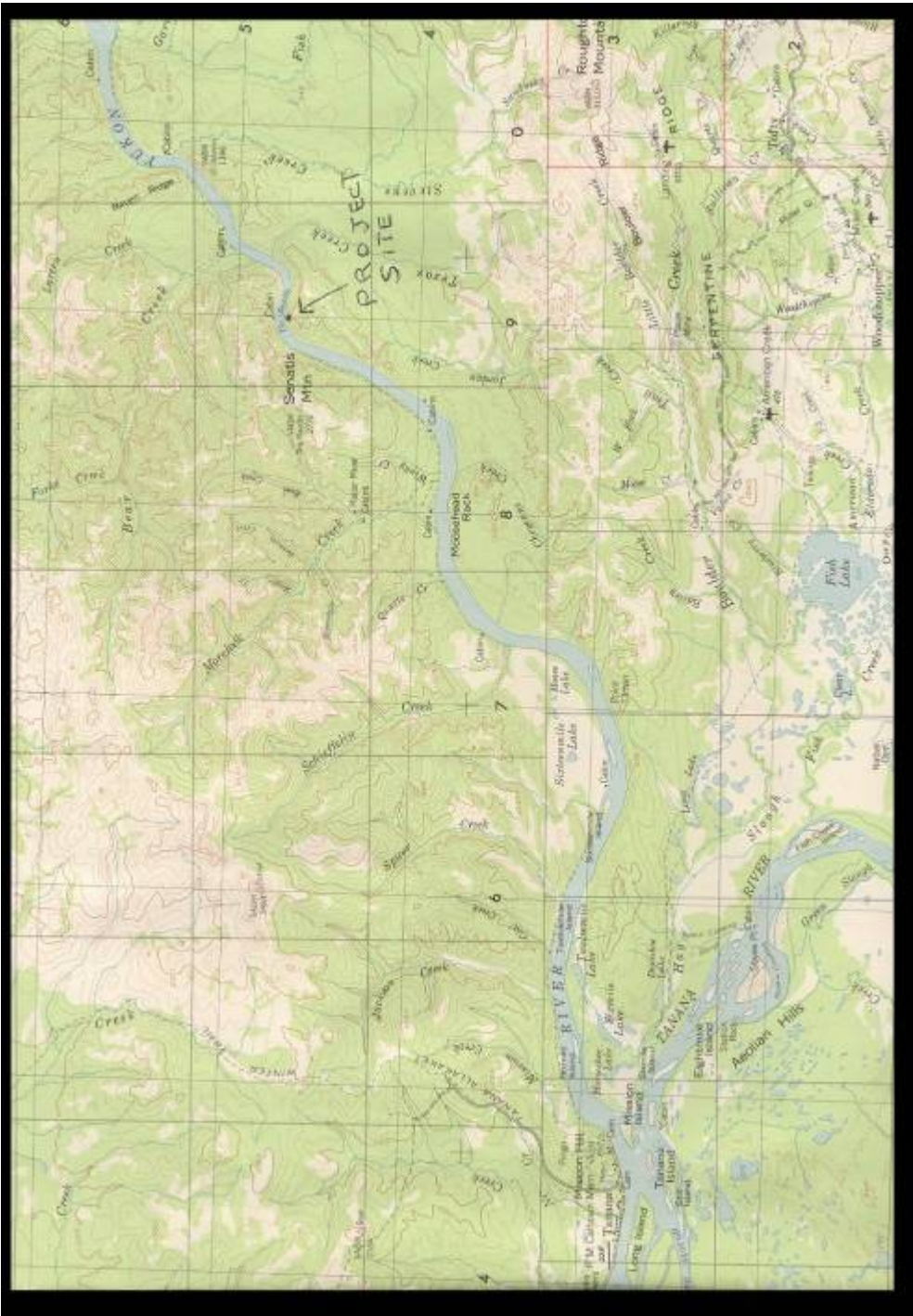
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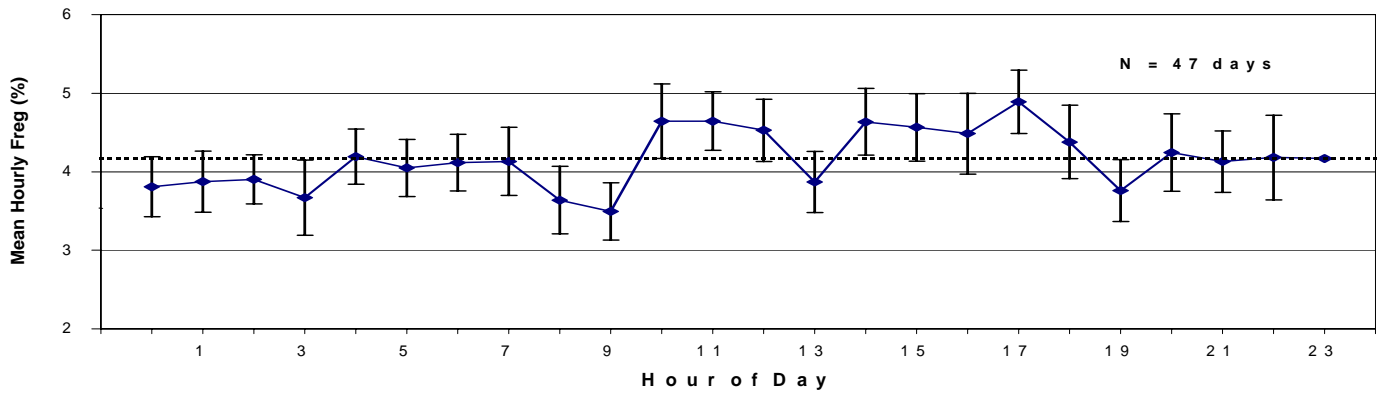
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Figure 1 Site map



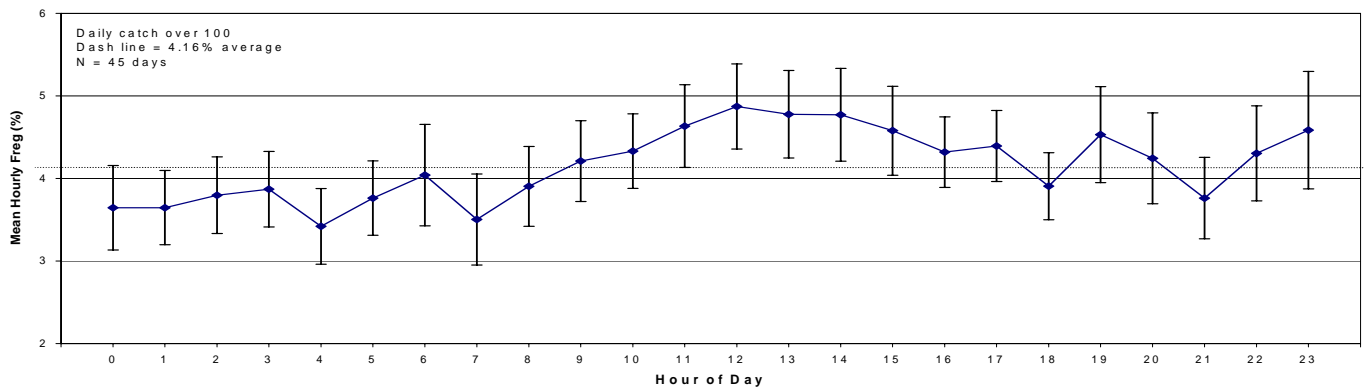
**Figure 2.** Diel catch patterns of 2003-2005 fall chum (Thanks to Dave Daum, USFWS)

Mean ( $\pm 2SE$ ) hourly frequency of fall chum salmon caught at the Rapids test wheel, Yukon River. Dashed line represents the average hourly catch (4.16%). Data include only days with 24 h of continuous records and a daily capture of over 100 fish.



**Figure 3**

**Percent Hourly Passage, Fall Chum Salmon, Rapids, 2004.**  
(error bars are 2SE) (Rapids Research Center)



**Figure 4**

**Percent Hourly Passage, Fall Chum Salmon, Rapids, 2005. (error bars are 2SE)**

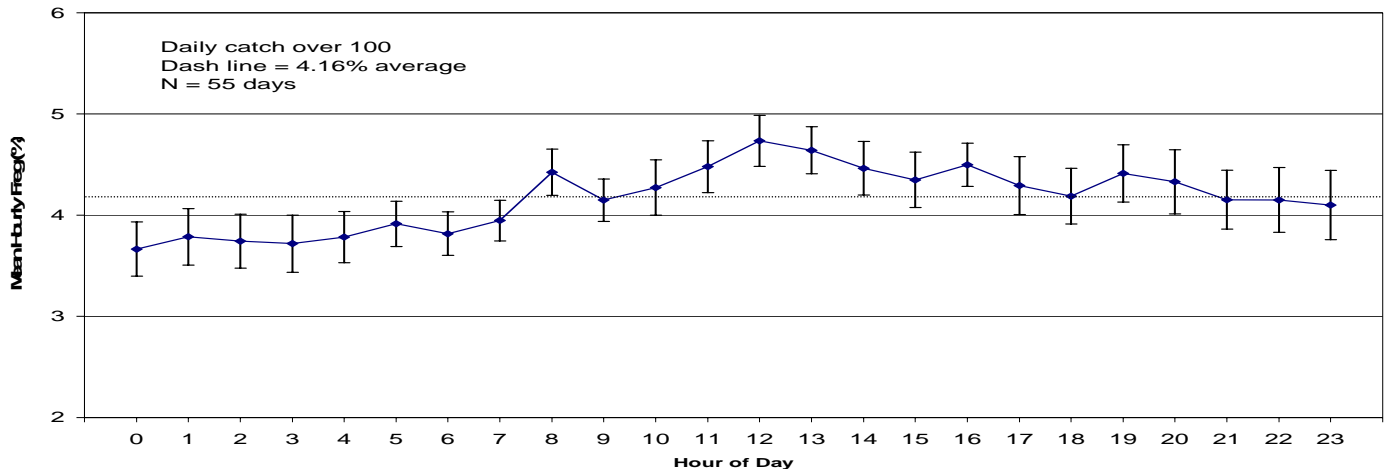




Figure 5

**2000 - 2007 Chinook CPUE, Rapids  
(Rapids Research Center)**

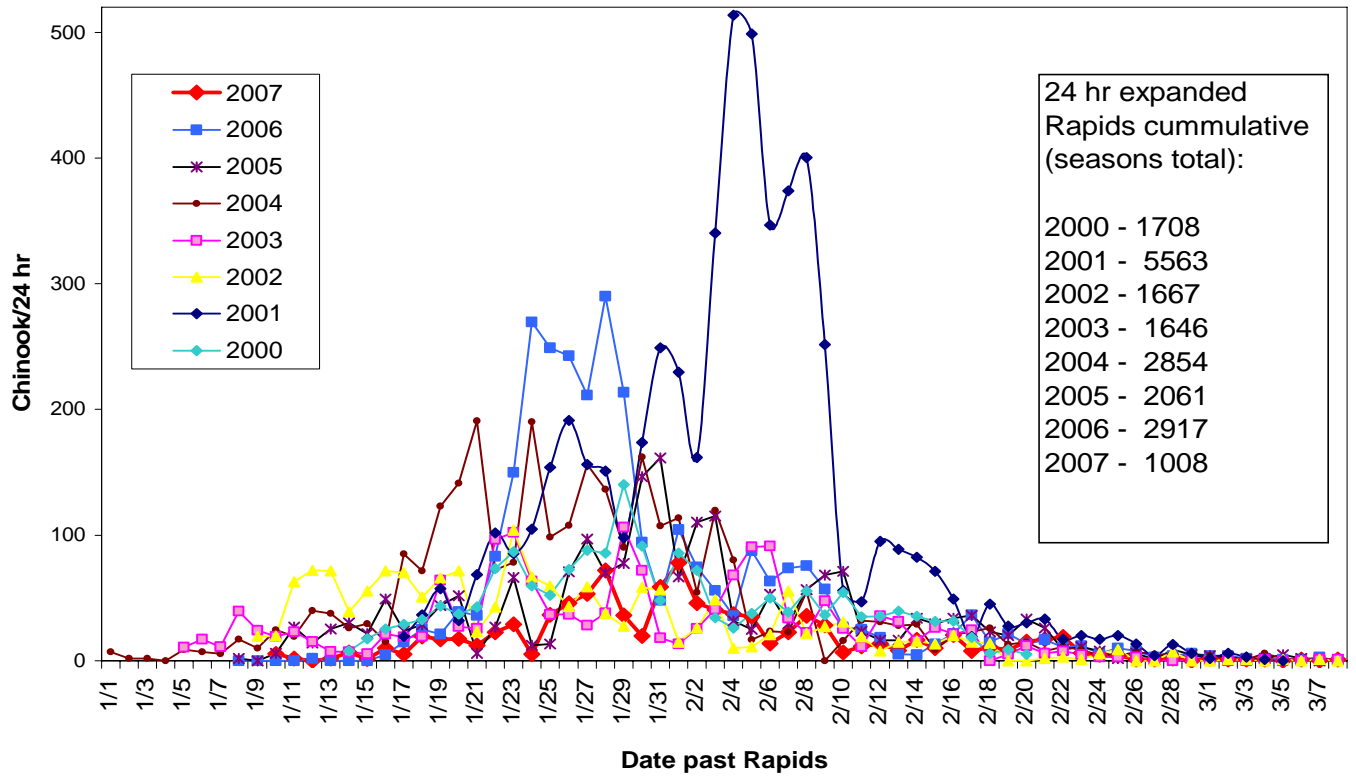


Figure 6

**Rapids Video CPUE Compared to Lower Yukon Set Net CPUE  
Chinook 2007 (Rapids Research Center)**

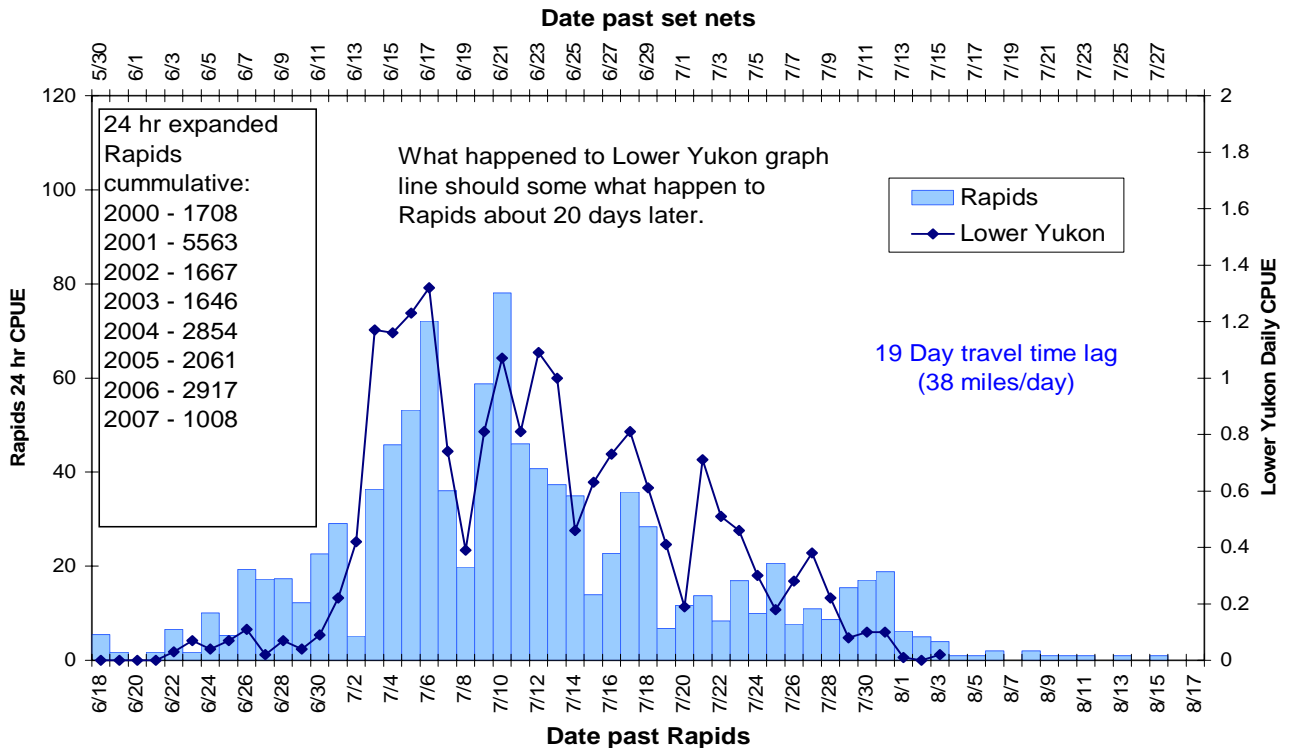


Figure 7

**2002 to 2007 Large Chinook Cumulative CPUE Compared to All Chinook Cumulative CPUE (Rapids Research Center)**

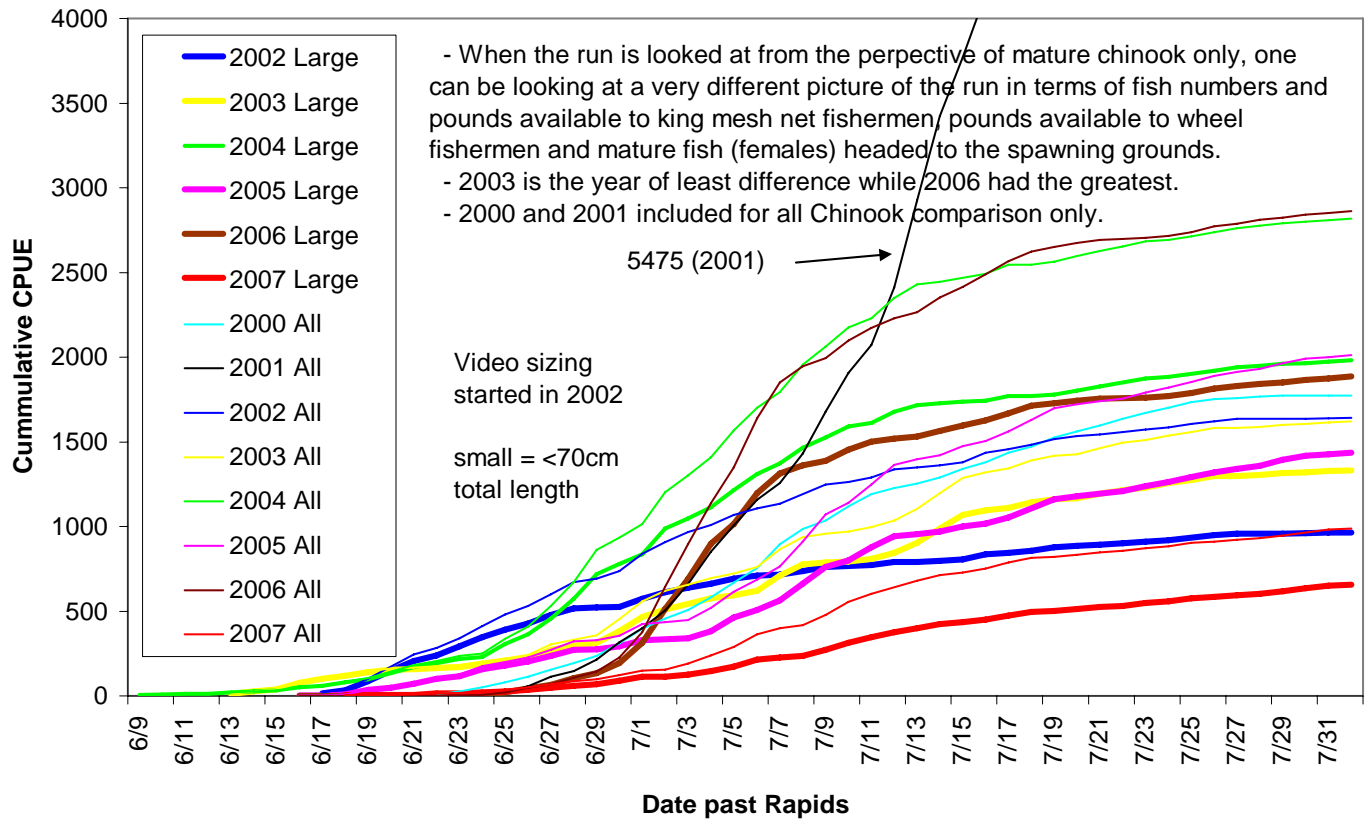
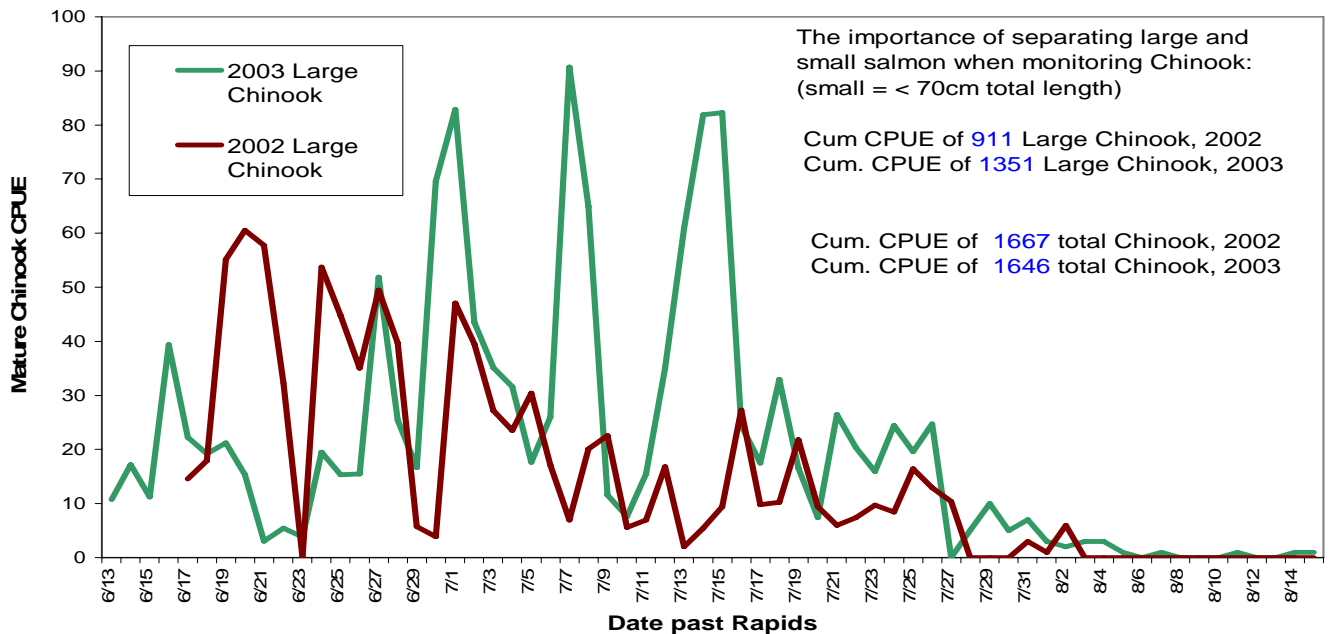
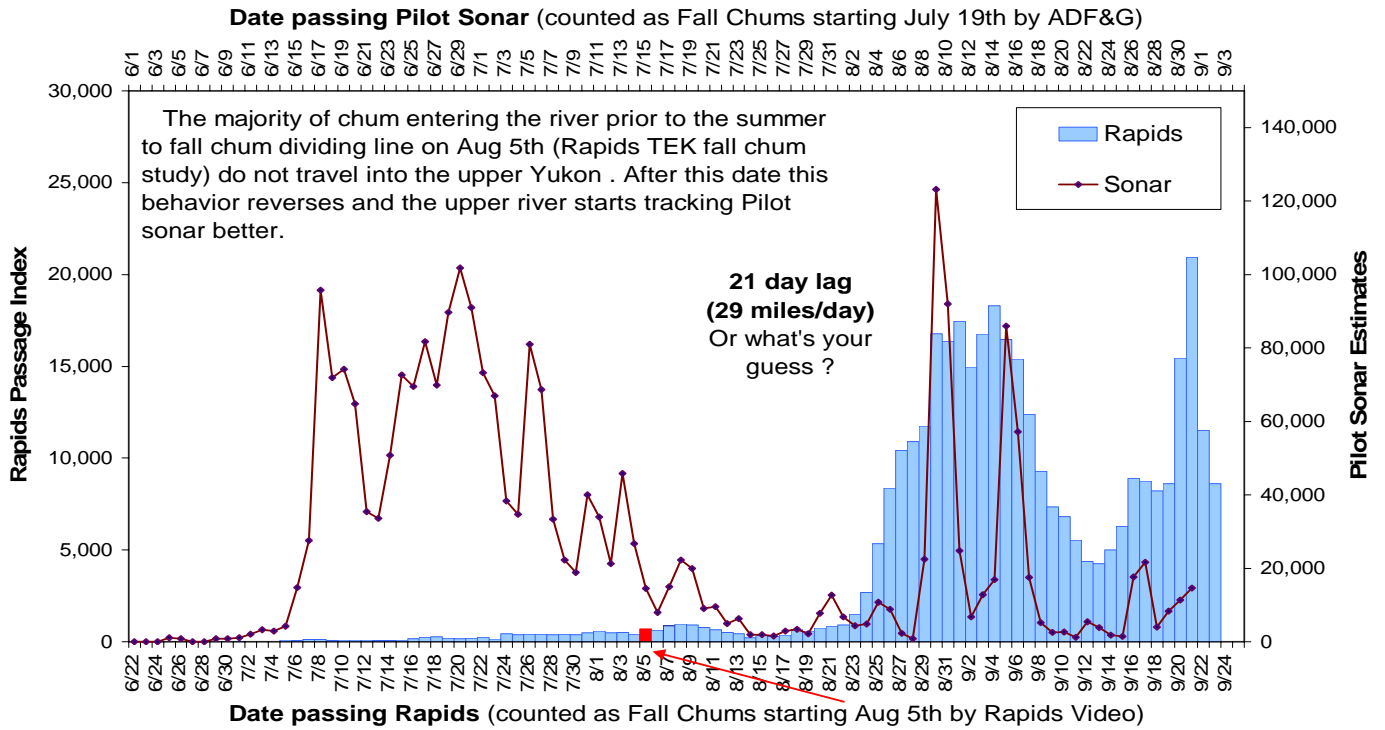


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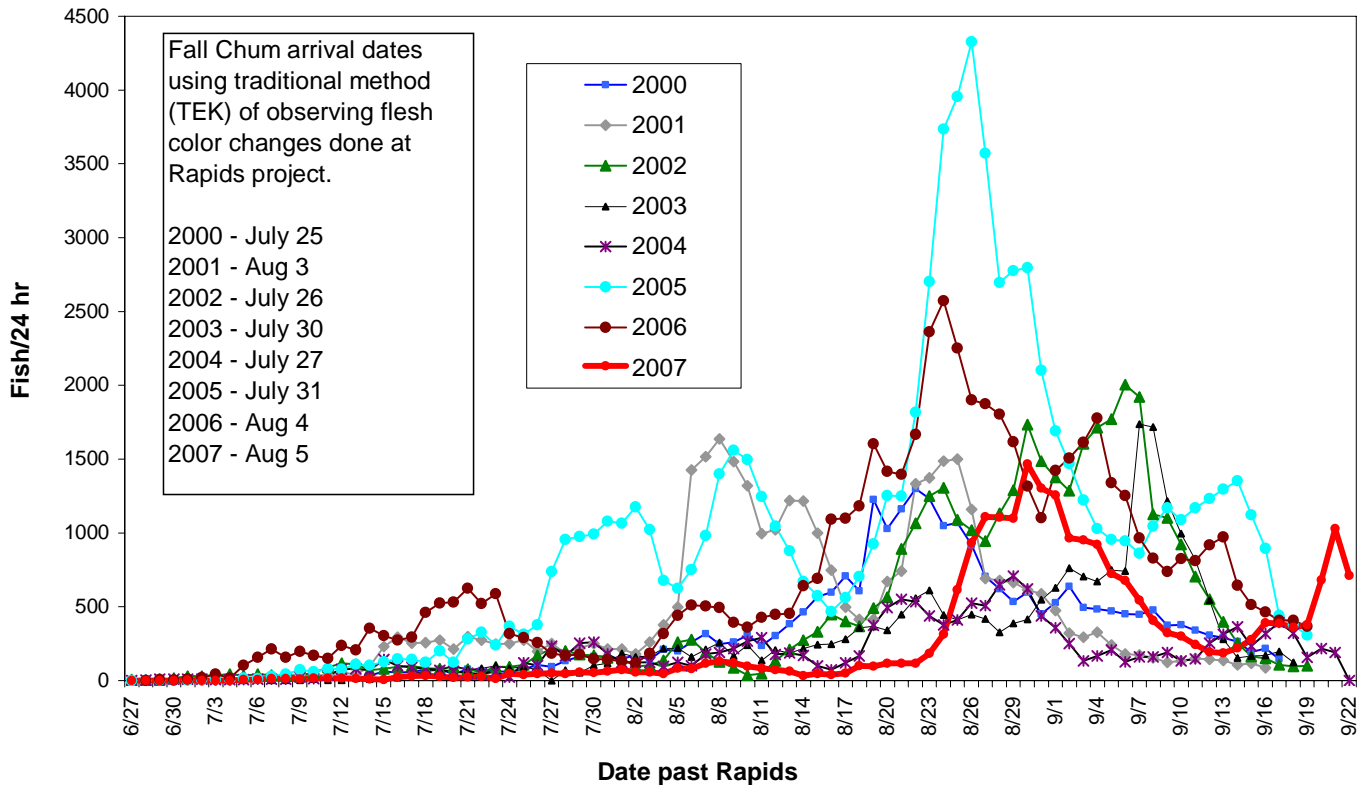
**2002 and 2003 Large Chinook Only - 24 hr Expanded Counts Rapids Video Fishwheel, (Rapids Research Center)**



**Figure 9** Rapids Video Discharge Adjusted Passage Index (ZRMC2) and Pilot Station Sonar Compared, 2007 Chum (Rapids Research Center)

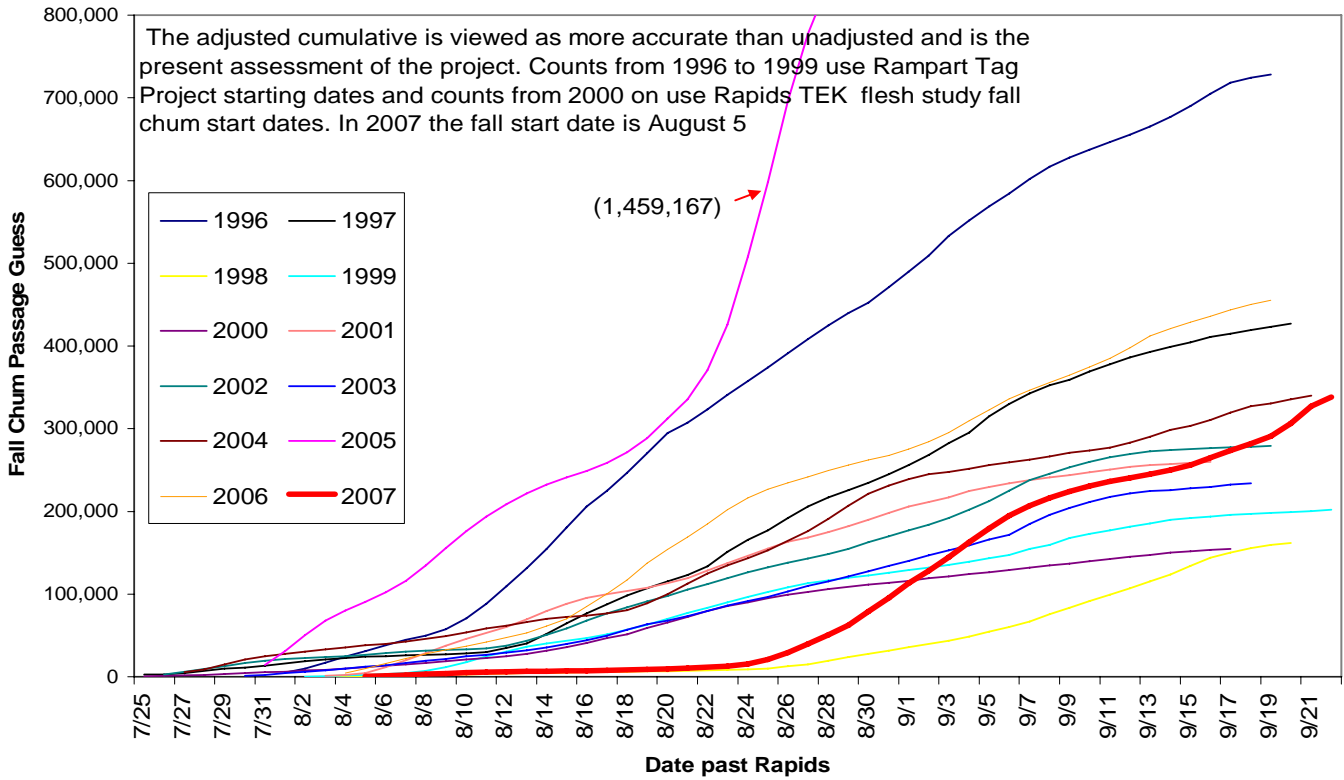


**Figure 10** 2000 - 2007 Fall Chum 24 hr Counts (Unadjusted for Discharge), Rapids Video (Rapids Research Center)



**Figure 11**

**1996 to 2007 Rapids Video Fall Chum CPUE, Adjusted Using ZRMC2 Discharge Formula (Rapids Research Center)**



**Figure 12**

**1996 to 2005 Upper Yukon Fall Chum Escapement Projects, Border Passage and Harvest Combined and Compared to Rapids Video, Discharge Adjusted CPUE (ZRMC2) and USFWS Rampart Rapids Tagging Estimate (Rapids Research Center)**

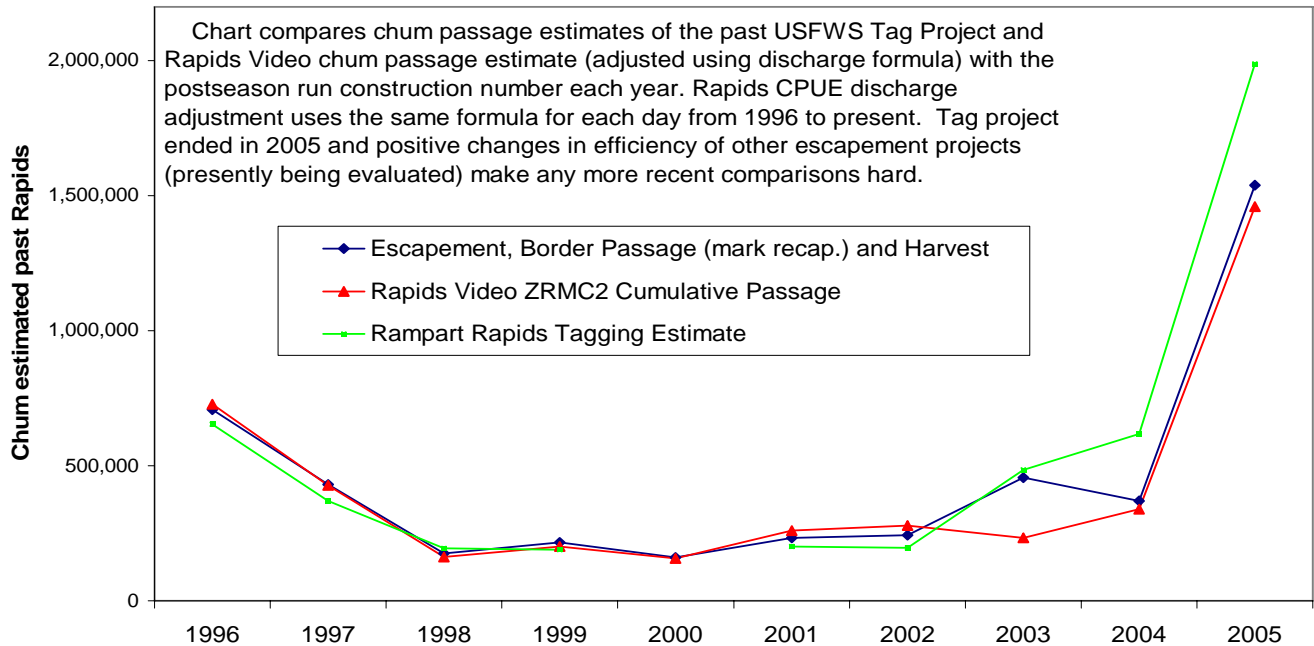


Figure 13

**Chandalar Sonar Estimate and Rapids Video Discharge Adjusted Passage Guess Compared, 2007 Fall Chum, (Rapids Research Center)**

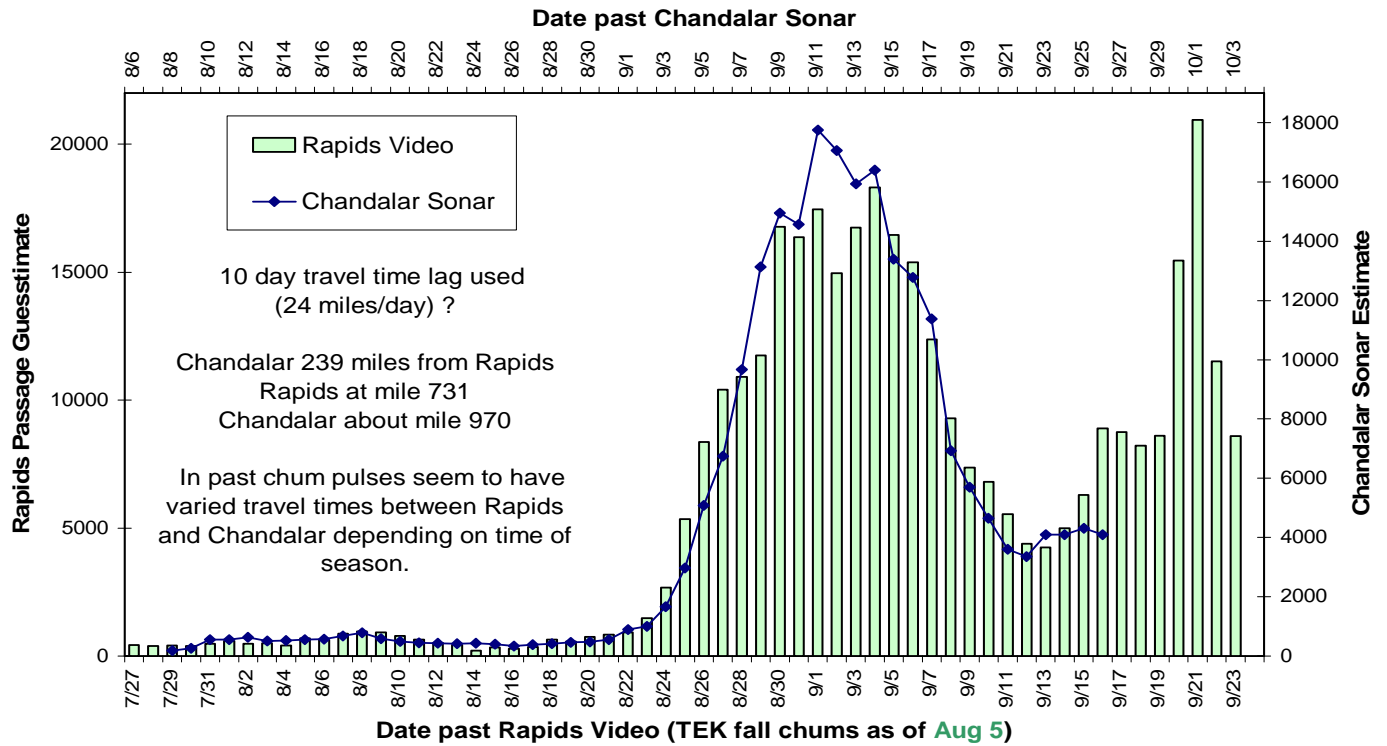


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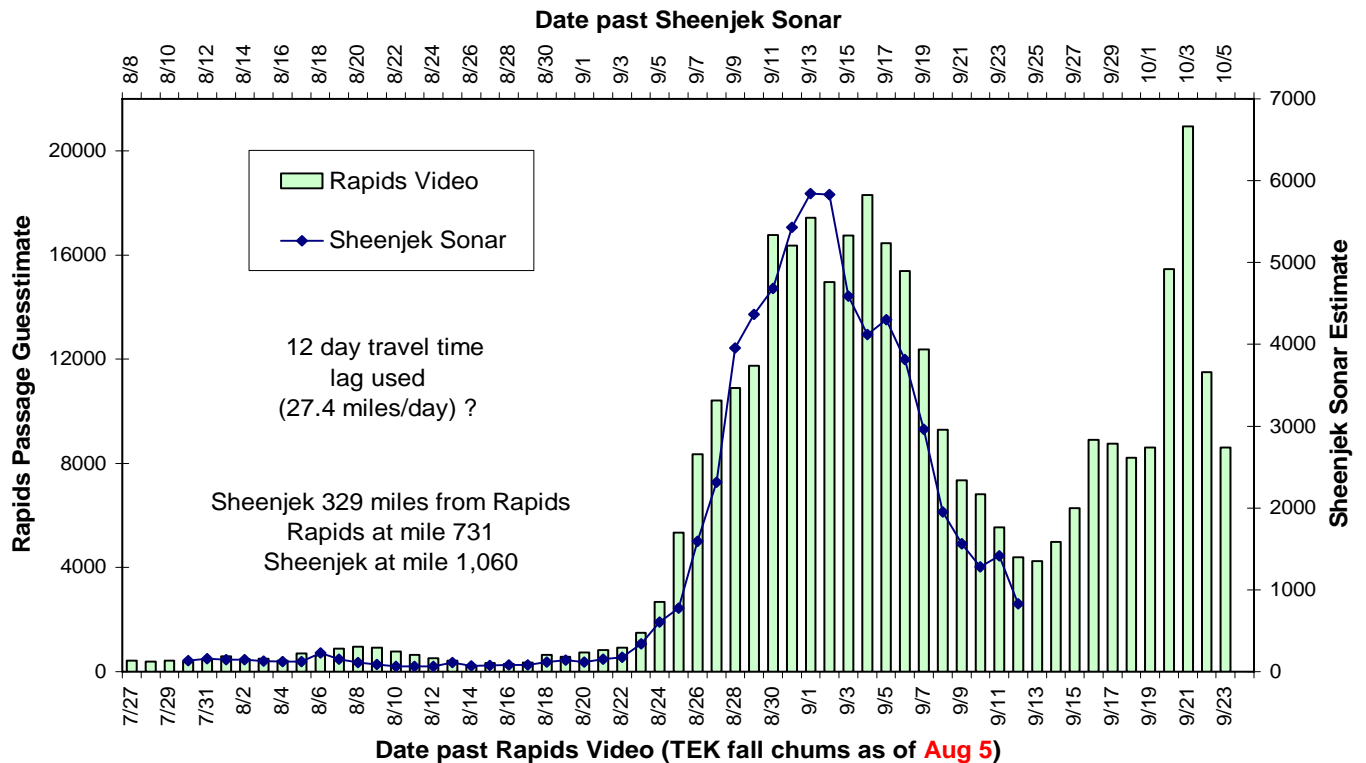


Figure 15

Combined Canadian Border Wheel Catches and Rapids Video Discharge Adjusted Passage Guess Compared, 2007 Fall Chum, (Rapids Research Center)

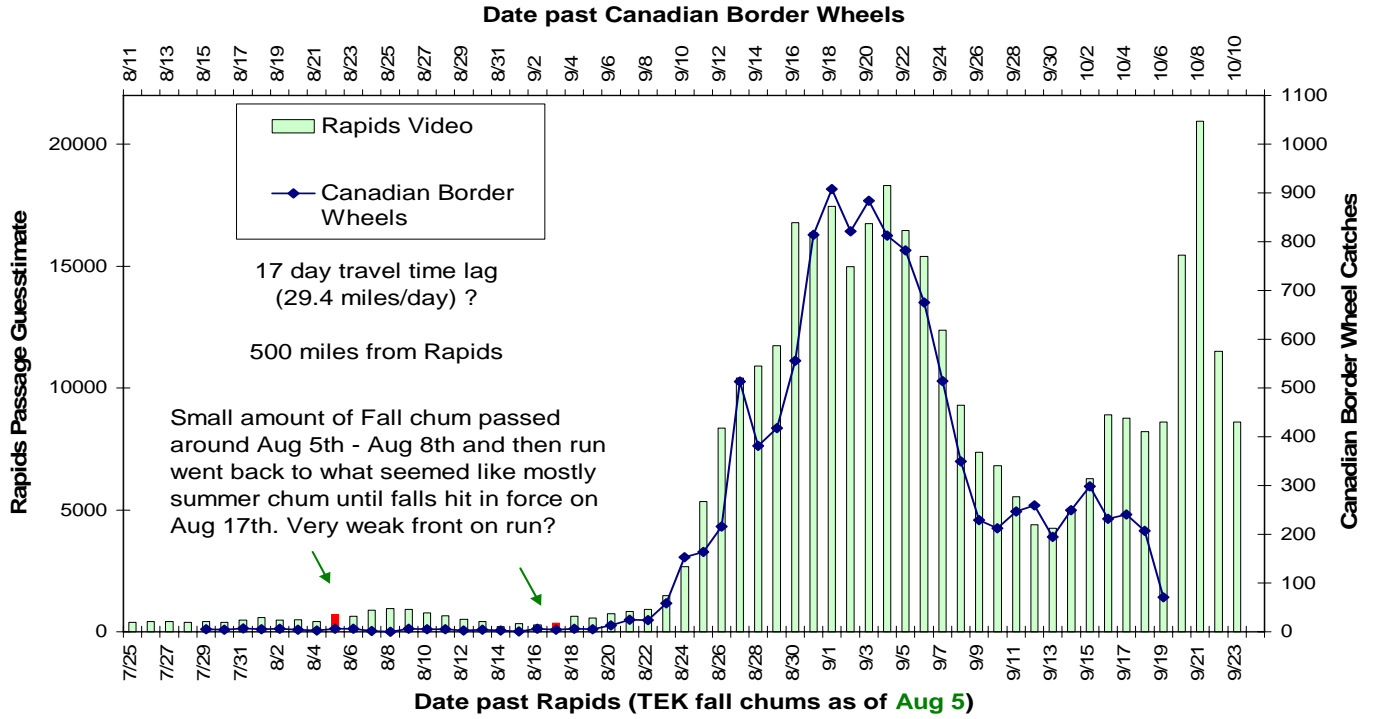
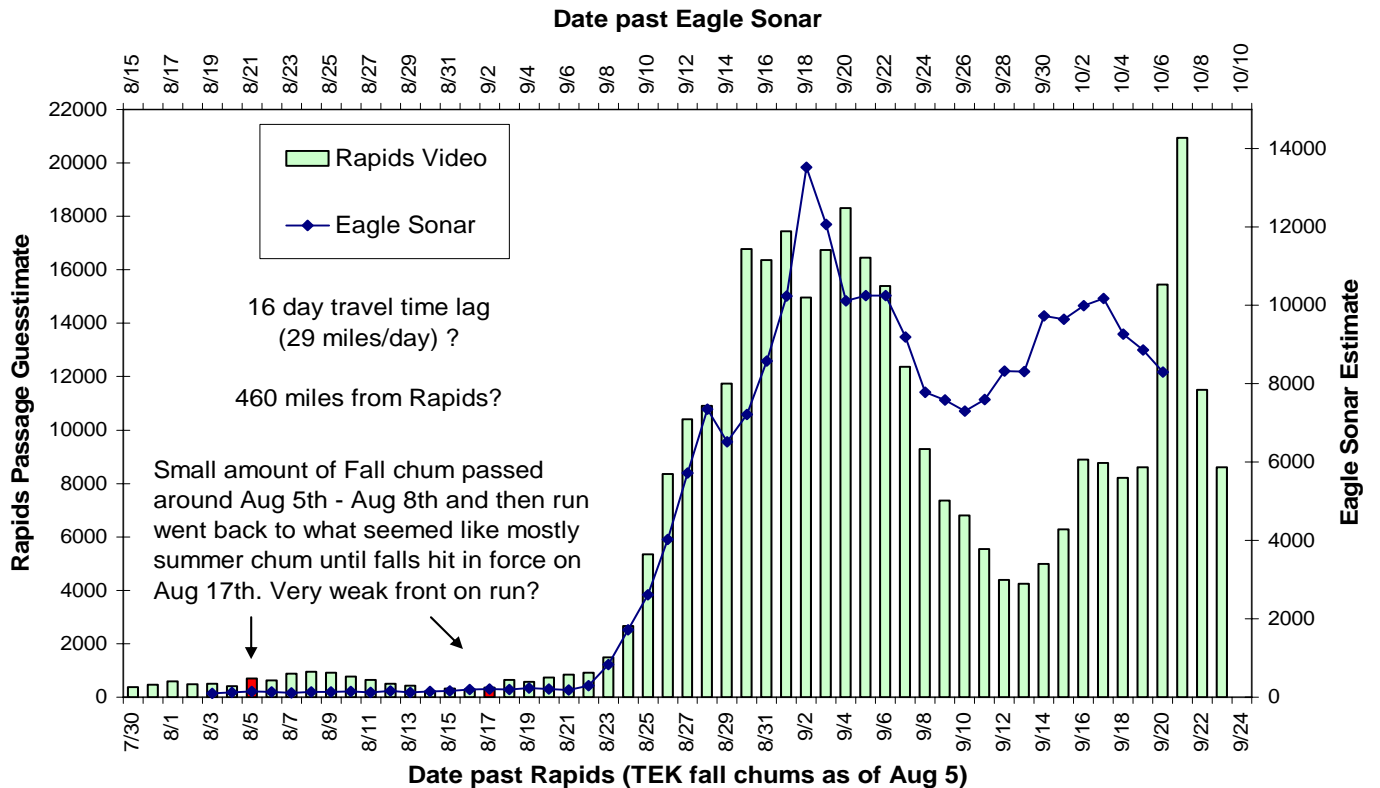


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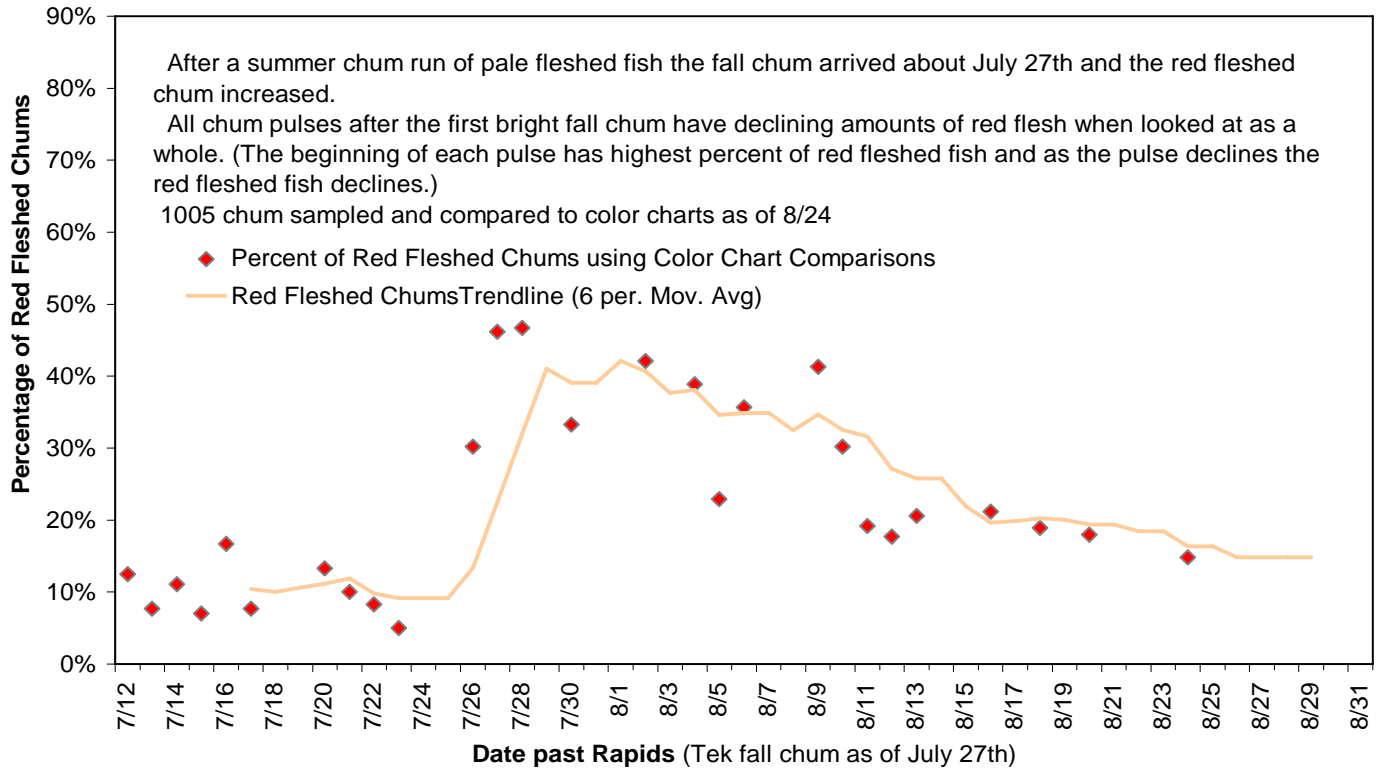
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**Figure 17**

**Percentage of Chum that are Red Fleshed, 2004**

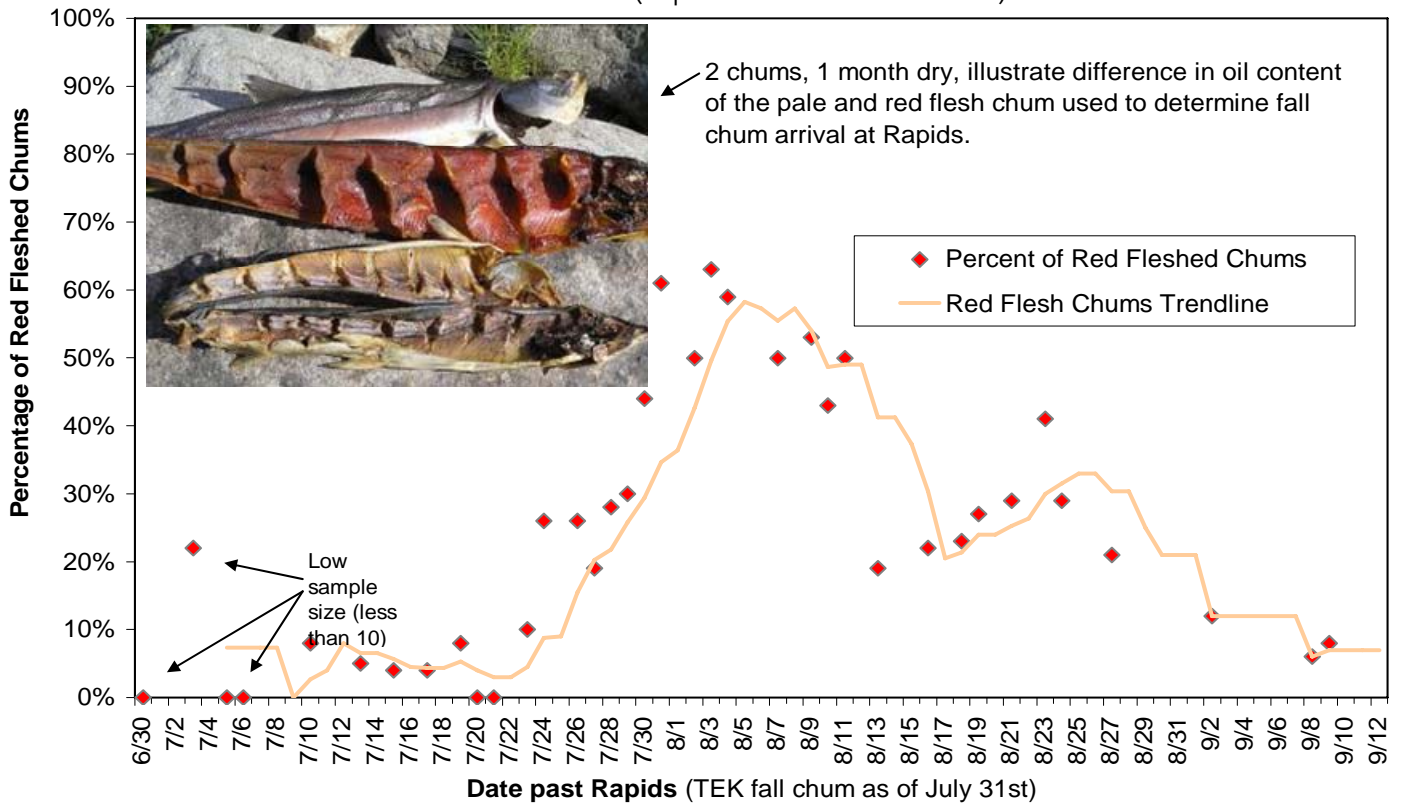
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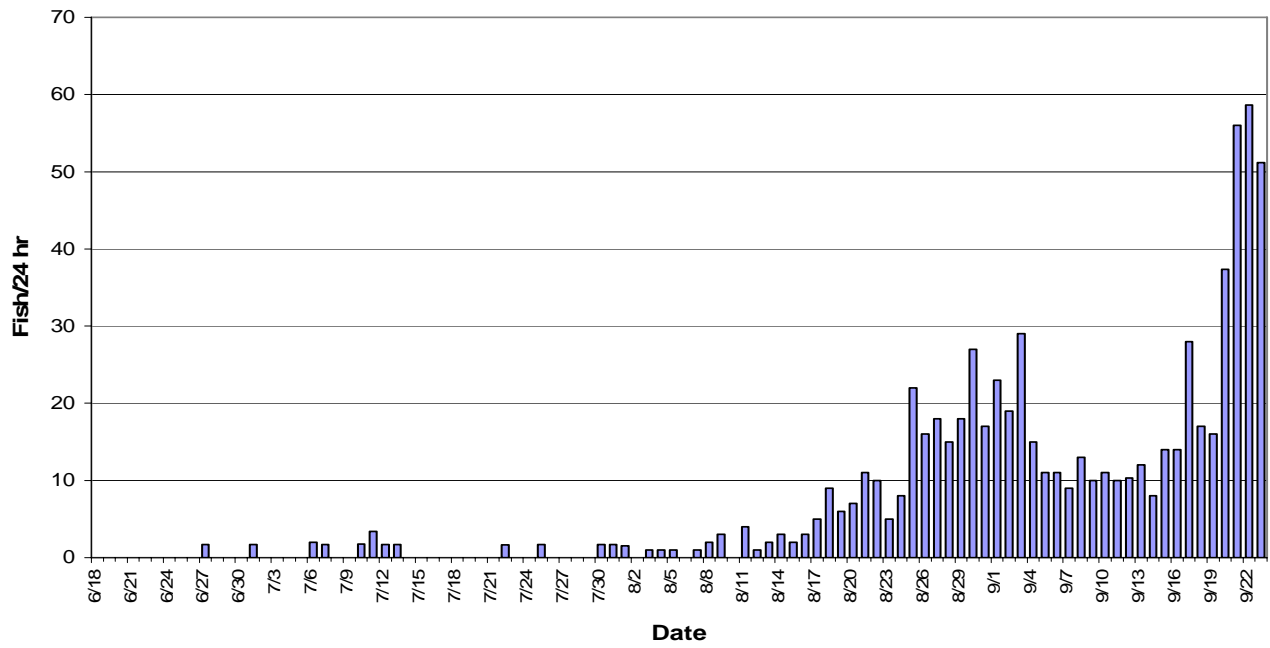
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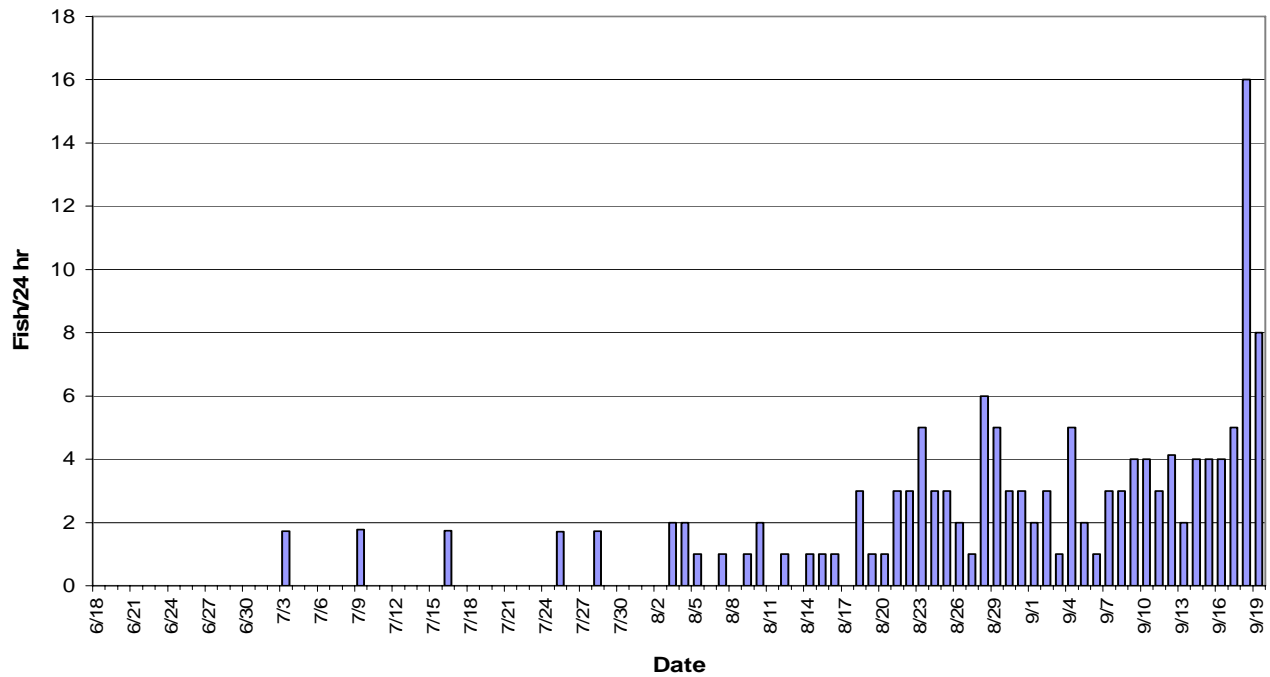
**Figure 19**

**Sheefish per 24 Hours (Video), 2007**  
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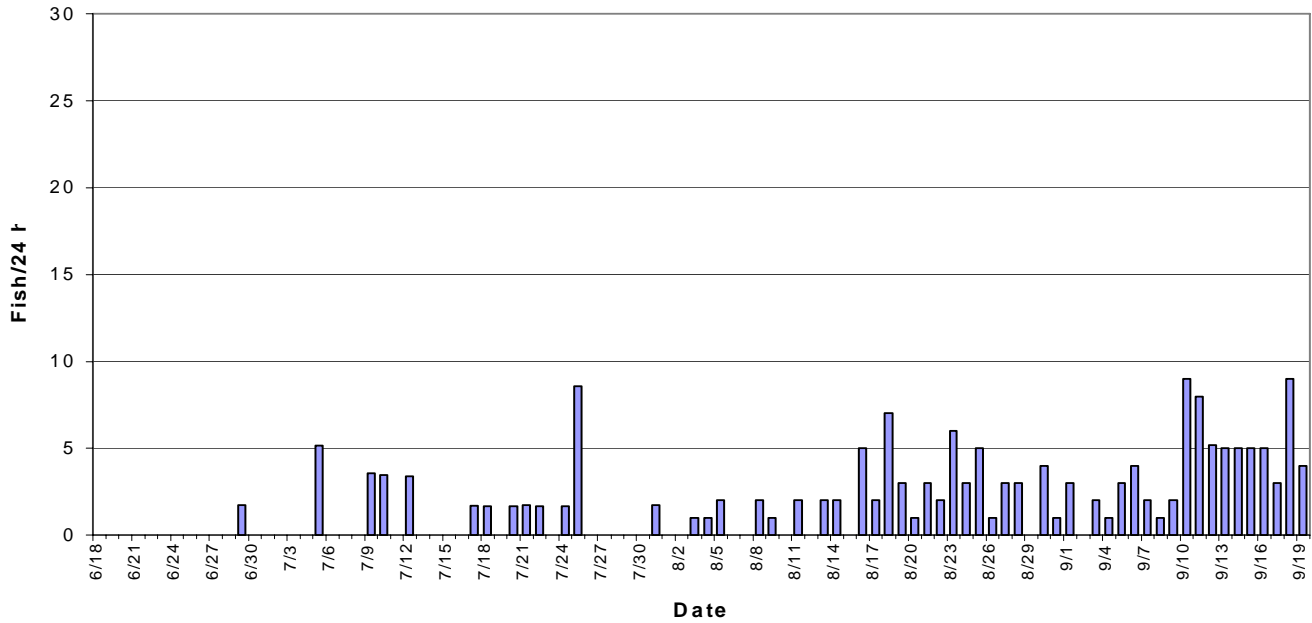
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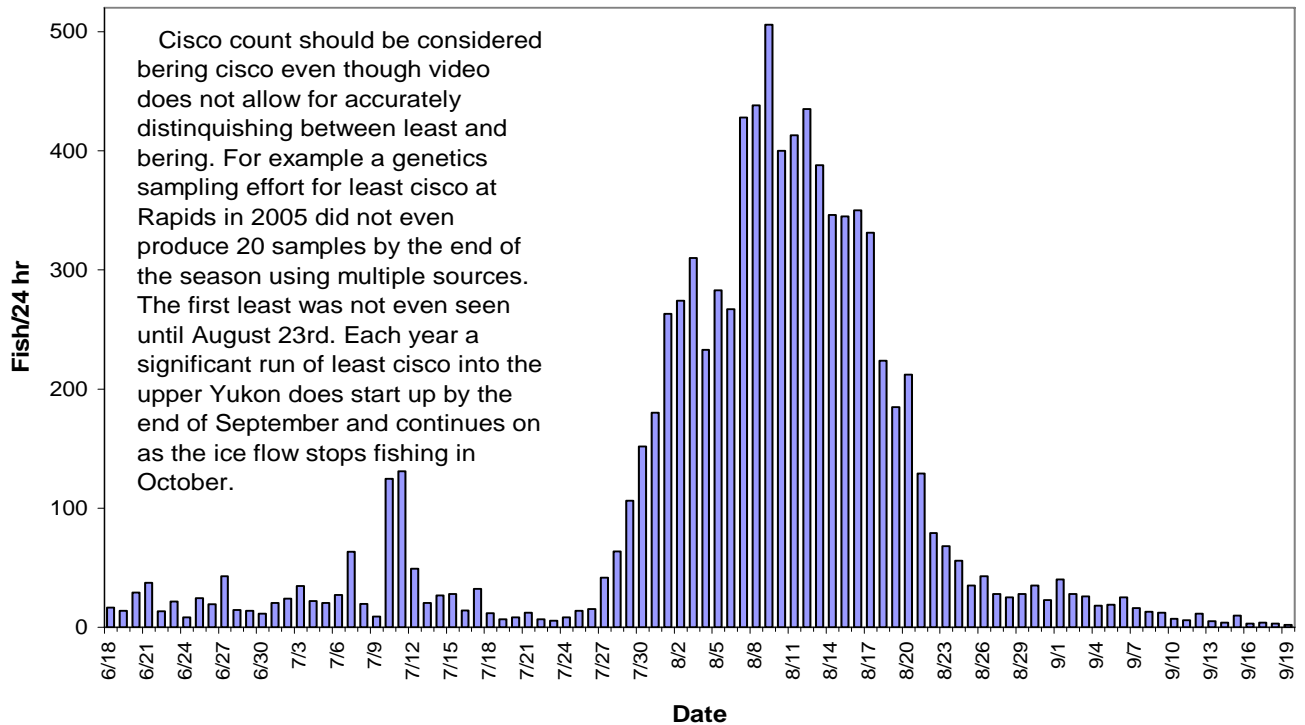
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**Humpback Whitefish per 24 Hours (Video), 2007**  
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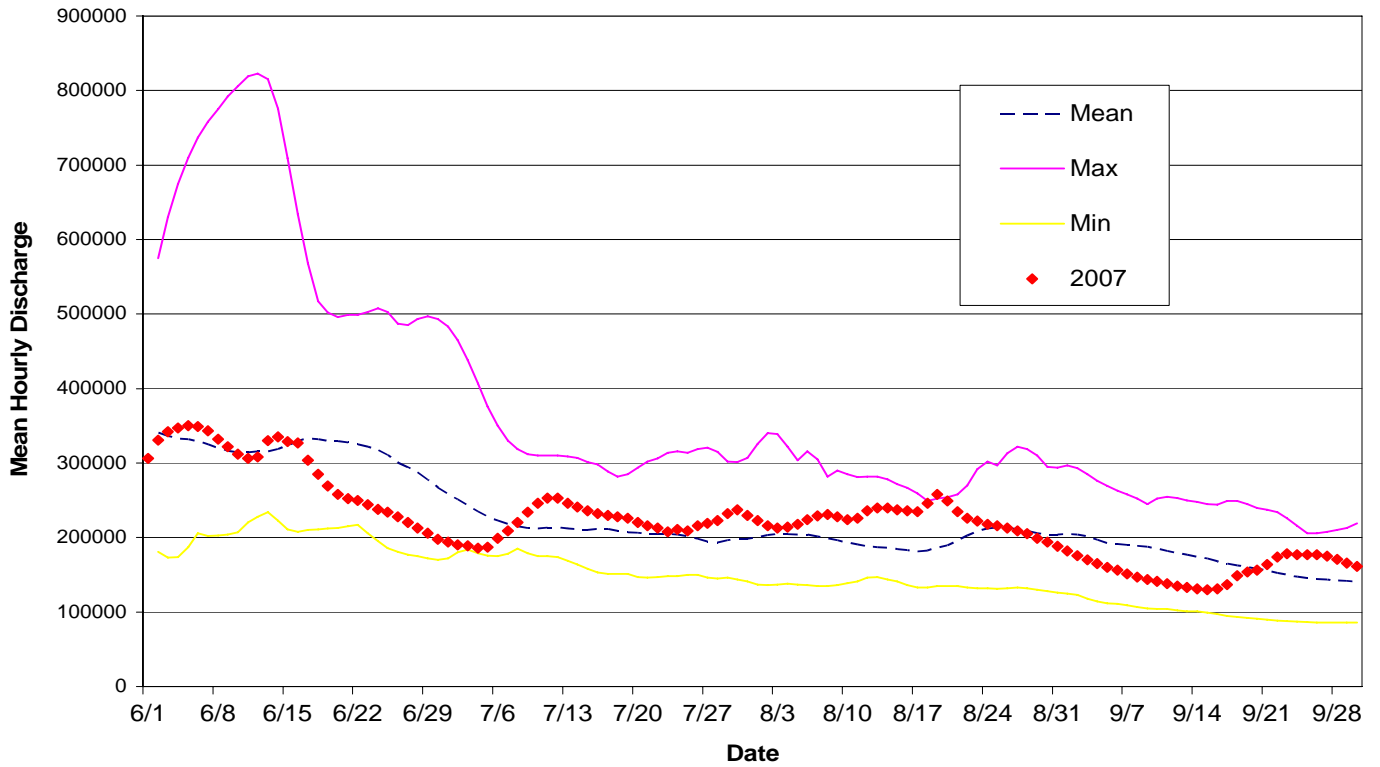
**Figure 22**

**Cisco per 24 Hours (Video), 2007**  
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**Figure 23**

**2007 Yukon River Discharge at Rapids  
(1977-2006 stats) Rapids Research Center**



**Figure 24**

**Daily water temperature from Rapids video fish wheel, 2007  
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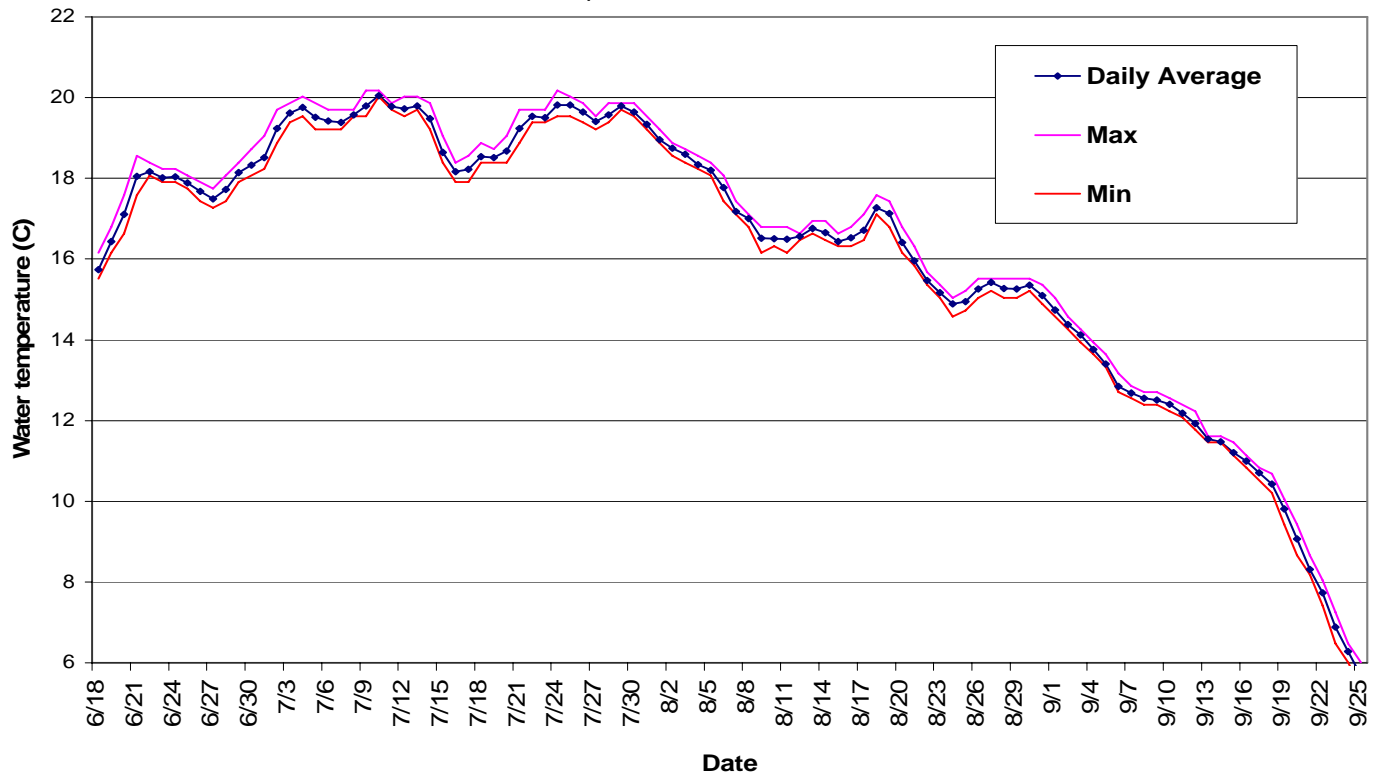


Figure 25

**Mean Daily Water Temperature, Rampart Rapids, 2003 to 2006**  
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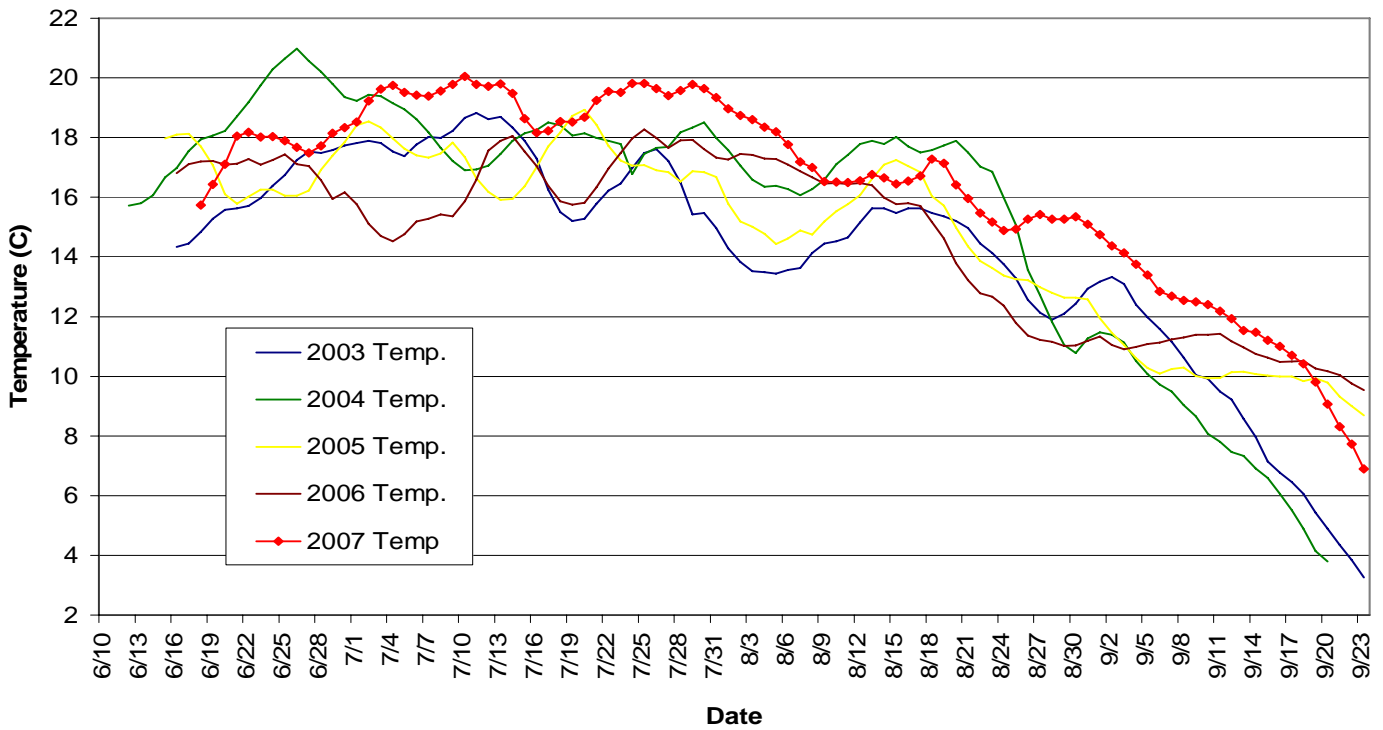


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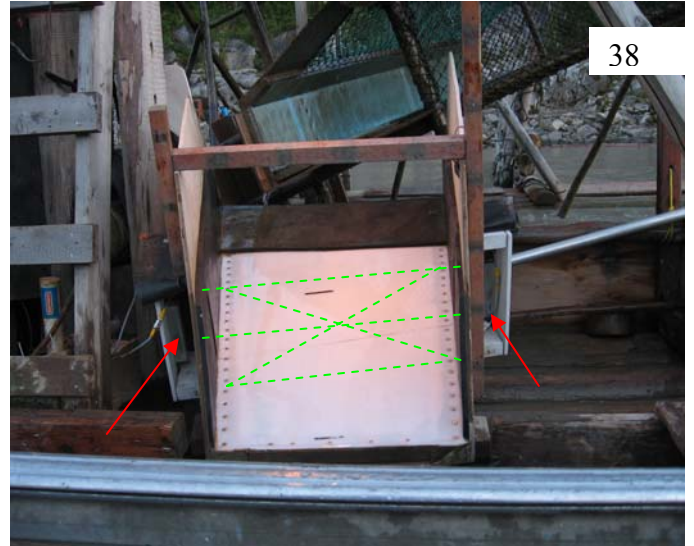
**Hourly surface (1 m depth) and bottom (4.3 m depth) water temperature, Rapids video fish wheel, 2007. Evidence of complete mixing at site.**  
Rapids Research Center



Figure 27



Rapids south bank video fish wheel – new wheel and video chute this year.



Infrared transmitter / receiver placement (red), and direction of beams across chute (green).



Infrared triggered LED testing light going on as fish pass sensor in slot mid chute (by sheefish)



Fish just passing through infrared beams



Infrared transmit and receive arrays and control lunchbox

**Figure 28**



Changing paddle boards to keep wheel rotation slow for fish friendly operation.



Strategic placement of closed cell foam padding reduces injury dramatically to the fish.



Kathleen on internet phone and Rick and Ken on web at Rapids Research – Yukon out window.



2 chums, 1 month dry, illustrate difference in oil content of the pale and red flesh chum used to determine fall chum arrival at Rapids



Video wheel pushed down river to be pulled out by winch at end of 2007 season.



Winch used by project to pull wheel out of water at Rapids

Figure 29



Tanana Tribal Council ran their 2 week “Spirit Camp” program at Rapids Research in 2007.



Student data tech (Tsood in blue) shows two younger volunteers genetic fin clipping etc.



Rapids Canyon



Ichthyophonus in Chinook heart. Found in 18.2% of Chinook 65.5 cm and greater in 2007.



Commercial fish buying going at Rapids video camp 2007.



“Surface white spots” (often mistaken as ICH) on most whitefish. Identified as meta cercarial trematode (fluke and harmless to humans and fish)

Table 2

2007 Video Short Summary-Rapids														ZRMC2			
Start Day	Counting Date	Start Time	End Time	Run Time (hr)	King Salmon	<70 cm	Chum Salmon	Shee-fish	Broad WF	Hump back	Cisco WF	Water Temp C	Water Temp F	Comments	King / 24 hr	Chum / 24 hr	Discharge Adjusted Chum Daily
Mon	6/18/2007	15:15:00	23:59:59	8.75	2	0.00%	0	0	0	0	6	16.2	61.2	first king in Rapids, one in Tanana yesterday	5.49	0.00	0
Tue	6/19/2007	8:24:43	22:30:00	14.09	1	100.00%	0	0	0	0	8	17	62.6	few king coming through so far. Small cisco numbers	1.70	0.00	0
Wed	6/20/2007	8:30:00	22:30:00	14.00	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	17	17.8	64	Fishers still getting just a few king. Water dropping	0.00	0.00	0
Thu	6/21/2007	8:30:00	22:35:01	14.08	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0	22	18.3	64.8	CC wheel got 4 at night. Some bigger size now.	1.70	0.00	0
Fri	6/22/2007	8:30:00	23:00:00	14.50	4	0.00%	0	0	0	0	8	18.4	65.1	nice size fish. Everyone fishing again-(closure)	6.62	0.00	0
Sat	6/23/2007	8:30:00	22:56:24	14.44	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0	13	18.4	65.1	nice fish, got 4 at night, slow today for all still.	1.66	0.00	0
Sun	6/24/2007	8:15:00	22:30:00	14.25	6	33.33%	0	0	0	0	5	18.3	64.9	not a fast starting king run but not abnormal either.	10.11	0.00	0
Mon	6/25/2007	8:15:00	21:57:00	13.70	3	33.33%	0	0	0	0	14	18	64.4	Closure so no subsistence	5.26	0.00	0
Tue	6/26/2007	9:00:00	22:39:45	13.66	11	45.45%	0	0	0	0	11	18.1	64.4	Rapids is full of gear - prime time - king up maybe	19.32	0.00	0
Wed	6/27/2007	9:00:00	22:57:35	13.96	10	40.00%	0	1	0	0	25	17.7	63.9	king still up slightly - nice fish - 24hr fishing though	17.19	0.00	0
Thu	6/28/2007	15:42:44	23:59:59	8.29	6	16.67%	0	0	0	0	5	17.8	64	not much change in Rapids catches - retested system	17.38	0.00	0
Fri	6/29/2007	8:15:00	22:00:00	13.75	7	28.57%	0	0	0	1	8	18.1	64.4	larger king and coming strong late in day - pulse 1?	12.22	0.00	0
Sat	6/30/2007	10:18:00	23:00:00	12.73	12	16.67%	0	0	0	0	6	18.7	65.7	big rain, CC 2+x video king rate-(normal), Big Rain 3"	22.62	0.00	0
Sun	7/1/2007	8:30:00	22:30:56	14.02	17	17.65%	1	1	0	0	12	19.1	66.4	first chum, CC 2 per hour approx., nice fish	29.11	1.71	24
Mon	7/2/2007	9:00:00	23:00:00	14.00	3	66.67%	0	0	0	0	14	19.7	67.5	All night only one jack also. ??? Wheel seems fine	5.14	0.00	0
Tue	7/3/2007	9:00:00	22:52:00	13.87	21	71.43%	0	0	1	0	20	19.9	67.8	king numbers up but small fish, commercial 6pm start	36.35	0.00	0
Wed	7/4/2007	8:15:00	22:24:17	14.15	27	55.56%	0	0	0	0	13	20.1	68.2	CC wheel better than SO - perfect water	45.78	0.00	0
Thu	7/5/2007	8:30:00	22:30:01	14.00	31	48.39%	4	0	0	3	12	20.1	67.5	All gear up 2nd commercial - so no numbers, CC good	53.14	6.86	104
Fri	7/6/2007	6:30:00	23:29:55	12.32	37	40.54%	3	1	0	0	14	19.7	67.3	drift hit wheel - webbing pulled off - used early hours	72.08	5.84	79
Sat	7/7/2007	8:30:00	22:30:00	14.00	21	66.67%	7	1	0	0	37	19.6	67.5	Mike and Dani, all gear down	36.00	12.00	150
Sun	7/8/2007	8:30:00	23:00:00	14.50	12	50.00%	9	0	0	0	12	19.7	67.5	Larger king and were nicer looking- fresh pulse	19.86	14.90	171
Mon	7/9/2007	9:58:42	23:26:48	13.47	33	42.42%	6	0	1	2	5	19.7	68.5	Again some large and nice looking king-2nd pulse front	58.80	10.69	112
Tue	7/10/2007	8:30:00	22:20:14	13.84	45	44.44%	9	1	0	2	72	20.3	68.5	Nice big ones, Cisco finally hit hard, commercial.	78.05	15.61	151
Wed	7/11/2007	8:36:53	22:42:20	14.09	27	29.63%	9	2	0	0	77	20.3	68	Commercial poor but larger fish - cisco run now	45.99	15.33	143
Thu	7/12/2007	8:30:00	22:39:30	14.16	24	29.17%	10	1	0	2	29	20.1	68.1	Best size catch in years but number down and ICH up	40.68	16.95	158
Fri	7/13/2007	8:15:00	22:23:17	14.14	22	31.82%	7	1	0	0	12	20.1	67.6	Still nice fish but changing.	37.35	11.88	115
Sat	7/14/2007	8:30:00	22:55:43	14.43	21	33.33%	7	0	0	0	16	19.8	67.5	Backside pulse kings now (worn out) + ICH	34.93	11.64	116
Sun	7/15/2007	6:00:00	18:04:46	12.08	7	28.57%	4	0	0	0	14	19.7	65.8	wheel off for general repairs, used earlier time for CPUE	13.91	7.95	82
Mon	7/16/2007	9:33:54	23:18:28	13.74	13	30.77%	13	0	1	0	8	18.8	65.5	water slightly high, closure, king #'s rising?	22.70	22.70	241
Tue	7/17/2007	8:30:00	22:34:52	14.08	21	33.33%	18	0	0	1	19	18.6	65.8	3 wheels report so so fishing	35.79	30.68	329
Wed	7/18/2007	8:30:00	22:51:40	14.36	17	23.53%	20	0	0	1	7	18.8	66.4	some decent size, okay quality, water steady	28.41	33.42	364
Thu	7/19/2007	8:30:00	22:46:36	14.28	4	0.00%	15	0	0	0	4	19.1	66	9% red flesh chums, Slowing for kings in day a lot,	6.72	25.22	278
Fri	7/20/2007	8:30:00	22:58:25	14.47	7	14.29%	12	0	0	1	5	18.9	65.8	Ken and Rich L.A Times. All king gear down.	11.61	19.90	229
Sat	7/21/2007	8:30:00	22:30:00	14.00	8	12.50%	13	0	0	1	7	18.8	66.4	8% red flesh chums, King very poor quality 50% X	13.71	22.29	264
Sun	7/22/2007	8:30:00	22:55:04	14.42	5	20.00%	17	1	0	1	4	19.1	67.8	17% red chums, corrected % red flesh for 7/19,7/21	8.32	28.30	343
Mon	7/23/2007	4:30:00	23:59:59	8.52	6	0.00%	5	0	0	0	2	19.9	67.3	temp computer problem, used early + late time	16.90	14.08	177
Tue	7/24/2007	8:30:00	23:00:00	14.50	6	0.00%	28	0	0	1	5	19.6	68.7	little chum increase, closure over cut chum tomorrow	9.93	46.34	570
Wed	7/25/2007	8:30:00	22:30:00	14.00	12	8.33%	24	1	1	5	8	20.4	67.8	6% red flesh chum, highest average weight king catch	20.57	41.14	514
Thu	7/26/2007	6:00:00	22:36:00	12.47	4	0.00%	25	0	0	0	8	19.9	68.2	King poorer today but size okay. Obrien wheel out	7.70	48.12	570
Fri	7/27/2007	13:01:06	23:59:59	10.98	5	0.00%	23	0	0	0	19	20.1	68.7	7.4% red, capture computer failure-switch to backup	10.93	50.27	583
Sat	7/28/2007	8:00:00	23:30:00	13.91	5	0.00%	28	0	1	0	37	20.4	67.6	Computer system fine. Cisco up, ICH severe in some	8.63	48.31	544
Sun	7/29/2007	8:30:00	22:30:00	14.00	9	11.11%	33	0	0	0	62	19.8	68.2	0% red, cisco run, all king bad (ICH or white flesh),	15.43	56.57	599
Mon	7/30/2007	8:30:00	22:33:21	14.06	10	0.00%	32	1	0	0	89	20.1	67.8	closure, some big, good + bad looking, cisco time	17.07	54.64	560
Tue	7/31/2007	8:30:00	22:30:00	14.00	11	9.09%	37	1	0	1	105	19.9	67.3	Putting lights on etc for 24 hr run Aug 1st	18.86	63.43	681
Wed	8/1/2007	8:30:00	23:59:59	15.50	4	25.00%	47	1	0	0	170	19.6	66.6	3.7% red, Switched to 24 hr - ran to midnight, Cisco up	6.19	72.78	820
Thu	8/2/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	5	0.00%	56	0	0	0	274	19.2	66.6	king worn out today and big. Cisco up	5.00	56.00	664
Fri	8/3/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	4	0.00%	56	1	2	1	310	19.2	65.8	21.4 % red flesh, cisco up	4.00	56.00	679
Sat	8/4/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	47	1	2	1	233	18.8	65.8	32.4% red flesh, cisco peaking?	1.00	47.00	565
Sun	8/5/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	83	1	1	2	283	18.7	65.1	57.1% red flesh - Official Fall Chum Arrival	1.00	83.00	969

Table 2

2007 Video Short Summary-Rapids																	ZPMC2
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Start Day	Counting Date	Start Time	End Time	Run Time (hr)	King Salmon	<70 cm	Chum Salmon	Shee-fish	Broad WF	Hump back	Cisco WF	Water Temp		Comments	King / 24 hr	Chum / 24 hr	Adjusted Chum Daily
Mon	8/6/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	2	0.00%	79	0	0	0	267	18.4	64	fishing closure-no samples, rain no cutting yet	2.00	79.00	884
Tue	8/7/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	116	1	1	0	428	17.8	63.5	cisco record (2000 on), Campbell 3x-2hrs, Chum up	0.00	116.00	1254
Wed	8/8/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	2	50.00%	129	2	0	2	438	17.5	63.5	53.3% red, cisco record again	2.00	129.00	1376
Thu	8/9/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	121	3	1	1	506	17.5	62.8	36% red, cisco record again, water temp down	1.00	121.00	1317
Fri	8/10/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	98	0	2	0	400	17.1	62.6	cisco crested. Sunny but water temp continue down	1.00	98.00	1096
Sat	8/11/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	100.00%	83	4	0	2	413	17	62.6	10.9% red, Chum quality and red flesh way down	1.00	83.00	916
Sun	8/12/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	72	1	1	0	435	17	62.2	nobody cutting anymore, quality down	0.00	72.00	743
Mon	8/13/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	63	2	0	2	388	16.8	63.1	closure, chum down, river crested	1.00	63.00	634
Tue	8/14/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	32	3	1	2	346	17.3	62.4	chum down lots, water stable	0.00	32.00	322
Wed	8/15/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	47	2	1	0	345	16.9	62.4	5 camps left, chum still poor quality	1.00	47.00	482
Thu	8/16/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	41	3	1	5	350	16.9	62.7	some better chum quality maybe showing- tomorrow	0.00	41.00	423
Fri	8/17/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	50	5	0	2	331	16.7	63.1	Fail chum start # 2 - better quality - 3 fishers	0.00	50.00	519
Sat	8/18/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	99	9	3	7	224	17.3	62.6	Campbell 3x video same hours, drift running	1.00	99.00	960
Sun	8/19/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	96	6	1	3	185	17	63.3	Campbell same as yesterday, drift less	0.00	96.00	867
Mon	8/20/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	117	7	1	1	212	17.4	63.3	Water down, Chum up little	1.00	117.00	1114
Tue	8/21/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	117	11	3	3	129	17.4	61.2	Cisco #'s fading, chum getting darker	0.00	117.00	1215
Wed	8/22/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	118	10	3	2	79	16.2	62.6	About 1/3 red chum,	0.00	118.00	1302
Thu	8/23/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	183	5	5	6	68	17.1	59.9	60.1% red flesh chum, Bigger and more males also	0.00	183.00	2076
Fri	8/24/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	315	8	3	3	56	15.5	59.7	Big pulse hitting now?	0.00	315.00	3679
Sat	8/25/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	616	22	3	5	35	15.4	59.7	Commercial and Campbell way up also	0.00	616.01	7301
Sun	8/26/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	932	16	2	1	43	15.4	60.6	Chum climbing, weighed 19.9 lb chum (Campbell)	0.00	932.01	11298
Mon	8/27/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	1108	18	1	3	28	15.9	59.9	chum up but rise slowing (crest near?)	1.00	1108.01	13852
Tue	8/28/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	100.00%	1105	15	6	3	25	15.5	60.3	37.5% red flesh chum, chum leveling off,	1.00	1105.01	14261
Wed	8/29/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	1100	18	5	0	28	15.7	60.6	chum still peaking - no drop, Darker outside colors	0.00	1100.01	14919
Thu	8/30/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	1465	27	3	4	35	15.9	60.4	Chum going up again, Campbell up also.	0.00	1465.02	20751
Fri	8/31/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	1304	17	3	1	23	15.8	59.9	Virgil-Bill, Mike-Andy by. Chum peak now?	0.00	1304.02	19508
Sat	9/1/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	1257	23	2	3	40	15.5	58.5	Potlatch, No fishing	0.00	1257.01	19925
Sun	9/2/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	1	0.00%	964	19	3	0	28	14.7	58.5	2 coho, between pulses?, dog cutting done-SZ+CC	1.00	964.01	16248
Mon	9/3/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	951	29	1	2	26	14.7	58.1	Making crib fish raft, sheefish up lately	0.00	951.01	17113
Tue	9/4/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	923	15	5	1	18	14.5	57.6	Water low and current slow. Finally clearing slightly	0.00	923.01	17600
Wed	9/5/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	725	11	2	3	19	14.2	56.3	big pulse #2 #'s dropping, crib log raft done	0.00	725.01	14702
Thu	9/6/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	678	11	1	4	25	13.7	55.9	coho regular but few as normal	0.00	678.01	13749
Fri	9/7/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	545	9	3	2	16	13.3	55.2	water steady drop now, darker chum outside	0.00	545.01	11052
Sat	9/8/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	409	13	3	1	13	12.9	55.4	to Tanana with dry fish, Crib raft made and ready	0.00	409.00	8294
Sun	9/9/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	324	10	4	2	12	13	55.4	Burbot run happening now for second day	0.00	324.00	6570
Mon	9/10/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	300	11	4	9	7	13	55	Wheel on flat bottom - raised 1'	0.00	300.00	6084
Tue	9/11/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	244	10	3	8	6	12.8	54.5	Cribbing start for CC,	0.00	244.00	4948
Wed	9/12/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	23.22	0	0.00%	187	10	4	5	11	12.5	54.9	Wheel down for hour about - paddles, raise, tarps, etc	0.00	193.28	3920
Thu	9/13/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	187	12	2	5	5	12.7	53.8	CC cribbing, water clearing steady,	0.00	187.00	3792
Fri	9/14/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	220	8	4	5	4	12.1	53.4	CC done, chum #stable	0.00	220.00	4461
Sat	9/15/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	277	14	4	5	10	11.9	53.1	SZ cribbing, last pulse here numbers up a little	0.00	277.00	5617
Sun	9/16/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	392	14	4	5	3	11.7	52.5	SZ done-1400, chum up in CC and SZ wheels	0.00	392.00	7949
Mon	9/17/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	386	28	5	3	4	11.4	52.5	Sheefish up, 2 least cisco, frost today .	0.00	386.00	7828
Tue	9/18/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	362	17	16	9	3	11.4	51.1	Broad-Humpies up, chum down and fish real dark	0.00	362.00	7341
Wed	9/19/2007	0:00:00	23:59:59	24.00	0	0.00%	379	16	8	4	2	10.6	51.3	getting tiny pulse after small pulse after big pulses	0.00	379.00	7686
Thu	9/20/2007	0:00:00	22:29:40	22.49	0	0.00%	638	35	12	0	6	10.7	49.1	sheefish up, chum up, start shutting down	0.00	680.70	13804
Fri	9/21/2007	0:00:00	20:34:10	20.57	0	0.00%	882	48	5	1	6	9.5	47.7	Sheefish up and inTanana also, Chum way up	0.00	1029.10	19860
Sat	9/22/2007	7:05:14	21:49:00	14.73	0	0.00%	437	36	3	1	2	8.7	46.6	Generator blew up (knocking bad),	0.00	712.04	12260
Sun	9/23/2007	7:15:00	11:00:00	3.75	0	0.00%	90	8	1	0	0	8.1	45	Stopped wheel - ice all over logs, Crib to town	0.00	576.00	9508



**Table 3**

2007 All Species Video CPUE Summary - Rampart Rapids														
Start Day	Day No.	Counting Date	King per hr	King per 24 hr	Chum per hr	Chum per 24 hr	Sheefish per hr	Sheefish per 24 hr	Broad per hr	Broad per 24 hr	Humpback per hr	Humpback per 24 hr	Cisco per hr	Cisco per 24 hr
Mon	1	6/18	0.23	5.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	16.46
Tue	2	6/19	0.07	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	13.63
Wed	3	6/20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.21	29.14
Thu	4	6/21	0.07	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.56	37.49
Fri	5	6/22	0.28	6.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	13.24
Sat	6	6/23	0.07	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.90	21.61
Sun	7	6/24	0.42	10.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	8.42
Mon	8	6/25	0.22	5.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.02	24.53
Tue	9	6/26	0.81	19.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.81	19.32
Wed	10	6/27	0.72	17.19	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.79	42.98
Thu	11	6/28	0.72	17.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60	14.48
Fri	12	6/29	0.51	12.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.75	0.58	13.96
Sat	13	6/30	0.94	22.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	11.31
Sun	14	7/1	1.21	29.11	0.07	1.71	0.07	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.86	20.55
Mon	15	7/2	0.21	5.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	24.00
Tue	16	7/3	1.51	36.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.73	0.00	0.00	1.44	34.62
Wed	17	7/4	1.91	45.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92	22.04
Thu	18	7/5	2.21	53.14	0.29	6.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	5.14	0.86	20.57
Fri	19	7/6	3.00	72.08	0.24	5.84	0.08	1.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.14	27.27
Sat	20	7/7	1.50	36.00	0.50	12.00	0.07	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.64	63.43
Sun	21	7/8	0.83	19.86	0.62	14.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83	19.86
Mon	22	7/9	2.45	58.80	0.45	10.69	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.78	0.15	3.56	0.37	8.91
Tue	23	7/10	3.25	78.05	0.65	15.61	0.07	1.73	0.00	0.00	0.14	3.47	5.20	124.88
Wed	24	7/11	1.92	45.99	0.64	15.33	0.14	3.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.46	131.15
Thu	25	7/12	1.70	40.68	0.71	16.95	0.07	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.14	3.39	2.05	49.16
Fri	26	7/13	1.56	37.35	0.50	11.88	0.07	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.85	20.37
Sat	27	7/14	1.46	34.93	0.49	11.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.11	26.61
Sun	28	7/15	0.58	13.91	0.33	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.16	27.82
Mon	29	7/16	0.95	22.70	0.95	22.70	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.75	0.00	0.00	0.58	13.97
Tue	30	7/17	1.49	35.79	1.28	30.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.70	1.35	32.38
Wed	31	7/18	1.18	28.41	1.39	33.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.67	0.49	11.70
Thu	32	7/19	0.28	6.72	1.05	25.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	6.72
Fri	33	7/20	0.48	11.61	0.83	19.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.66	0.35	8.29
Sat	34	7/21	0.57	13.71	0.93	22.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.71	0.50	12.00
Sun	35	7/22	0.35	8.32	1.18	28.30	0.07	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.66	0.28	6.66
Mon	36	7/23	0.70	16.90	0.59	14.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	5.63
Tue	37	7/24	0.41	9.93	1.93	46.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.66	0.34	8.28
Wed	38	7/25	0.86	20.57	1.71	41.14	0.07	1.71	0.07	1.71	0.36	8.57	0.57	13.71
Thu	39	7/26	0.32	7.70	2.00	48.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.64	15.40
Fri	40	7/27	0.46	10.93	2.09	50.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.73	41.52
Sat	41	7/28	0.36	8.63	2.01	48.31	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.73	0.00	0.00	2.66	63.84
Sun	42	7/29	0.64	15.43	2.36	56.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.43	106.29
Mon	43	7/30	0.71	17.07	2.28	54.64	0.07	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.33	151.97
Tue	44	7/31	0.79	18.86	2.64	63.43	0.07	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.71	7.50	180.00
Wed	45	8/1	0.26	6.19	3.03	72.78	0.06	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.97	263.23
Thu	46	8/2	0.21	5.00	2.33	56.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.42	274.00
Fri	47	8/3	0.17	4.00	2.33	56.00	0.04	1.00	0.08	2.00	0.04	1.00	12.92	310.00
Sat	48	8/4	0.04	1.00	1.96	47.00	0.04	1.00	0.08	2.00	0.04	1.00	9.71	233.00
Sun	49	8/5	0.04	1.00	3.46	83.00	0.04	1.00	0.04	1.00	0.08	2.00	11.79	283.00

**Table 3**

2007 All Species Video CPUE Summary - Rampart Rapids														
Start Day	Day No.	Counting Date	King per hr	King per 24 hr	Chum per hr	Chum per 24 hr	Sheefish per hr	Sheefish per 24 hr	Broad per hr	Broad per 24 hr	Humpbac per hr	Humpbac per 24 hr	Cisco per hr	Cisco per 24 hr
Mon	50	8/6/2007	0.08	2.00	3.29	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.13	267.00
Tue	51	8/7/2007	0.00	0.00	4.83	116.00	0.04	1.00	0.04	1.00	0.00	0.00	17.83	428.00
Wed	52	8/8/2007	0.08	2.00	5.38	129.00	0.08	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	2.00	18.25	438.01
Thu	53	8/9/2007	0.04	1.00	5.04	121.00	0.13	3.00	0.04	1.00	0.04	1.00	21.08	506.01
Fri	54	8/10/2007	0.04	1.00	4.08	98.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	2.00	0.00	0.00	16.67	400.00
Sat	55	8/11/2007	0.04	1.00	3.46	83.00	0.17	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	2.00	17.21	413.00
Sun	56	8/12/2007	0.00	0.00	3.00	72.00	0.04	1.00	0.04	1.00	0.00	0.00	18.13	435.01
Mon	57	8/13/2007	0.04	1.00	2.63	63.00	0.08	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	2.00	16.17	388.00
Tue	58	8/14/2007	0.00	0.00	1.33	32.00	0.13	3.00	0.04	1.00	0.08	2.00	14.42	346.00
Wed	59	8/15/2007	0.04	1.00	1.96	47.00	0.08	2.00	0.04	1.00	0.00	0.00	14.38	345.00
Thu	60	8/16/2007	0.00	0.00	1.71	41.00	0.13	3.00	0.04	1.00	0.21	5.00	14.58	350.00
Fri	61	8/17/2007	0.00	0.00	2.08	50.00	0.21	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	2.00	13.79	331.00
Sat	62	8/18/2007	0.04	1.00	4.13	99.00	0.38	9.00	0.13	3.00	0.29	7.00	9.33	224.00
Sun	63	8/19/2007	0.00	0.00	4.00	96.00	0.25	6.00	0.04	1.00	0.13	3.00	7.71	185.00
Mon	64	8/20/2007	0.04	1.00	4.88	117.00	0.29	7.00	0.04	1.00	0.04	1.00	8.83	212.00
Tue	65	8/21/2007	0.00	0.00	4.88	117.00	0.46	11.00	0.13	3.00	0.13	3.00	5.38	129.00
Wed	66	8/22/2007	0.00	0.00	4.92	118.00	0.42	10.00	0.13	3.00	0.08	2.00	3.29	79.00
Thu	67	8/23/2007	0.00	0.00	7.63	183.00	0.21	5.00	0.21	5.00	0.25	6.00	2.83	68.00
Fri	68	8/24/2007	0.00	0.00	13.13	315.00	0.33	8.00	0.13	3.00	0.13	3.00	2.33	56.00
Sat	69	8/25/2007	0.00	0.00	25.67	616.01	0.92	22.00	0.13	3.00	0.21	5.00	1.46	35.00
Sun	70	8/26/2007	0.00	0.00	38.83	932.01	0.67	16.00	0.08	2.00	0.04	1.00	1.79	43.00
Mon	71	8/27/2007	0.04	1.00	46.17	1108.01	0.75	18.00	0.04	1.00	0.13	3.00	1.17	28.00
Tue	72	8/28/2007	0.04	1.00	46.04	1105.01	0.63	15.00	0.25	6.00	0.13	3.00	1.04	25.00
Wed	73	8/29/2007	0.00	0.00	45.83	1100.01	0.75	18.00	0.21	5.00	0.00	0.00	1.17	28.00
Thu	74	8/30/2007	0.00	0.00	61.04	1465.02	1.13	27.00	0.13	3.00	0.17	4.00	1.46	35.00
Fri	75	8/31/2007	0.00	0.00	54.33	1304.02	0.71	17.00	0.13	3.00	0.04	1.00	0.96	23.00
Sat	76	9/1/2007	0.00	0.00	52.38	1257.01	0.96	23.00	0.08	2.00	0.13	3.00	1.67	40.00
Sun	77	9/2/2007	0.04	1.00	40.17	964.01	0.79	19.00	0.13	3.00	0.00	0.00	1.17	28.00
Mon	78	9/3/2007	0.00	0.00	39.63	951.01	1.21	29.00	0.04	1.00	0.08	2.00	1.08	26.00
Tue	79	9/4/2007	0.00	0.00	38.46	923.01	0.63	15.00	0.21	5.00	0.04	1.00	0.75	18.00
Wed	80	9/5/2007	0.00	0.00	30.21	725.01	0.46	11.00	0.08	2.00	0.13	3.00	0.79	19.00
Thu	81	9/6/2007	0.00	0.00	28.25	678.01	0.46	11.00	0.04	1.00	0.17	4.00	1.04	25.00
Fri	82	9/7/2007	0.00	0.00	22.71	545.01	0.38	9.00	0.13	3.00	0.08	2.00	0.67	16.00
Sat	83	9/8/2007	0.00	0.00	17.04	409.00	0.54	13.00	0.13	3.00	0.04	1.00	0.54	13.00
Sun	84	9/9/2007	0.00	0.00	13.50	324.00	0.42	10.00	0.17	4.00	0.08	2.00	0.50	12.00
Mon	85	9/10/2007	0.00	0.00	12.50	300.00	0.46	11.00	0.17	4.00	0.38	9.00	0.29	7.00
Tue	86	9/11/2007	0.00	0.00	10.17	244.00	0.42	10.00	0.13	3.00	0.33	8.00	0.25	6.00
Wed	87	9/12/2007	0.00	0.00	8.05	193.28	0.43	10.34	0.17	4.13	0.22	5.17	0.47	11.37
Thu	88	9/13/2007	0.00	0.00	7.79	187.00	0.50	12.00	0.08	2.00	0.21	5.00	0.21	5.00
Fri	89	9/14/2007	0.00	0.00	9.17	220.00	0.33	8.00	0.17	4.00	0.21	5.00	0.17	4.00
Sat	90	9/15/2007	0.00	0.00	11.54	277.00	0.58	14.00	0.17	4.00	0.21	5.00	0.42	10.00
Sun	91	9/16/2007	0.00	0.00	16.33	392.00	0.58	14.00	0.17	4.00	0.21	5.00	0.13	3.00
Mon	92	9/17/2007	0.00	0.00	16.08	386.00	1.17	28.00	0.21	5.00	0.13	3.00	0.17	4.00
Tue	93	9/18/2007	0.00	0.00	15.08	362.00	0.71	17.00	0.67	16.00	0.38	9.00	0.13	3.00
Wed	94	9/19/2007	0.00	0.00	15.79	379.00	0.67	16.00	0.33	8.00	0.17	4.00	0.08	2.00
Thu	95	9/20/2007	0.00	0.00	28.36	680.70	1.56	37.34	0.53	12.80	0.00	0.00	0.27	6.40
Fri	96	9/21/2007	0.00	0.00	42.88	1029.10	2.33	56.01	0.24	5.83	0.05	1.17	0.29	7.00
Sat	97	9/22/2007	0.00	0.00	29.67	712.04	2.44	58.66	0.20	4.89	0.07	1.63	0.14	3.26
Sun	98	9/23/2007	0.00	0.00	24.00	576.00	2.13	51.20	0.27	6.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Table 4**

2007			2007		
Date	Seechi Disk (cm) 1 readings	Water Temp. C	Date	Seechi Disk (cm) 1 readings	Water Temp. C
6/15/05			8/5/05	9	18.4
6/16/05			8/6/05	9	17.8
6/17/05			8/7/05	8	17.5
6/18/05	12	16.2	8/8/05	7	17.5
6/19/05	13	17.0	8/9/05	7	17.1
6/20/05	14	17.8	8/10/05	7	17.0
6/21/05	14	18.3	8/11/05	6	17.0
6/22/05	14	18.4	8/12/05	6	16.8
6/23/05	15	18.4	8/13/05	6	17.3
6/24/05	14	18.3	8/14/05	7	16.9
6/25/05	15	18.0	8/15/05	8	16.9
6/26/05	13	18.1	8/16/05	8	16.7
6/27/05	12	17.7	8/17/05	7	17.3
6/28/05	11	17.8	8/18/05	7	17.0
6/29/05	11	18.1	8/19/05	8	17.4
6/30/05	9	18.7	8/20/05	8	17.4
7/1/05	10	19.1	8/21/05	7	16.2
7/2/05	9	19.7	8/22/05	8	17.1
7/3/05	11	19.9	8/23/05	7	15.5
7/4/05	12	20.1	8/24/05	7	15.4
7/5/05	11	19.7	8/25/05	none	15.4
7/6/05	10	19.6	8/26/05	8	15.9
7/7/05	10	19.7	8/27/05	9	15.5
7/8/05	8	19.7	8/28/05	8	15.7
7/9/05	10	20.3	8/29/05	8	15.9
7/10/05	12	20.3	8/30/05	8	15.8
7/11/05	12	20.1	8/31/05	8	15.5
7/12/05	13	20.1	9/1/05	9	14.7
7/13/05	13	19.8	9/2/05	9	14.7
7/14/05	12	19.7	9/3/05	11	14.5
7/15/05	11	18.8	9/4/05	12	14.2
7/16/05	12	18.6	9/5/05	14	13.7
7/17/05	12	18.8	9/6/05	14	13.3
7/18/05	13	19.1	9/7/05	14	12.9
7/19/05	13	18.9	9/8/05	14	13.0
7/20/05	13	18.8	9/9/05	15	13.0
7/21/05	12	19.1	9/10/05	15	12.8
7/22/05	12	19.9	9/11/05	15	12.5
7/23/05	11	19.6	9/12/05	16	12.7
7/24/05	12	20.4	9/13/05	18	12.1
7/25/05	11	19.9	9/14/05	19	11.9
7/26/05	10	20.1	9/15/05	19	11.7
7/27/05	10	20.4	9/16/05	21	11.4
7/28/05	9	19.8	9/17/05	24	11.4
7/29/05	9	20.1	9/18/05	28	10.6
7/30/05	9	19.9	9/19/05	28	10.7
7/31/05	10	19.6	9/20/05	4	9.5
8/1/05	9	19.2	9/21/05	5	8.7
8/2/05	8	19.2	9/22/05	4	8.1
8/3/05	8	18.8	9/23/05	none	7.2
8/4/05	8	18.7	9/24/05		

**Table 5**

<b>All Season 2007 Final Assessment of Video Capture System (done in season)</b>					
Fish found on Luminescence capture AVI but missed by video trigger capture system are noted below as missed.					
Fish found on Luminescence capture AVI and counted by video trigger capture system are noted below as captured.					
Fish found on Luminescence capture AVI are considered as fish assessed.					
Minimum of six hours or the first 50 fish of each assessment day are used for the assessment samples.					
Assessments coincide with times suitable to luminescence capture (cloudy) and available time.					
<b>Day</b>		<b># of Fish</b>		<b>Fish</b>	<b>Missed (reason)</b>
<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>assessed</b>		<b>captured</b>	
4	6/21	21		21	0
8	6/25	19		19	0
16	7/3	53		52	1 (second fish timing - human error - missed single frame)
24	7/11	61		61	0
38	7/25	50		50	0
55	8/11	50		50	0
68	8/24	54		54	0
76	9/1	55		55	1 (second fish timing - not known why)
84	9/9	60		60	0

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