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SUMMARY

This report summarizes the results of status and trend monitoring for Oregon's naturally spawning coho salmon, *Oncorhynchus kisutch*, populations through the 2013 run year (October 2013 through February 2014). Monitoring results include:

1. Abundance of naturally spawning coho salmon
2. Density (fish/mile) of naturally spawning coho salmon
3. Coho salmon spawn timing and distribution
4. Proportion of hatchery (marked) coho salmon in naturally spawning populations

Results in this report are based on data from randomly selected spawning surveys and other methods used in areas without adequate random surveys. Results for coho salmon standard spawning surveys and spawning surveys for other species are covered in data summaries and reports posted on an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) web page (see: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ODFW/spawn/index.htm>).

Monitoring occurs at three hierarchical spatial scales, as defined by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS): Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU); Stratum; and coho salmon Population. There are three coho salmon ESUs located entirely or partially within the State of Oregon: the Lower Columbia River (LCR) Coho ESU; the Oregon Coast (OC) Coho ESU; and the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts (SONCC) Coho ESU. This report summarizes results for coho salmon populations in the portion of each ESU within the State of Oregon.

In the Oregon portion of the LCR Coho ESU sufficient surveys were conducted in 2013 to meet precision goals for the ESU and two of the six sampled populations. The 2013 wild coho salmon spawner abundance was about equal to the previous 11 year average. The proportion of hatchery coho salmon on LCR Coho ESU natural spawning grounds in 2013 was about half that observed in 2012, and about a third of the previous 11 year average. At the stratum and population scales, the proportion of hatchery coho salmon on the natural spawning grounds was more variable. Regional patterns in fish distribution, spawn timing, and hatchery proportion are apparent at both the stratum and population scales. Overall, coho salmon spawner run timing in 2013 was similar in duration to previous years, but with later and sharper peak timing than the long-term average, with the 2013 peak occurring in mid-November instead of early November.

In the OC Coho ESU sufficient surveys were conducted to meet the precision goal for the ESU, but only one of five strata and only 2 of 24 populations met the precision goal. Wild spawner abundance increased in 2013, however, this is the second lowest abundance observed since 2007 in the Oregon Coast Coho ESU. The proportion of hatchery fish was low across the ESU, with all naturally spawning coho salmon populations, except the North Umpqua and Tillamook, containing greater than 95% wild fish. Distribution and density of wild coho salmon spawners generally increased in 2013 in comparison to 2012, going from 60% to 66% of surveyed sites in the ESU being occupied, and with 15 of the 24 populations averaging higher wild coho salmon per mile in 2013 than in 2012. Coho salmon spawner run timing in 2013 was a month later than the long-term average; peak spawning occurred in mid-January.

Inadequate funding and the need to update the sampling frame continue to hamper the monitoring of the Oregon portion of the SONCC Coho ESU. In 2013 no Generalized Random Tessellation Stratified (GRTS) surveys were conducted in the Oregon portion of this ESU. Monitoring of wild coho salmon spawners was based on the Huntley Park seining estimate. Wild coho salmon spawner abundance increased substantially in 2013 compared to the prior year, and was nearly double the 1994 through 2012 average. The proportion of hatchery coho salmon spawning naturally in 2013 was similar to the previous six years and well below the 19 year average. Without GRTS surveys, fish distribution and spawn timing were not evaluated in 2013.

INTRODUCTION

Conservation and management of coho salmon, *Oncorhynchus kisutch*, in Oregon requires monitoring status and trend for a variety of population criteria. This is true if the populations are thriving or depressed. Collecting data during both conditions is valuable in the assessment and interpretation of current and historic population status. There are three coho salmon ESUs located entirely or partially within Oregon: the LCR Coho ESU (populations in Washington and Oregon); the OC Coho ESU (all populations in Oregon); and the SONCC Coho ESU (populations in Oregon and California). All three ESUs are currently listed as “Threatened” under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). In addition, the LCR Coho ESU is listed as “Endangered” under the State of Oregon ESA.

Since the early 1950’s spawning surveys for coho salmon were conducted in standard index areas along the Oregon coast to assess escapement trends on natural spawning grounds (Jacobs et.al. 2002). Beidler and Nickelson (1980) and Ganio et.al. (1986) reviewed the adequacy of this method to provide the level of monitoring needed for management of Oregon’s coho salmon populations. Both reviews identified areas of concern and made recommendations to improve the monitoring of naturally spawning coho salmon in Oregon. In 1990, a stratified random sampling program was initiated to address these recommendations and provide annual estimates of the abundance of naturally spawning Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN) coho salmon. The OCN area covers Oregon coastal rivers from the mouth of the Columbia River south to Cape Blanco. Methods and results for this methodology are described in Jacobs and Nickelson (1998). This methodology was used for the 1990 through 1997 spawning seasons.

In 1998 ODFW established an integrated monitoring program for Oregon coastal salmonids as part of the implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds (OPSW) (Firman and Jacobs 2001). The program consists of three geographically extensive monitoring projects based on spatially balanced random site selection, as well as one project that intensively monitor specific sub-basins. The three geographically extensive projects are based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s, Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program. These projects incorporate a GRTS sampling design to establish a shared set of random, spatially balanced sample points (Firman and Jacobs 2001, and Stevens 2002). Beginning in 1998 the GRTS design replaced the stratified random sampling method for the selection of spawning ground surveys in the OC Coho ESU. The GRTS design was also implemented in the SONCC Coho ESU in 1998 and expanded to include the LCR Coho ESU in 2002. With some modifications, this methodology has been in use since those dates.

METHODS

Boundaries and population structures of the Oregon coho salmon ESUs, as defined by the NMFS Technical Recovery Teams (TRT), are presented in Figure 1. Although, the OPSW adult coho salmon monitoring design for the OC and SONCC Coho ESUs was established in 1998 as a 27-year study, changes in technology and salmon management, as well as the need for data at finer geographic scales, resulted in alterations to the initial design (Table 1). Significant changes in methods are discussed in Lewis et.al. (2009). The following two sub-sections give a brief description of field sampling protocols and data analysis methods.

Field Sampling

The assessment and establishment of new spawning surveys is completed during an initial set-up visit between February and September. Once landowner permissions are obtained a surveyor visits the site to determine if it contains coho salmon spawning habitat, and if there are any barriers to adult coho salmon migration. If the site has habitat and is accessible, a new spawning ground survey is established that encompasses the GRTS point. Spawning surveys are generally one mile in length, but actual boundaries are determined by the site’s specific characteristics. Surveys are bound by significant landscape features including: beginning or ending of coho salmon spawning habitat; confluences with other streams; and other long-term features such as, bridges, roads, waterfalls, etc. Specific methods used in spawning survey set-ups can be found in the annual site verification procedures manual on the Oregon Adult Salmonid Inventory and Sampling (OASIS) project web page.

Table 1. Design criteria used to select GRTS sampling points for coho salmon spawning surveys. Sample points = scale for precision targets; Estimate = finest scale for population estimates; MA = monitoring area (~Stratum); Popn = TRT population; Group = basin or group of basins; H, M, L = High, Medium, and Low quality habitats; Frame scale = scale of stream coverage used to select GRTS points; XX Frame = last two digits of the year the frame was developed; H:W = data source for rearing origin (Hatchery vs. Wild) determinations.

Run year	Geographic scale		Habitat type (HT)	Frame scale	Points by HT from			H:W
	Sample points	Estimate			98 Frame	05 Frame	Current Frame**	
1998	MA	Group	M&H	1:100K	M&H			Scales
1999–04	MA	Group	M&H	1:100K	M&H			Fin Marks
2005	MA	Popn	M&H*	1:100K	M&H	L (Ump.)		Fin Marks
2006	Popn	Popn	All	1:100K	M&H	L (All)		Fin Marks
2007	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks
2008	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks
2009	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks
2010	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks
2011	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks
2012	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks
2013	Popn	Popn	All	1:24K			All	Fin Marks

* = Sampled only Medium and High quality habitat, except in the Umpqua where all habitat was sampled.

** = Major frame revision in 2007 with a frame refinement in 2013.



Figure 1. Coho salmon monitoring study area showing the populations, strata, and evolutionarily significant units.

Coho salmon spawning ground surveys are conducted weekly from October through January, or longer as needed. The goal is to obtain at least one valid survey (in which flow and visibility allow for counts of live fish, dead fish, and redds) before coho salmon start spawning and two consecutive valid surveys with no live coho salmon observed to end each site for the season. Although the goal is to conduct a weekly survey, current protocols allow for up to 11 days between valid survey visits. Surveys that go more than 11 days between valid visits are considered to be out of rotation. When conditions permit, crews continue survey sites that have gone out of rotation and try to maintain their rotation throughout the remainder of the season.

Surveys are conducted by walking up-stream and recording the number of live and dead fish, redds observed, and categorical information on weather, visibility, and stream flow. Surveyors record the species of live fish observed, and for coho salmon, try to determine if the adipose fin has been clipped (Ad Clip). Hatchery coho salmon smolts released in Oregon coastal and lower Columbia River streams are marked with an Ad Clip and a subset of these are marked with a coded wire tag prior to release. For carcasses, surveyors record species, gender, Mid Eye to Posterior Scale (MEPS) length, and any fin clips, marks, or tags. A scale sample is collected from every tenth coho salmon carcass, and both a scale sample and snout are collected from every Ad Clip carcass to recover the coded wire tag, if present. There are a few exceptions to the scale sampling protocol; the first exception is in the lakes system in the OC Coho ESU (Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, and Tenmile) where a scale sample is collected from every twenty-fifth coho salmon carcass. The second exception is in the LC Coho ESU, specifically in the Sandy, Lower Gorge and Hood populations where scale samples are collected from every coho salmon carcass. Because coho spawners in these populations could be from hatchery smolts released that were not Ad Clip marked, scale samples are used to determine rearing origin. Finally, the tail is cut off of every sampled carcass to preclude repeat sampling on subsequent survey visits. Further details on the spawning survey methods can be found in the annual spawning survey procedures manual on the OASIS project web page.

Data Analysis

The trapezoidal Area-Under-the-Curve (AUC) technique is used to estimate the number of coho salmon adults spawning in a given stream segment throughout the spawning season (Jacobs et al. 2002). Adult coho salmon are defined as fish measuring over 430 mm MEPS. Spawning coho salmon are assumed to have an average spawning life of 11.3 days across the ESU and season (Beidler and Nickelson 1980, Perrin and Irvine 1990). Live coho salmon observations are adjusted for the estimated bias associated with visual counts by surveyors (Solazzi 1984). Peak counts and the contribution of hatchery spawners are estimated as in Jacobs et al. (2002). Spawner density is calculated for each population, as the total adult coho salmon AUC / total length (miles) for all surveys. Abundance and timing calculations are only done with GRTS surveys which meet criteria for a qualified survey. Post season, all GRTS surveys are evaluated to determine if they meet the criteria to qualify for inclusion in population estimates. The criteria to determine if a site is a qualified survey are based on minimizing the possibility for an inaccurate AUC calculation. This could occur if the chance of a coho salmon migrating to the site, spawning and dying in the period between survey visits is considered too high. The standard method for determining whether a site was successfully surveyed for the year involves three steps. First, the critical period is determined for each stratum. Critical period is defined as the

time period in which 90% of the live coho salmon were seen in a stratum for the year. Second, the number of days between valid surveys is calculated for each site for the year. Finally, the “gaps” between survey dates are evaluated to determine if they meet the criteria for minimizing the chance of missing coho salmon in the live counts. The standard criteria used are: no gap of 16 or more days, and no more than one gap between 12 and 15 days during the critical period.

Coho salmon spawning escapement is estimated using the Horvitz-Thompson estimator (Diaz-Ramos et al. 1996). Variance estimates are calculated using the local mean variance estimator. Escapements are calculated for the ESU as a whole, each stratum, and each independent population or group of dependent populations (Jacobs et al. 2002). Temporal distribution of spawners is based on monthly 10-day periods (1st to 10th, 11th to 20th, and 21st to end of month). The number of adult coho salmon observed is summed by geographic scale, year, and 10-day period, and then normalized for effort by dividing the sum of live adults by the corresponding sum of miles surveyed. Occupancy is defined as a peak of at least four adult coho salmon per mile. Occupancy of coho salmon spawning habitat is calculated as the percentage of qualified GRTS spawning surveys that are occupied each year. This calculation is done at three geographic scales: ESU, stratum and population. Three additional metrics are used to evaluate the distribution of fish within each population. The metrics are calculated for total coho salmon in populations with at least 10 qualified GRTS spawning surveys for the year. Presence is calculated as the percentage of qualified GRTS spawning surveys with at least one coho salmon observed. Area-Over-the-Curve (AOC) and minimum proportion of sites comprising 80% of the population abundance ($P_{80\%}$) are calculated from cumulative abundance curves of sites ranked from highest to lowest abundance (Walters and Cahoon 1985, Peacock and Holt 2012).

The proportion of hatchery origin spawners (pHOS) is normally calculated at the population, rather than site scale to maximize the likelihood of reaching our minimum sample size goal of 10 fish with known Ad Clip status. Ad Clip status is most reliably determined from carcasses, but is recorded for live fish when possible. If Ad Clip status is available for at least 10 carcasses then pHOS is calculated from the carcass data, if not, the live fish data is included. A single pHOS value for all sites in a population precludes evaluation of the spatial distribution of coho salmon by rearing origin. Therefore, pHOS values were calculated for each GRTS site at the finest of four geographic scales which met the minimum sample size goal of 10 fish with known Ad Clip status. The four spatial scales are; GRTS site, 6th field hydrologic unit code (HUC), 5th field HUC, and TRT population. Distribution metrics (AOC, $P_{80\%}$, and Presence) were calculated separately for hatchery and wild coho salmon in populations with at least 50% GRTS site and at least 90% finer than population scale pHOS values.

In some areas, GRTS surveys for coho salmon spawners are not conducted, the number of qualified surveys is not adequate, or there is no long-term data from GRTS surveys. In these areas, other sources of monitoring data are used to document the number of adult coho salmon spawners. These include dam counts, mark-recapture estimates, and regressions of standard survey data to abundance estimates. There are currently five such locations in the LCR Coho ESU including: one dam (River Mill on the Clackamas River), three hatchery weirs (Big Creek, Klaskanine, and Sandy hatcheries), and one OPSW life-cycle monitoring site (Bonnie Falls). In these five locations, counts of adult coho salmon passed up-stream are obtained and added to the estimated abundance of coho salmon spawners for areas where GRTS surveys are conducted. In

the OC Coho ESU, GRTS spawning ground surveys are conducted in most areas, except for the North Umpqua River above Winchester Dam. For the 2013 run year, Winchester Dam counts, and results of GRTS surveys below the dam, were used to document the number of adult coho salmon spawners in the North Umpqua. The Winchester Dam count is adjusted for coho salmon collected and retained at Rock Creek Hatchery, and for angler harvest of coho salmon in the North Umpqua River above Winchester Dam. Random (GRTS) coho salmon spawning surveys above Winchester Dam were conducted between the 2005 and 2011 run years. These surveys were used to provide information on the timing and distribution of coho salmon on the spawning grounds. Although GRTS surveys are conducted in the three coastal lakes populations, access limitations typically result in an insufficient number of surveys in the three lake populations to make estimates. Coho salmon spawner abundances for the lake populations are calculated using regressions of long-term standard surveys to historic mark-recapture studies and habitat measurements for those locations (Jacobs et.al. 2002). In years with an adequate number of GRTS surveys in the coastal lakes populations, a GRTS based estimate is also calculated. Comparison of the GRTS estimates of coho salmon spawners to other estimates for the same area and year will be used to evaluate the accuracy and potential calibration of GRTS based survey estimates.

Implementation of a GRTS based sample for spawning coho salmon in the SONCC Coho ESU has been hampered by funding and a need to review the sample frame. The issues and limitations of the current GRTS frame for the SONCC Coho ESU are reviewed in Lewis et.al. (2009). No GRTS coho salmon spawning surveys were conducted in the SONCC Coho ESU in 2013. This is the sixth year since 1998 that budget constraints have precluded probabilistic sampling of coho salmon spawners in this ESU. In addition, during the 2006 through 2008 season's budget constraints resulted in GRTS sampling at half the rate of previous years. Long-term monitoring of coho salmon spawners in the SONCC Coho ESU currently relies on a mark-recapture calculation based on adipose fin clipped coho salmon. Details of this method are described in Jacobs et.al. (2002). This method provides an estimate of adult coho salmon escapement to the Rogue basin above Huntley Park (river mile 8). These estimates are adjusted for coho salmon collected and retained at Cole Rivers Hatchery, as well as angler harvest in the Rogue basin above Huntley Park.

RESULTS

Results of monitoring coho salmon spawning escapements in Oregon basins are summarized by the three coho salmon ESUs. Results include data from GRTS spawning ground surveys and data from other sources where GRTS surveys are not conducted. Results are reported in four categories: Effort, Abundance, Distribution and Timing, and Proportion Hatchery Fish. Spatially, results are reported by ESU, stratum, and constituent coho salmon populations. The individual components that comprise the results can be found in Appendices A, B, and C (by coho salmon ESU). Ancillary data is presented in Appendix D.

Weather and stream flow patterns across the monitoring area for the 2013 season were variable. Temperatures and precipitation were generally well below normal between October and January, with significant snowfall in December. This pattern was consistent across the

monitoring area, with rainfall decreasing slightly to the south. As a result of these weather patterns, stream flows were well below normal throughout the majority of the spawning season. In the Lower Columbia, North and Mid-Coasts there were three distinct stream flow peaks, occurring in mid-November, early December and mid-January. In the Mid-South Coast the pattern was similar, but the magnitude of the early December peak was relatively low. This pattern was generally conducive to conducting salmon spawning ground surveys in all areas, and resulted in a good success rates for keeping surveys in rotation.

Lower Columbia River Evolutionarily Significant Unit

In 1999, naturally produced coho salmon in the lower Columbia River basin were listed as “endangered” by the State of Oregon, and in 2005 were listed as “threatened” under the federal ESA (NMFS 2005). The LCR Coho ESU includes populations in both Oregon and Washington. The Oregon portion of the LCR Coho ESU is comprised of eight coho salmon populations (Meyers et al. 2006). They include all naturally spawning populations in Columbia River tributaries (excluding areas above Willamette Falls) downstream of and including the Hood River (Figure 1). Spawning habitat above dams, ladders, or hatcheries (where counts of fish are available) are not surveyed or expanded to for GRTS abundance estimates. Areas not sampled include: above Klaskanine Hatchery for the Youngs Bay population, above Big Creek Hatchery for the Big Creek population, above Sandy Hatchery for the Sandy population, above Bonnie Falls for the Scappoose population, and above River Mill Dam for the Clackamas population (Figure 3). Marmot Dam on the Sandy River was removed in 2007 and Powerdale Dam on the Hood River in 2010. Through 2006, estimates for the Sandy population were a combination of GRTS estimates for the area below Marmot Dam and the dam count, plus any wild fish released above Marmot Dam by Sandy Hatchery staff. Coho salmon spawning estimates for the Sandy population since 2007 have been based on GRTS surveys, plus any wild fish released in Cedar Creek above Sandy Hatchery. Logistic and budget issues currently preclude conducting GRTS surveys in the Hood River above the Powerdale Dam site. Starting with the 2010 season wild coho salmon estimates for the Hood River population will not include an estimate of coho salmon spawning in the Hood River above the Powerdale Dam site. Between 2002 and 2009 these fish accounted for about half of the Hood River population wild coho salmon spawner abundance. In 2013, random coho surveys were not conducted in the Big Creek and Youngs Bay populations due to the allocation of effort toward Hood River and Sandy River monitoring efforts.

Effort

Spawning surveys were generally conducted from the beginning of October 2013 to the end of January 2014. The number of spawning surveys successfully conducted during the 2013 season was 68% of the goal for the ESU and ranged from 53% to 150% by population (Table 2). This is the eighth year of selecting points at the population scale, and the number of successful surveys in 2013 was slightly less than the average over this period. The 87 sites successfully surveyed in 2013 comprised approximately 60% of the sites originally drawn, compared to an average of 61% for the previous six years. Some sites were not surveyed in 2013 due to access denials and site inaccessibility. In addition, some sites were surveyed but due to long gaps (≥ 16

days) or multiple gaps of 12–15 days between survey dates, did not meet the estimation criteria. On average, 8% of the sites drawn each year in the LCR Coho ESU are outside of coho salmon spawning habitat (non-target). In 2013, 5% of the sites drawn were non-target (Table D-1). The number of sites successfully surveyed met the goal in only two of the six populations being monitored in the Lower Columbia this year. The precision target (95% confidence less than $\pm 30\%$ of the estimate) was met at the ESU level, and in only two of six population estimates, with the best population scale performance being in the Hood (Table 2).

Table 2. Lower Columbia River Coho ESU, GRTS spawning survey goals and results for number of surveys and 95% C.I. listed by 2013 run year and previous 5 year average. Target response sites are reaches within coho salmon spawning habitat which were successfully surveyed.

Stratum	Population	Goal	Target response				95% CI as percent of point estimate (goal is +/- 30%)			
			2013	2008 to 2012			2013	2008 to 2012		
				Avg.	Min.	Max.		Avg.	Min.	Max.
Coast	Youngs Bay	16	n.a.	17	13	22	n.a.	84%	41%	125%
	Big Creek	8	n.a.	7	5	10	n.a.	70%	36%	107%
	Clatskanie	18	23	17	13	28	27%	43%	30%	71%
	Scappoose	20	16	19	15	24	48%	50%	38%	58%
	Total	62	39	59	51	75	n.a.	28%	21%	32%
Cascade	Clackamas	30	16	19	17	27	45%	40%	31%	50%
	Sandy	30	28	26	23	28	48%	51%	27%	78%
	Total	60	44	45	40	50	33%	36%	26%	58%
Gorge	Lower Gorge	2	1	3	2	4	n.a.	86%	57%	128%
	Hood	2	3	4	2	6	23%	95%	66%	138%
	Total	4	3	7	4	8	n.a.	65%	64%	66%
ESU Total		126	87	110	99	133	17%	21%	12%	29%

Abundance

Wild coho salmon spawner abundance in 2013 was very close to the 2002-2012 average (Figure 2 and Table 3). However, no monitoring was conducted in the Youngs Bay and Big Creek populations, resulting in an under estimate for 2013 in comparison to previous years. Results by population were variable, with three populations above or well above average, and three below average (Table 3). Wild coho estimates in the Hood River (339% of average) and the Scappoose (164% of average) populations were the second highest since monitoring began (Appendix Table A-3). In contrast, 2013 wild coho abundance in the Sandy, Lower Gorge and Clatskanie populations were about half of the average, and were respectively the fourth, third and second lowest from 2002-2012 (Appendix Table A-3). The highest abundance of wild coho in the LCR ESU was the 3,202 fish estimated in the Clackamas population (Table 3).

Table 3. Lower Columbia River Coho ESU estimated abundance of adult coho salmon spawning naturally by ESU, stratum, and population in the 2013 run year compared to the previous 11 years.

Geographic scale ESU/Stratum/Population		Spawning year			
		2013	2002 to 2012		
			Avg.	Min.	Max.
Lower Columbia River ESU (Oregon Only)	Wild	6,332 *	6,368	3,963	12,674
	Hatchery	1,117 *	3,756	1,215	12,230
	% Hat.	15.0% *	33.4%	18.3%	65.6%
Coast Stratum	Wild	n.a	1,777	1,115	3,916
	Hatchery	n.a	920	89	3,497
	% Hat.	n.a	30.9%	4.9%	75.8%
Youngs Bay	Wild	n.a	119	21	411
	Hatchery	n.a	510	14	2,506
	% Hat.	n.a	67.7%	21.9%	92.1%
Big Creek	Wild	n.a	300	98	792
	Hatchery	n.a	317	66	936
	% Hat.	n.a	46.0%	15.5%	89.8%
Clatskanie	Wild	443	760	104	1,609
	Hatchery	259	108	0	543
	% Hat.	36.9%	13.7%	0.0%	54.6%
Scappoose	Wild	979	598	210	1,960
	Hatchery	0	13	0	67
	% Hat.	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	9.9%
Cascade Stratum	Wild	3,869	4,067	2,157	9,475
	Hatchery	139	2,165	208	10,871
	% Hat.	3.5%	27.4%	7.0%	71.2%
Clackamas	Wild	3,202	2,818	1,301	7,982
	Hatchery	50	2,042	175	10,871
	% Hat.	1.5%	31.8%	9.8%	75.8%
Sandy	Wild	667	1,249	382	3,494
	Hatchery	89	136	0	515
	% Hat.	11.8%	11.0%	0.0%	57.4%
Gorge Stratum	Wild	1,041	523	41	1,525
	Hatchery	719	820	192	2,555
	% Hat.	40.9%	53.0%	26.5%	72.9%
Lower Gorge Tribs.	Wild	152	320	96	920
	Hatchery	9	356	65	1,512
	% Hat.	5.6%	48.0%	6.6%	85.2%
Hood River	Wild	889	262	41	1,262
	Hatchery	710	464	0	1,298
	% Hat.	44.4%	51.0%	0.0%	85.3%

* = Does not include data for the Youngs Bay and Big Creek Populations.

Abundance of naturally spawning hatchery coho in 2013 was about a third of the 2002 to 2012 average for the LCR Coho ESU, however the pattern varied by population (Table 3). The 50 hatchery fish estimated to spawn naturally in the Clackamas population was only 2% of the average, whereas the number of hatchery fish in the Hood River and Clatskanie populations was well above average. The Sandy coho population also had a below average number of hatchery

fish, but due to a relatively small wild coho estimate, pHOS was higher than anticipated. The Scappoose population has now had seven consecutive years with an estimate of zero hatchery coho spawners.

The LCR Coho ESU and most of the Oregon populations have displayed year to year variability in abundance, but no strong indication of trend over the 12 years of monitoring (Figure 2; Appendix Table A-3). Abundance in three of the six monitored populations in 2013 is higher than the previous year, with the other three populations (Sandy, Lower Gorge and Clatskanie) being below their respective averages. Prior to 2012 there was some indication of an increasing trend over the previous four years in the Clatskanie population. Abundance fluctuated between 400 and 600 wild spawners from 2003 to 2007, then increased in the next four years to around 1,500 wild spawners (Appendix Table A-3); however, the 2012 and 2013 estimates are back down to 400-600 wild adult coho spawners.

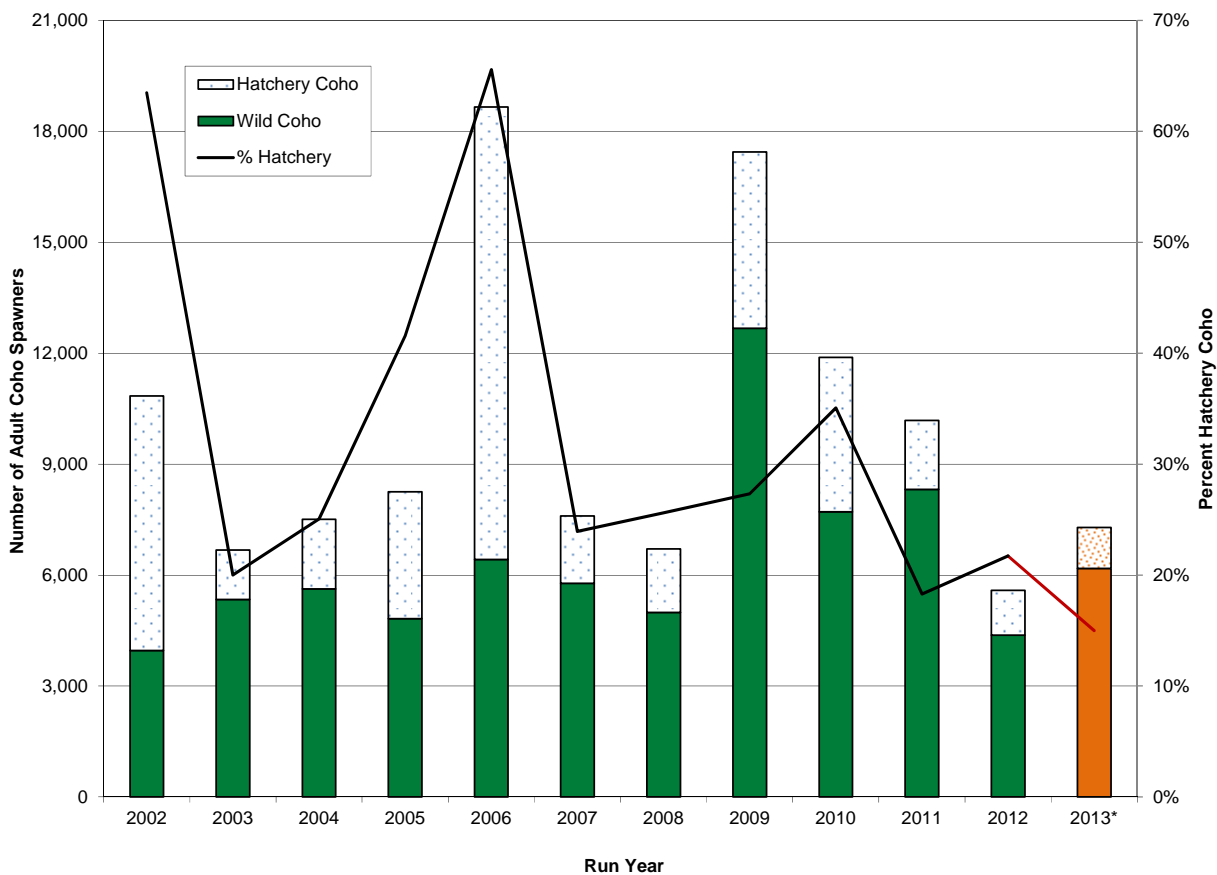


Figure 2. Lower Columbia River Coho ESU estimated abundance of adult coho salmon spawning naturally by rearing origin for the 2002 through 2013 run years. The estimate for 2013 does not include the Big Creek and Youngs Bay populations, and is therefore incomplete. These two populations combined account for an average of 12% of the total estimate for the ESU (about 7% of the wild, and 22% of the hatchery components).

Distribution and Timing

Approximately 54% of the 87 valid sites surveyed in 2013 were occupied, which is slightly above the previous five year average (Table 4). Occupancy rates by population in 2013 were more variable, with four populations higher and two populations lower than the 5 year average occupancy rate. The proportion of occupied sites in the LC Coho ESU that had confirmed wild coho salmon present in 2013 was 52%, which is the second highest on record and substantially higher than the 5 year average (45%). The Clackamas and Sandy were the only populations in which both total occupancy and wild occupancy were below average (Table 4).

Coho salmon densities (AUC/mile) in 2013 were highest in the Hood River population and lowest in the Clackamas and Sandy (Figure 3A). Compared to the previous 5 year average, coho salmon spawner density in 2013 was down substantially in all but the Scappoose and Hood River populations (Appendix Table D-4). Due to sample size issues, coho salmon distribution metrics within a population were only evaluated for 4 of the 6 monitored populations (Table 5). Coho salmon were most evenly distributed in the Clatskanie and Scappoose populations while the Clackamas River population had the patchiest spatial distribution (Table 5). Distribution by rearing origin could only be calculated for the Clatskanie population where wild fish distribution was similar to the total fish distribution (Table 5). However, hatchery fish distribution was more irregular, with 7 of the 23 sites containing approximately 90% of the hatchery fish (Figure 4).

Table 4. Lower Columbia River Coho ESU adult coho salmon occupancy (total & wild) by population, stratum, and ESU for the 2013 run year and previous 5 year average (2008–12). Occupancy is defined as a peak of at least 4 adult coho salmon per mile of survey. Occupied sites with at least one documented wild coho salmon are considered wild occupied.

ESU, Stratum, and TRT Population	2013 No. sites surveyed	5 yr avg. No. sites surveyed	Total coho salmon		Wild coho salmon	
			2013 % Occupied	5 yr avg. % Occupied	2013 % Occupied	5 yr avg. % Occupied
Lower Columbia River ESU	87	110	54%	53%	52%	45%
Coast Stratum	e	59	72%	52%	72%	42%
Youngs Bay	n.a.	17	n.a.	35%	n.a.	15%
Big Creek	n.a.	7	n.a.	66%	n.a.	51%
Clatskanie River	23	17	83%	73%	83%	66%
Scappoose Creek	16	19	56%	44%	56%	42%
Cascade Stratum	44	44	34%	50%	32%	45%
Clackamas River	16	19	38%	54%	38%	49%
Sandy River	28	26	32%	48%	29%	43%
Gorge Stratum	4	7	100%	71%	75%	60%
Lower Gorge tribs.	1	3	100%	88%	100%	72%
Hood River	3	4	100%	57%	67%	52%

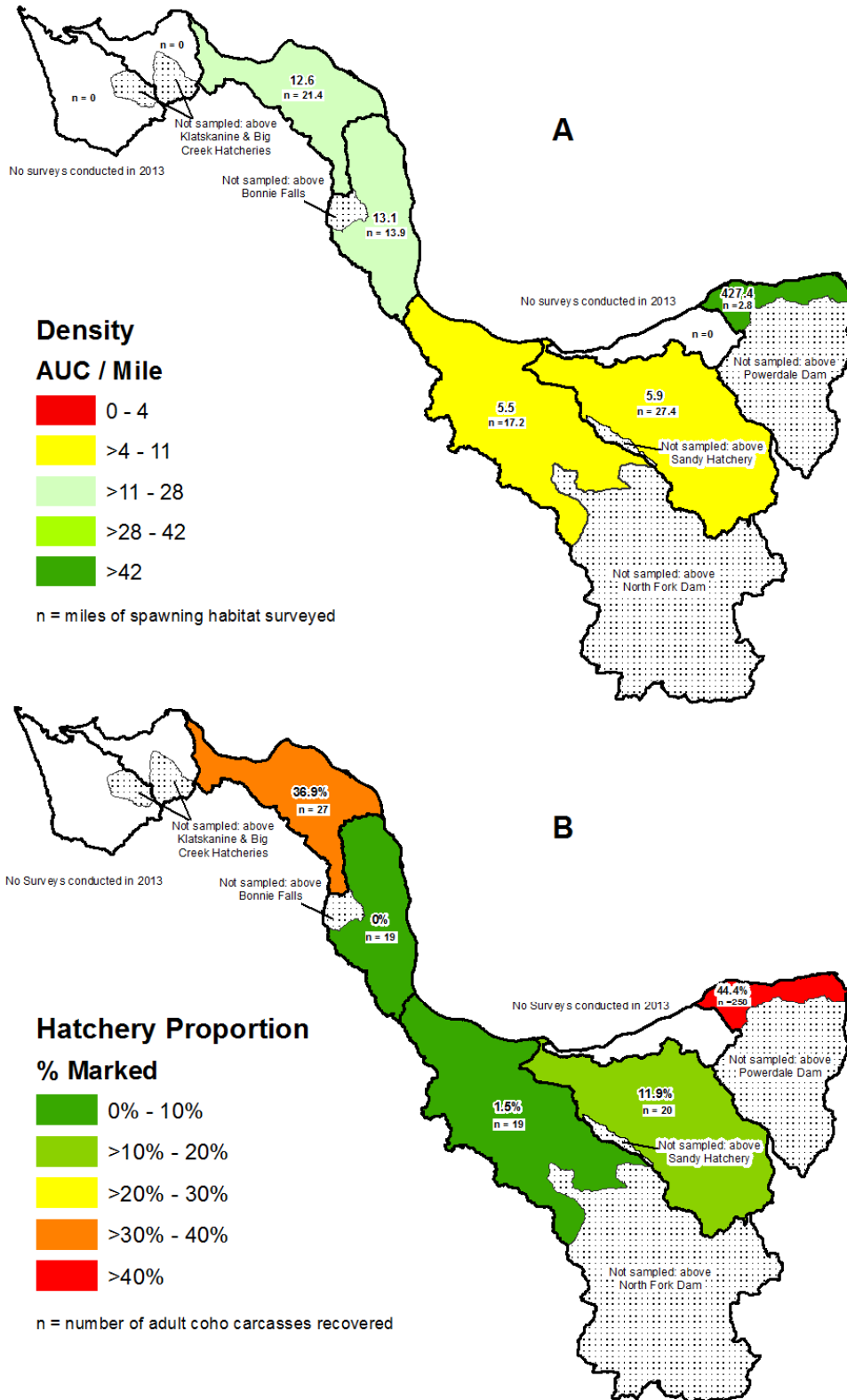


Figure 3. A) Coho salmon density in GRTS surveys by lower Columbia River TRT population, 2013. B) Percentage of marked adult coho salmon in GRTS surveys by lower Columbia River TRT population, 2013.

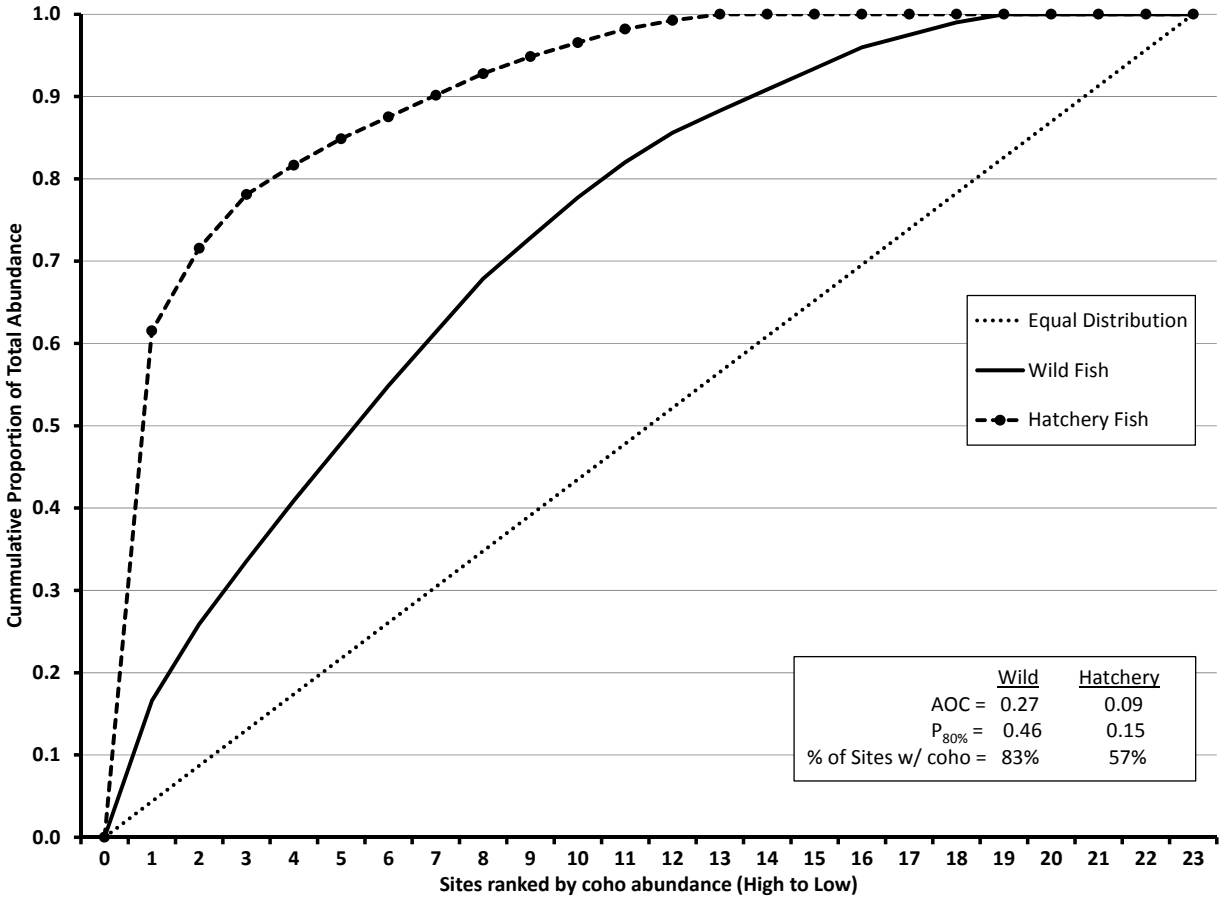


Figure 4. Cumulative frequency distribution of coho salmon in the Clatskanie population, run year 2013 GRTS surveys.

Table 5. Distribution metrics for Lower Columbia River Coho ESU populations during the 2013 run year. Total fish metrics were calculated for populations with at least 10 sites, hatchery and wild metrics were calculated for populations with adequate site specific pHOS data. Populations with uniform distribution would have AOC = 0.5, P_{80%} = 0.8, and % sites with fish = 100%.

Lower Columbia populations	# of Sites	Total coho salmon			Wild coho salmon			Hatchery coho salmon		
		AOC	P _{80%}	% sites with fish	AOC	P _{80%}	% sites with fish	AOC	P _{80%}	% sites with fish
Youngs Bay	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Big Creek	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Clatskanie River	23	0.27	0.47	83%	0.27	0.46	0.83	0.09	0.15	0.57
Scappoose Creek	16	0.21	0.36	75%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Clackamas River	16	0.13	0.22	50%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sandy River	28	0.14	0.24	57%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lower Gorge tribs.	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hood River	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

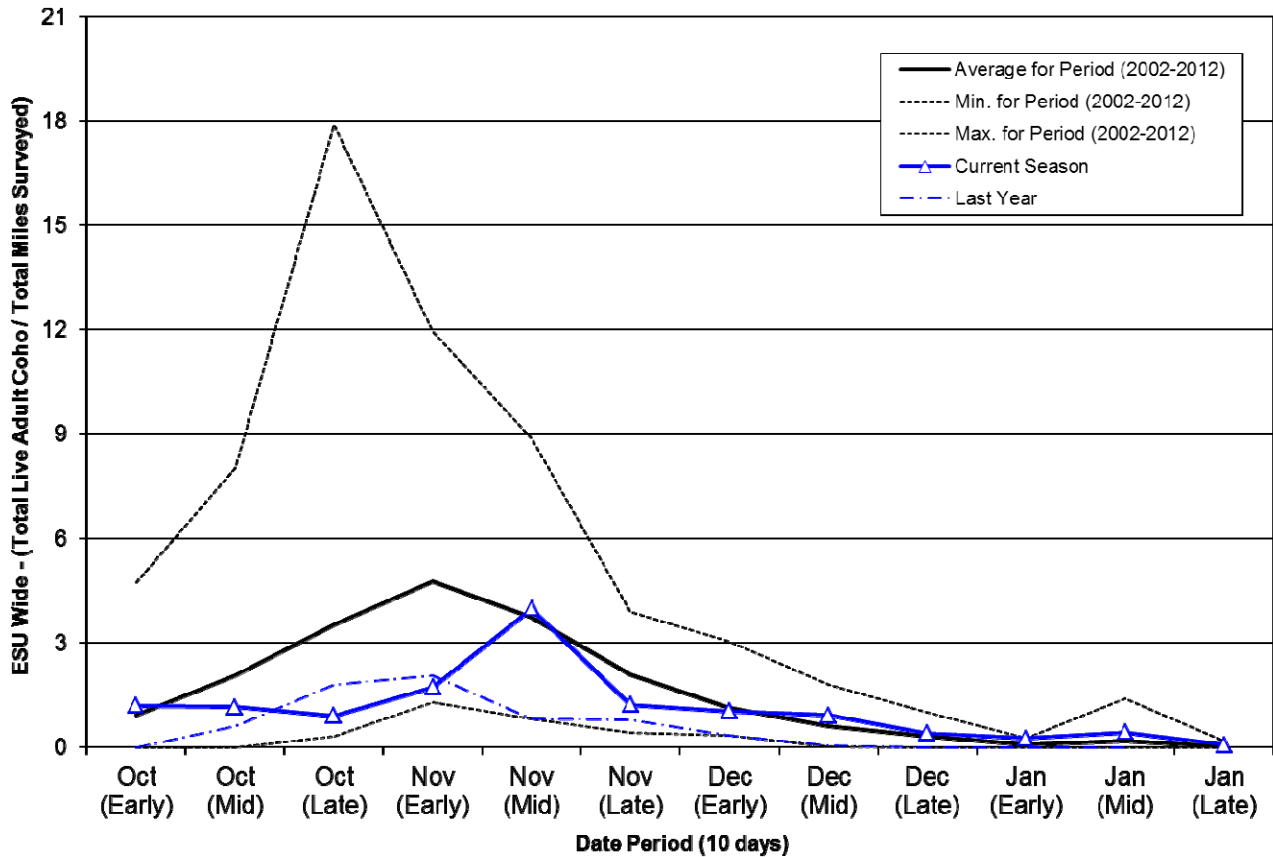


Figure 5. Run timing of live adult coho salmon in 2013 on GRTS spawning ground surveys in the Lower Columbia River Coho ESU.

For the 2002 through 2012 spawning years, peak counts of live coho salmon in the LCR Coho ESU typically occurred during the first 10 days of November with an average of 5 adult coho salmon per mile surveyed, and very few live coho salmon seen after early December (Figure 5). Run timing in 2013 was delayed slightly when compared to the 11 year average timing for the ESU, with the peak in mid-November at 4.0 adult coho salmon per mile surveyed. Timing in the LCR Coho ESU is much earlier than in the OC Coho ESU, which typically peaks in mid to late December (Figure 9). Fish per mile in 2013 was near record lows for the late October through early November time periods (Figure 5). Stream flow patterns in 2013 were amenable to both fish access to spawning grounds and survey methods, with a significant flow event in early October, and a series of freshets occurring from mid-November through December. Stream flows were about 60 % of normal in late October and early November, and likely contributed to the slightly delayed timing evident in 2013.

Proportion Hatchery Fish

In 2013, pHOS in the LCR Coho ESU was the lowest on record (15.0%) for the period 2002 through 2013 (Table 3). It should be noted that monitoring in 2013 differed from that of previous years in that, due to budget cuts, surveys were not conducted in two populations that usually have high hatchery influence (Big Creek and Youngs Bay). These two populations

typically contribute approximately 29% of all hatchery origin coho spawning in the LCR ESU, and assuming their combined 2013 contribution is equal to the previous 11 year average, the pHOS for the LCR Coho ESU would be 18.7% which is the second lowest (2002 through 2013). Four of the six successfully monitored LCR populations had pHOS values below the previous 11 year average. Only the Clatskanie and Sandy populations had pHOS values above their averages (Table 3). According to protocols, the pHOS in both of these basins was based on carcass recoveries since there were more than ten recoveries in each population, 19 in the Clatskanie and 20 in the Sandy (Table D-4). In the Clatskanie, recoveries of hatchery fish occurred primarily in Plympton Creek, which is a stream located on the northern margin of the population in relatively close proximity to the Big Creek Hatchery. In the Sandy population, two of the three recovered hatchery carcasses were found in lower basin tributaries (Gordon and Trout creeks), while one was observed in a small tributary near the Salmon River. It is worth noting that live observations of hatchery fish on spawning ground surveys would provide slightly different pHOS results for each of these populations, with a pHOS of about 4% in the Sandy River, and 15% in the Clatskanie population.

The LCR Coho ESU 2013 pHOS is high compared to the other Oregon coho salmon ESUs, where pHOS was 1.0% for the OC Coho ESU (Table 7) and 1.6 % for the SONCC Coho ESU (Table 11). The Clatskanie, Hood River, and Sandy populations all had greater than 10% hatchery adult coho salmon in the naturally spawning populations (Table 3 and Figure 3B). The high pHOS rate observed in 2013 is consistent with results for last year and the previous coho generation (3 years) in the Hood River population, but is unusually high in the Clatskanie and Sandy populations. Once again the Scappoose population had the lowest pHOS rate in the ESU with no hatchery origin fish observed (Table 3 and Figure 3B).

Oregon Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit

In 2008, the Oregon Coast Coho ESU was listed as “threatened” under the federal ESA (NMFS 2008). The OC Coho ESU is comprised of five strata: North Coast, Mid-Coast, Lakes, Umpqua, and Mid-South Coast. Each stratum is composed of populations characterized as independent or dependent based on their historical structure, potential for persistence, and degree of isolation from neighboring populations (Lawson et al. 2007, Wainwright et al. 2008). There are anywhere from three to six independent populations within each stratum (Figure 1), and spawning escapement estimates are made for each independent population. Dependent populations are grouped together by stratum, and spawning escapement estimates are made for each stratum aggregate. Four of the five strata are monitored using a spatially balanced random sample design (Stevens 2002). These four strata are the North Coast, Mid-Coast, Umpqua, and Mid-South Coast. Abundance estimates for the Lakes stratum are made by expanding counts in standard index reaches (Jacobs et.al. 2002). Finally, GRTS sampling in the OC Coho ESU began in 1998 in all areas except the North Umpqua population, which began in 2005 and ended in 2011. Monitoring of coho salmon spawners in this population is predominately based on Winchester Dam counts. For long-term consistency, the Winchester Dam count is used as the North Umpqua population spawner abundance estimate.

Effort

The 2013 spawning season is the seventh year using the updated sample frame (Table 1), which includes sampling all potential coho salmon spawning habitat based on a 1:24,000-scale digital line graph of streams. The sample frame was refined in 2013, with the most significant change in the Floras population. A total of 522 sites were successfully surveyed in 2013, which is well above the average of the previous five years (Table 6). The 522 sites successfully surveyed in 2013 were 99% of the goal (Table 6), and 14 of 24 populations were at or above the sites goal. Only the Mid-Coast Dependent, North Umpqua, Middle Umpqua, and Mid-South Dependent populations were substantially below the sample site goal. Those populations had a number of sites not meet criteria for inclusion in the population estimate.

Spawning surveys were generally conducted from mid-October 2013 to the end of January 2014. The 522 sites successfully surveyed in 2013 are approximately 53% of the sites originally drawn, which is higher than the previous six year average of 46%. Some sites were not surveyed in 2013 due to access denials and site inaccessibility. In addition some sites were surveyed, but due to long gaps (>15 days) or multiple gaps of more than 12 days between survey dates, did not meet the abundance estimation criteria. Since implementing use of the 1:24 k frame in 2007, on average 18.3% of the sites drawn each year in the OC Coho ESU are outside of coho salmon spawning habitat (non-target). In 2013, 19.2% of the sites drawn were non-target (Appendix Table D-3). Periodically crews identify areas that contain spawning habitat and are accessible to coho salmon, but are not within the sampling frame. These target sites that are outside the frame are noted for future exploration and addition to the frame when it is updated. In 2013 the frame was refined, typically frame updates occur about every 5 to 10 years, and until that time no adjustment is made to the coho salmon abundance estimate for the target areas outside the sampling frame. Adjusting for non-target sites inside the frame, but not for target sites outside the frame will result in a negative bias in the coho salmon abundance estimate.

Despite the excellent survey conditions in 2013, only 15 of 30 spatial sampling scales (24 populations, 5 strata, 1 ESU) met the goal for number of surveys (Table 6). Results for meeting the precision goal of a 95% CI no more than +/- 30% of the point estimate were much lower than the results for number of surveys. In 2013 the precision goal was achieved for the ESU, one of five strata, and 2 of 24 populations (Table 6). This is even lower than in previous years when on average the precision goal was met for 8 of 30 spatial sampling scales.

Abundance

Wild coho salmon spawner abundance in the OC Coho ESU increased in 2013 compared to 2012, was about equal to the 23 year average abundance (1990 through 2012), but was substantially lower than the recent peak abundance of over 350,000 wild coho spawners in 2011 (Figure 6 and Table 7). In 2013 four of the five strata were at or above the 23 year average abundance, with only the North Coast stratum substantially below, at 54% of average (Table 7). Results for individual populations were mixed in 2013, with 11 of the 24 populations above average, 4 populations great than 150% of average (Salmon, Alsea, Coquille, and Sixes) and 4 populations less than 50% of average (Nehalem, Nestucca, Coos, and Mid-South Dependents).

Table 6. Oregon Coast Coho ESU, GRTS spawning survey goals and results for number of surveys and 95% CI, 2013 run year. Target response sites are reaches within coho salmon spawning habitat which were successfully surveyed.

Stratum	Population	Goal	Target response				95% CI as percent of point estimate (goal is +/- 30%)			
			2013	2008 to 2012			2013	2008 to 2012		
				Avg.	Min.	Max.		Avg.	Min.	Max.
North Coast	Necanicum	19	21	17	15	21	95%	41%	20%	95%
	Nehalem	30	27	22	6	34	51%	40%	25%	69%
	Tillamook	30	27	21	9	31	78%	51%	37%	70%
	Nestucca	30	31	16	11	30	57%	47%	34%	64%
	NC Depend.	21	21	17	15	21	71%	48%	39%	58%
	Total	130	127	94	58	131	39%	28%	20%	47%
Mid-Coast	Salmon	15	12	10	6	16	43%	62%	27%	122%
	Siletz	30	29	21	13	25	36%	32%	24%	44%
	Yaquina	30	27	22	15	28	52%	35%	28%	40%
	Beaver	7	8	5	2	8	48%	53%	14%	100%
	Alsea	30	32	27	22	30	23%	27%	22%	33%
	Siuslaw	30	32	24	9	36	33%	35%	21%	60%
	MC Depend.	30	18	17	14	20	56%	66%	38%	100%
	Total	172	158	127	83	144	16%	17%	14%	22%
Lakes	Siltcoos	18	21	14	8	20	46%	49%	39%	64%
	Tahkenitch	6	5	5	2	7	69%	67%	40%	122%
	Tenmile	13	18	12	6	16	48%	35%	29%	47%
	Total	37	44	31	22	40	31%	30%	24%	49%
Umpqua	L. Umpqua	30	30	24	12	28	34%	29%	25%	34%
	M. Umpqua	30	22	22	14	28	35%	54%	29%	65%
	N. Umpqua	5	2	20	1	36	NAS	70%	30%	85%
	S. Umpqua	30	30	23	11	29	69%	54%	40%	65%
	Total	95	84	89	59	116	37%	33%	24%	43%
Mid-South Coast	Coos	30	35	24	7	32	50%	39%	23%	70%
	Coquille	30	34	22	11	30	43%	40%	25%	61%
	Floras	13	18	8	6	10	38%	45%	25%	60%
	Sixes	12	19	7	1	14	25%	74%	60%	91%
	MS Depend.	8	3	3	1	5	124%	96%	86%	105%
	Total	93	109	65	39	79	33%	36%	17%	69%
ESU Total		527	522	397	267	498	15%	15%	10%	23%

NAS = Not adequately surveyed (either no surveys were selected in the population or < 2 surveys stayed in rotation).

Table 7. Oregon Coast Coho ESU estimated abundance of adult coho salmon spawning naturally by ESU, stratum, and population for the 2013 run year compared to the previous 23 years.

Geographic scale ESU/Stratum/Population	Coho salmon origin	Spawning year			
		2013	1990 to 2012		
			Avg.	Min.	Max.
Oregon Coast Coho ESU	Wild	124,411	125,691	21,139	356,243
	Hatchery	1,307	10,471	984	26,128
	% Hat.	1.0%	12.1%	0.8%	31.4%
North Coast Stratum	Wild	10,956	20,411	1,524	58,096
	Hatchery	341	2,330	0	15,563
	% Hat.	3.0%	21.6%	0.0%	79.0%
Necanicum River	Wild	798	1,303	97	4,832
	Hatchery	0	136	0	501
	% Hat.	0.0%	18.5%	0.0%	40.1%
Nehalem River	Wild	4,539	11,036	527	32,517
	Hatchery	0	1,797	0	14,014
	% Hat.	0.0%	24.0%	0.0%	87.7%
Tillamook Bay	Wild	4,402	4,790	80	19,250
	Hatchery	304	332	0	1,498
	% Hat.	6.5%	19.3%	0.0%	68.9%
Nestucca River	Wild	946	2,797	160	16,698
	Hatchery	37	60	0	274
	% Hat.	3.8%	6.6%	0.0%	15.3%
North Coast Dependents	Wild	271	485	0	2,116
	Hatchery	0	14	0	75
	% Hat.	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	6.3%
Mid-Coast Stratum	Wild	39,723	33,944	2,444	119,099
	Hatchery	0	2,366	111	9,633
	% Hat.	0.0%	15.7%	0.2%	50.1%
Salmon River	Wild	1,165	454	5	3,636
	Hatchery	0	719	0	2,621
	% Hat.	0.0%	68.4%	0.0%	97.6%
Siletz River	Wild	7,660	6,098	207	33,094
	Hatchery	0	304	0	962
	% Hat.	0.0%	19.0%	0.0%	58.4%
Yaquina River	Wild	3,553	5,799	317	23,800
	Hatchery	0	203	0	1,526
	% Hat.	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	25.0%
Beaver Creek	Wild	2,015	1,685	90	5,552
	Hatchery	0	57	0	405
	% Hat.	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	23.8%
Alsea River	Wild	9,283	5,947	108	28,337
	Hatchery	0	379	0	2,214
	% Hat.	0.0%	18.4%	0.0%	93.8%
Siuslaw River	Wild	14,118	12,393	501	55,445
	Hatchery	0	693	0	4,136
	% Hat.	0.0%	12.2%	0.0%	37.6%
Mid Coast Dependents	Wild	1,929	1,568	51	8,179
	Hatchery	0	28	0	97
	% Hat.	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	5.4%

Table 7. Continued.

Geographic scale ESU/Stratum/Population	Coho salmon origin	Spawning year			
		2013	1990 to 2012		
			Avg.	Min.	Max.
Lakes Stratum	Wild	13,659	14,858	1,973	38,744
	Hatchery	3	62	0	251
	% Hat.	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	2.2%
Siltcoos Lake	Wild	3,797	4,081	385	7,998
	Hatchery	0	28	0	124
	% Hat.	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	8.7%
Tahkenitch Lake	Wild	3,413	2,961	317	10,681
	Hatchery	3	15	0	107
	% Hat.	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	3.1%
Tenmile Lake	Wild	6,449	7,815	1,271	20,385
	Hatchery	0	18	0	123
	% Hat.	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	3.4%
Umpqua Stratum	Wild	27,016	27,111	3,334	94,655
	Hatchery	815	5,182	434	17,758
	% Hat.	2.9%	20.6%	1.1%	36.0%
Lower Umpqua River	Wild	7,792	8,928	1,257	19,245
	Hatchery	0	304	0	1,484
	% Hat.	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	15.7%
Middle Umpqua River	Wild	4,272	6,256	563	19,962
	Hatchery	0	255	0	1,259
	% Hat.	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%	20.6%
North Umpqua River	Wild	2,774	2,614	355	9,397
	Hatchery	622	3,708	125	14,094
	% Hat.	18.3%	56.5%	2.5%	84.3%
South Umpqua River	Wild	12,178	9,313	435	49,958
	Hatchery	193	916	0	7,040
	% Hat.	1.6%	13.6%	0.0%	57.2%
Mid-South Coast Stratum	Wild	33,057	29,368	4,890	76,318
	Hatchery	148	531	1	2,766
	% Hat.	0.4%	2.6%	0.0%	23.8%
Coos River	Wild	6,884	14,011	1,112	33,595
	Hatchery	0	240	0	1,387
	% Hat.	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	36.4%
Coquille River	Wild	23,637	12,754	2,033	55,667
	Hatchery	148	203	0	1,832
	% Hat.	0.6%	2.2%	0.0%	15.4%
Floras Creek	Wild	1,936	2,913	340	11,329
	Hatchery	0	80	0	400
	% Hat.	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	22.8%
Sixes River	Wild	567	161	34	558
	Hatchery	0	21	0	182
	% Hat.	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	65.7%
Mid-South Coast Dependents	Wild	33	164	0	484
	Hatchery	0	2	0	9
	% Hat.	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	4.6%

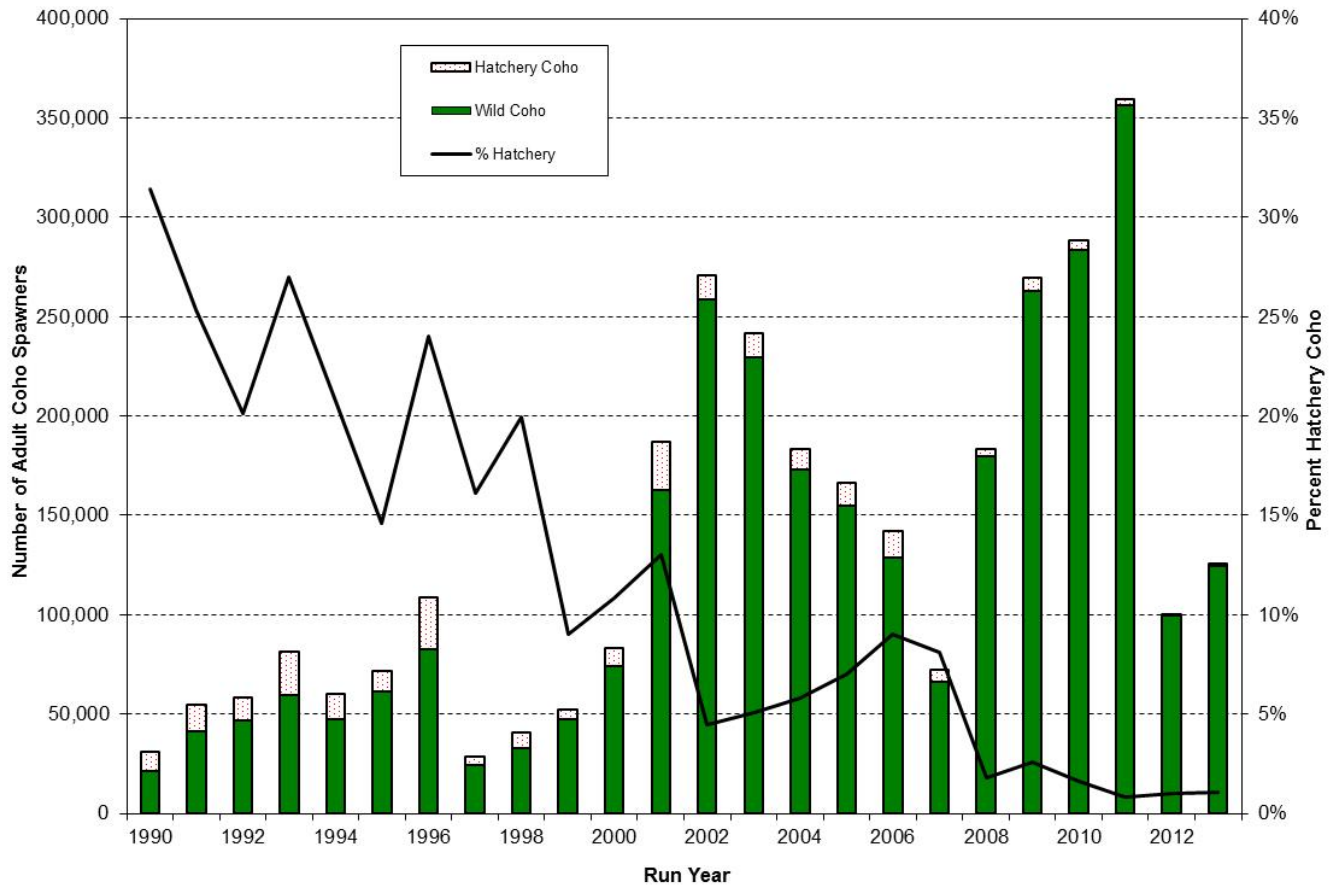


Figure 6. Oregon Coast Coho ESU estimated abundance of adult coho salmon spawning naturally by rearing origin for the 1990 through 2013 run years.

Although wild coho spawner abundance increased in 2013 compared to 2012, the distribution of spawners between populations was comparable between the two years (Appendix Table B-4). In 2012, one population (Siuslaw) accounted for 12% of the ESU total abundance; and the top five abundance populations (Alesia, Siuslaw, South Umpqua, Tenmile and Coos) accounted 51% the ESU total abundance. In 2013, the highest abundance population (Coquille) accounted for 19%, and the top five abundance populations (Alesia, Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua, South Umpqua, and Coquille) accounted 54% the ESU total abundance. Another way to track the distribution of wild coho salmon spawners across the OC Coho ESU is in the number of populations with over 20,000 wild adult coho salmon spawners. The lowest OC Coho ESU total wild coho salmon spawning abundance observed during the 23 years of this monitoring was 21,139 in 1990. In 2011, the peak abundance year, 5 of 24 populations had over 20,000 wild adult coho salmon spawners. In 2012 none of the 24 populations had over 20,000 wild adult coho salmon spawners and in 2013 only 1 of the 24 populations had over 20,000 wild adult coho salmon spawners.

The Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan (OCCCP) established six measureable criteria for the assessment of conservation status of the 21 independent populations in the OC Coho ESU

(ODFW 2007). Metrics for two of the criteria are based on wild adult coho salmon spawner abundance. Although the OCCCP assesses the criteria over a multi-year time frame, the annual abundance estimates can be compared to the threshold value for each metric. Criterion 1 (Adult Abundance) establishes escapement goals for each population based on the annual marine survival category (ODFW 2007, Appendix 2 Table 2). The marine survival category for 2013 was “Medium” (PFMC 2013) and none of 21 independent populations met the OCCCP escapement goal. Criterion 5 (Diversity) is based on maintaining at least 97.5% of a population’s heterozygosity over a 100 year period. The threshold value for the metric is a harmonic mean of at least 1,200 wild adult coho spawners over a modeled 100 year population abundance projection. Although the 2013 estimated abundances are not a direct evaluation of the OCCCP Criterion 5 metric, 17 of the 21 independent populations exceeded the threshold value (Table 7).

Abundance of hatchery adult coho salmon on natural spawning grounds in the OC Coho ESU in 2013 increased slightly from the previous 23 year record low of less than 1,000 fish in 2012 to 1,300 fish in 2013. This is the second lowest value observed in the now 24 year period (Table 7). Abundance of hatchery fish in 2013 was less than the long-term average in all 5 strata and in all 24 populations (Table 7). During the 2013 spawning season almost 2,200 coho salmon carcasses were sampled on GRTS surveys that met criteria for use in abundance estimates. This total included a total of only seven hatchery, spread across 5 populations (Appendix Table D-4). Small sample sizes can complicate detection of hatchery fish, especially if the number of hatchery fish is low. In the 19 populations where no hatchery coho salmon carcasses were observed the number of coho salmon carcasses sampled, by population, ranged from 0 to 266 and averaged 71 (Appendix Table D-4). During 2013, only 4 of the 24 OC Coho ESU populations had an estimated abundance of greater than 100 hatchery coho salmon on natural spawning grounds (Table 7).

Distribution and Timing

In 2013, approximately 65% of the 525 sites surveyed in the OC Coho ESU were occupied by adult coho salmon (Table 8). Occupancy in 2013 was lower than the 5 year average rate for the OC Coho ESU overall, 4 out of 5 strata, and 19 of 24 populations. The proportion of surveys in 2013 that were occupied and contained wild fish ranged from 0% for the North Umpqua and Mid-South Coast dependent populations to 100% in two populations (Table 8). Occupancy rates are typically lowest in the Umpqua stratum and highest in the Lakes stratum (Table 8). While 2013 occupancy rates were below average, the largest decrease from the five year averages were in the North Coast and Lakes strata. The Mid-Coast stratum has the least change in the 5 year average and 2013 wild coho salmon occupancy rate (Table 8).

Adult coho salmon density in 2013 was moderate across the ESU (Figure 7). Coho salmon density was calculated as the AUC estimate divided by the miles surveyed. The highest coho salmon density in 2013 was observed in Tahkenitch Lake at about 380 adult coho salmon per mile (Figure 7; Appendix Table D-4). In 2013 there were two populations, Tahkenitch and Tenmile Lakes with coho salmon densities over 100 fish per mile. The lowest 2013 adult coho salmon densities were in 7 populations with less than 15 adult coho salmon per mile (Figure 7; Appendix Table D-4).

Table 8. Oregon Coast Coho ESU adult coho salmon occupancy (total & wild) by population, stratum, and ESU for the 2013 run year and previous 5 year average (2008–12). Occupancy is defined as a peak of at least 4 adult coho salmon per mile of survey. Occupied sites with at least one documented wild coho salmon are considered wild occupied.

ESU, Stratum, and TRT Population	2013 No. sites surveyed	5 yr avg. No. sites surveyed	Total coho salmon		Wild coho salmon	
			2013 % Occupied	5 yr avg. % Occupied	2013 % Occupied	5 yr avg. % Occupied
Oregon Coast ESU	522	405	65.7%	75.7%	64.8%	72.3%
North Coast Stratum	127	94	50.4%	73.1%	48.0%	68.3%
Necanicum River	21	17	52.4%	82.1%	47.6%	79.8%
Nehalem River	27	22	51.9%	74.7%	51.9%	71.6%
Tillamook Bay	27	21	70.4%	76.9%	63.0%	69.4%
Nestucca River	31	17	41.9%	73.1%	41.9%	68.1%
NC Dependents	21	17	33.3%	56.4%	33.3%	52.4%
Mid-Coast Stratum	158	126	79.1%	84.4%	77.8%	81.8%
Salmon River	12	10	83.3%	73.7%	66.7%	71.2%
Siletz River	29	21	86.2%	91.6%	86.2%	90.7%
Yaquina River	27	22	81.5%	87.0%	81.5%	84.7%
Beaver Creek	8	5	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Alsea River	32	27	90.6%	94.8%	90.6%	92.8%
Siuslaw River	32	24	71.9%	87.6%	71.9%	83.7%
MC Dependents	18	17	44.4%	52.5%	44.4%	48.1%
Lakes Stratum	44	31	67.4%	94.4%	67.4%	93.4%
Siltcoos Lake	21	14	60.0%	92.0%	60.0%	92.0%
Tahkenitch Lake	5	5	100.0%	93.8%	100.0%	93.8%
Tenmile Lake	18	12	66.7%	97.3%	66.7%	94.8%
Umpqua Stratum	84	89	52.3%	64.3%	52.3%	60.4%
Lower Umpqua River	30	24	73.3%	85.1%	73.3%	79.5%
Mid. Umpqua River	22	22	45.5%	64.9%	45.5%	61.8%
North Umpqua River	2	20	0.0%	56.6%	0.0%	51.8%
South Umpqua River	30	23	46.7%	61.9%	46.7%	59.7%
Mid-South Stratum	109	65	74.3%	71.1%	74.3%	68.3%
Coos River	35	24	74.3%	77.8%	74.3%	73.7%
Coquille River	34	22	73.5%	79.1%	73.5%	77.7%
Floras Creek	18	8	94.4%	86.0%	94.4%	83.8%
Sixes River	19	7	68.4%	21.6%	68.4%	17.6%
MSC Dependents	3	3	0.0%	32.0%	0.0%	32.0%

Due to sample size issues, coho salmon distribution within a population was evaluated for only 20 of the 24 populations (Table 9). In 2013 the Alsea and Floras Creek populations had the most even and the North Coast Dependent population had the patchiest spatial distribution (Table 9). The percent of GRTS sites in a population with live coho observed ($AUC > 0$) averaged 74%, and ranged from 43% in the North Coast Dependent population to 97% in the Alsea population (Table 9).

Table 9. Distribution metrics for Oregon Coast Coho ESU populations during the 2013 run year. Total fish metrics were calculated for populations with at least 10 sites, hatchery and wild metrics were calculated for populations with adequate site specific pHOS data. Populations with uniform distribution would have $AOC = 0.5$, $P_{80\%} = 0.8$, and % sites with fish = 100%.

Oregon Coast populations	# of Sites	Total coho salmon			Wild coho salmon			Hatchery coho salmon		
		AOC	$P_{80\%}$	% sites with fish	AOC	$P_{80\%}$	% sites with fish	AOC	$P_{80\%}$	% sites with fish
Necanicum River	21	0.12	0.22	67%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nehalem River	27	0.16	0.28	59%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tillamook Bay	27	0.13	0.24	81%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nestucca River	31	0.14	0.28	65%	--	--	--	--	--	--
NC Dependent	21	0.10	0.17	43%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Salmon River	12	0.24	0.41	92%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Siletz River	29	0.20	0.36	93%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yaquina River	27	0.18	0.33	78%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Beaver Creek	8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alsea River	32	0.27	0.46	97%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Siuslaw River	32	0.21	0.32	84%	--	--	--	--	--	--
MC Dependent	18	0.14	0.25	61%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Siltcoos Lake	21	0.16	0.27	65%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tahkenitch Lake	5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tenmile Lake	18	0.19	0.32	78%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lower Umpqua R.	30	0.20	0.34	80%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Middle Umpqua R.	22	0.15	0.25	59%	--	--	--	--	--	--
North Umpqua R.	2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	--	--	--	--	--	--
South Umpqua R.	30	0.10	0.17	50%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coos River	35	0.17	0.30	80%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coquille River	34	0.16	0.27	76%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floras Creek	18	0.26	0.43	94%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sixes River	19	0.26	0.42	74%	--	--	--	--	--	--
MSC Dependent	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	--	--	--	--	--	--

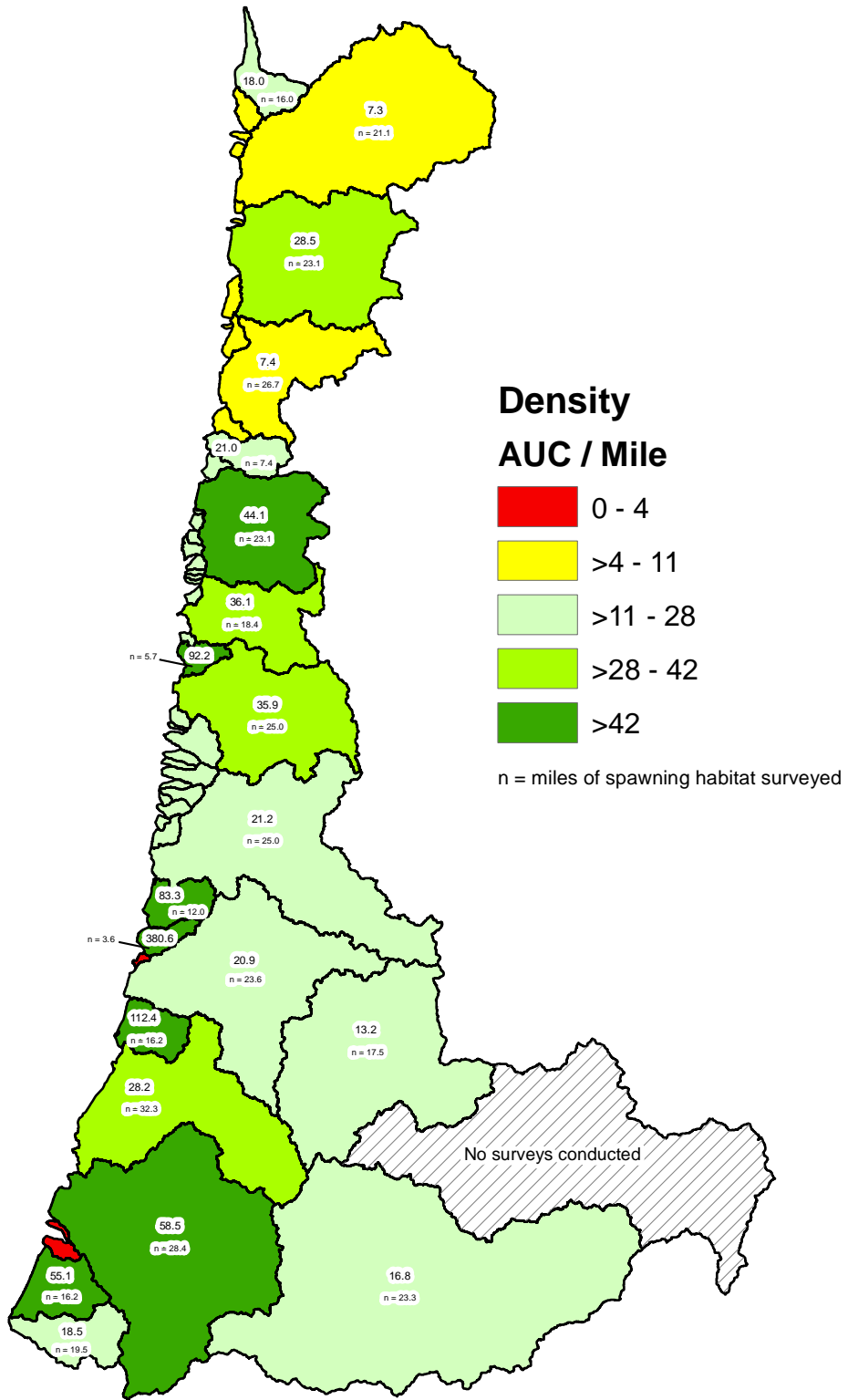


Figure 7. Coho salmon density (AUC/mile) in GRTS surveys by Oregon Coast TRT population, 2013. Functionally independent and potentially independent populations are labeled. For further detail see Appendix Table D-4.

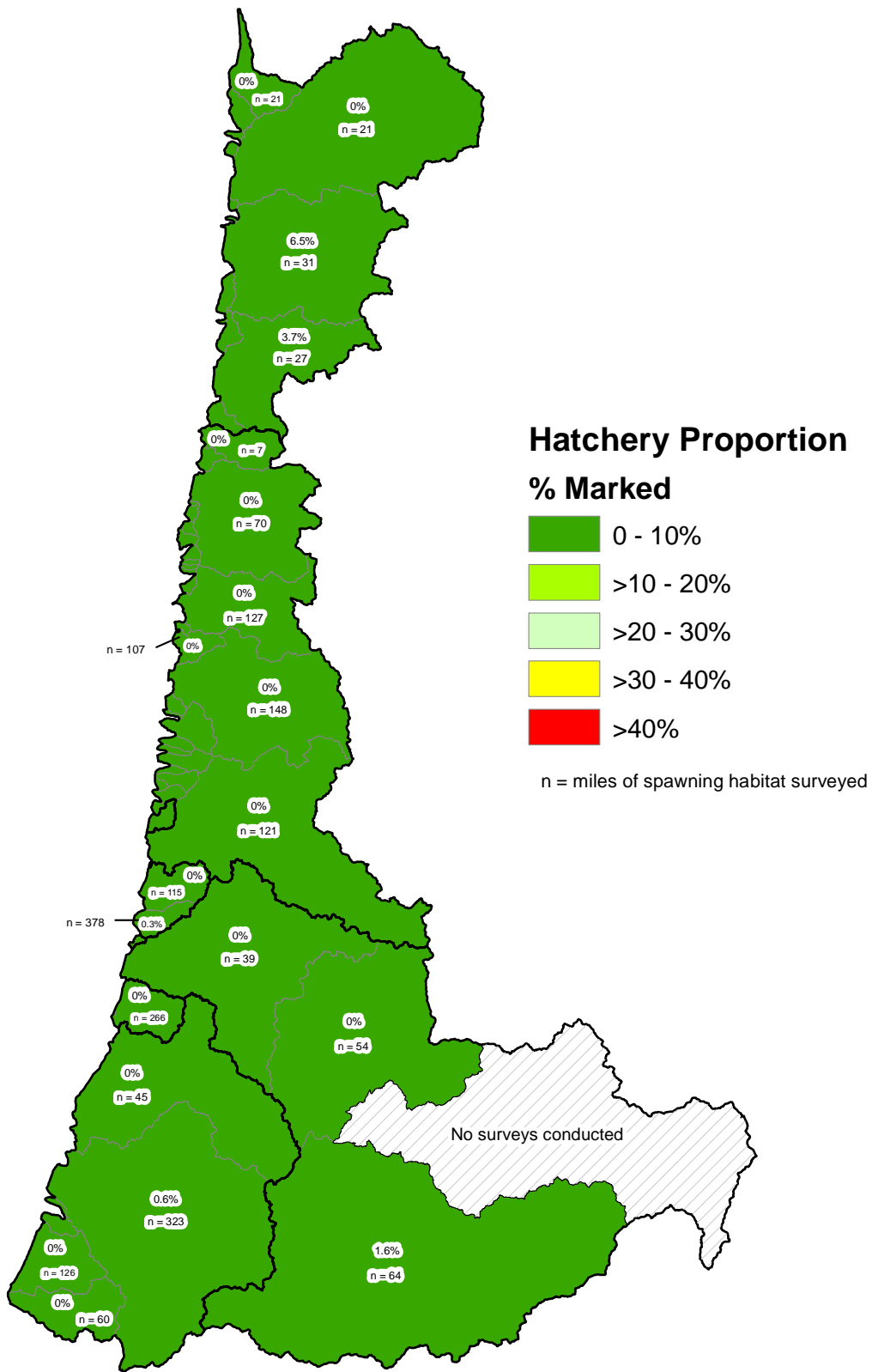


Figure 8. Percentage of marked adult coho salmon in GRTS surveys by Oregon Coast TRT population, 2013. Functionally independent and potentially independent populations are labeled. For further detail see Appendix Table D-4.

Inadequate samples for determining pHOS at spatial scales smaller than the TRT population limited the analysis of distribution by rearing origin. There were no populations that met the criteria for calculating distribution by rearing origin (at least 50% GRTS site and at least 90% finer than population scale pHOS values). Therefore, distribution based on hatchery and wild origin could not be calculated (Table 9).

Peak run timing of coho salmon spawners typically occurs in mid to late December in the OC Coho ESU. Run timing in 2013 was much later than average with a peak in mid-January (Figure 10). The below average stream flow during the spawning season likely contributed to the later than normal run timing. Even though run timing was later than the average, the peak was still slightly above average (Figure 10). On average, about 90% of the live coho salmon seen on OC Coho ESU spawning surveys are seen between mid-November and late January (Figure 10). This is both a longer period and later in the season than for the LCR Coho ESU, where 90% were seen from early October to late November (Figure 5).

Proportion Hatchery Fish

The OC Coho ESU naturally spawning coho salmon abundance averaged 15.7% hatchery coho salmon and ranged from 0.2% to 50.1% for the 1990 through 2012 run years (Table 7). In 2013 the proportion of hatchery fish on OC Coho ESU natural spawning grounds was 1.0%, and all five strata and 23 out of 24 populations met the Native Fish Conservation Policy (OAR 635-007-0502) interim criteria of at least 90% naturally produced spawners (Table 7 and Figure 8). A total of 312,051 hatchery coho salmon smolts were released in the OC Coho ESU in 2012 (adult returns in 2013). The releases occurred in only 4 of the 24 populations (Nehalem, Tillamook, Mid-Coast Dependent and South Umpqua) and represent about six percent of the 5 million hatchery coho salmon smolts released annually in the OC Coho ESU in the early 1990's (Lewis 2000). In 2013, two of the four OC Coho ESU populations (Nehalem and Mid-Coast Dependent) with hatchery coho smolt releases in 2012 had pHOS rate of 0.0%, the South Umpqua had a pHOS rate of 1.6% and the Tillamook population had the highest pHOS rate at 6.5%. (Table 7). The reduction in Oregon coastal hatchery coho salmon releases has reduced the number of hatchery coho salmon adults spawning naturally and thus pHOS rate, within the ESU. Although there is no hatchery coho smolts released in the North Umpqua population, it is adjacent to the South Umpqua, and had the only 2013 pHOS rate of over 10%.

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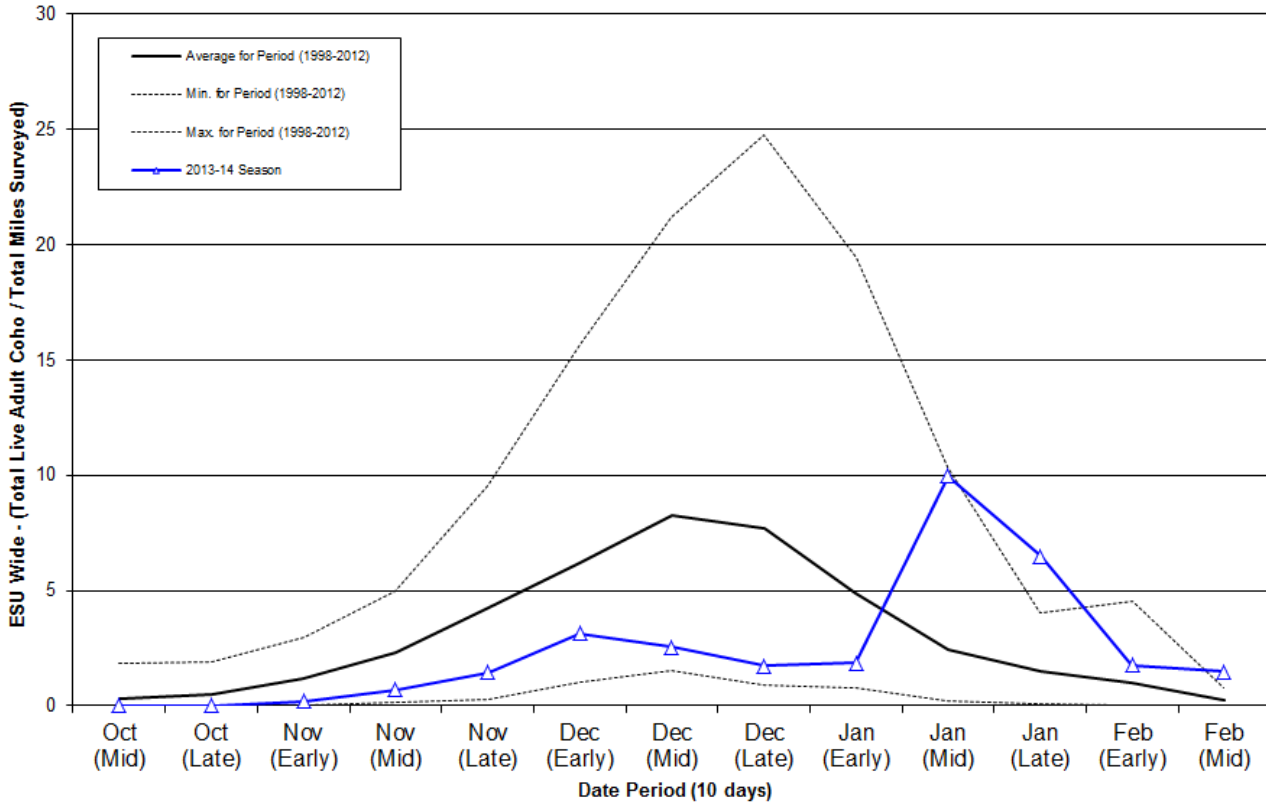


Figure 9. Run timing of live adult coho salmon in 2013 on GRTS spawning ground surveys in the Oregon Coast Coho ESU.

Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Evolutionarily Significant Unit

The Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho ESU includes coho salmon populations in Oregon and California. Naturally produced coho salmon in the SONCC Coho ESU were listed as “threatened” in 1997 under the federal ESA (NMFS 1997). This report covers spawning escapement monitoring of the Oregon populations in the SONCC Coho ESU, for the 2013 spawning season. The TRT for the SONCC Coho ESU reviewed the historical coho salmon population structure of this ESU and identified seven functionally or potentially independent and nine dependent or ephemeral Oregon coho salmon populations (Figure 1). Geographically, these Oregon populations occupy the northern third of the ESU and, based on an assessment of stream habitat intrinsic potential, represent a similar proportion of the historic coho salmon habitat potential for the ESU (Williams et.al. 2006).

Table 10. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho ESU, GRTS spawning survey goals and results for number of surveys and 95% CI, 2013 run year. Target response sites are reaches within coho salmon spawning habitat which were successfully surveyed.

Stratum	Population	Goal	Target response			95% CI as percent of point estimate (goal is +/- 30%)				
			2013 ^a	2006 to 2008 ^a			2013 ^a	2006 to 2008 ^a		
				Avg.	Min.	Max.		Avg.	Min.	Max.
Coastal	Elk	18	--	1	0	1	--	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	L. Rogue	15	--	2	0	4	--	189%	189%	189%
	Chetco ^b	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Winchuck ^b	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	SC Depend. ^b	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total	85			3	0	5	--	n.a.	n.a.
Interior	Illinois	30	--	3	3	4	--	113%	61%	172%
	M. Rogue & Applegate	30	--	12	8	16	--	72%	25%	127%
	U. Rogue	30	--	9	5	14	--	127%	56%	163%
	Total	90	--	24	22	25	--	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
ESU Total		175	--	27	24	30	--	71%	31%	116%

n.a. = Not available.

a = No random (GRTS) surveys were conducted in the SONCC Coho ESU for run years 2009 through 2013.

b = The 98 and 07 GRTS sampling frames did not include any coho salmon spawning habitat in these populations.

Effort

Three methods have been used to monitor the abundance of adult coho salmon returning to fresh water in the Oregon portion of the SONCC Coho ESU. First, Gold Ray Dam was located at about river mile 126 on the Rogue River and was a complete barrier to adult salmonid migration, except through the fish ladder counting station. Gold Ray Dam was removed in 2010 and is no longer a source of monitoring data for salmon runs. Counts of adult and jack coho salmon migrating past Gold Ray Dam are not included in this report, but are available on a web page (http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/local_fisheries/rogue_river/goldray/index.asp). Gold Ray Dam counts include coho salmon migrating to natural spawning grounds and coho salmon returning to Cole M. Rivers Hatchery. The hatchery is located near the base of Lost Creek Dam (~ river mile 157 on the Rogue River) and releases approximately 150,000 coho salmon smolts annually into the Rogue River adjacent to the hatchery.

Second, GRTS based coho salmon spawning ground surveys were conducted in the SONCC Coho ESU from 1998 to 2008. This effort used the 98 Frame (Table 1) which only samples coho salmon spawning habitat in the high and moderate spawner density categories. This accounts for only 29% of the coho salmon spawning habitat in Oregon populations of the SONCC Coho ESU and does not include any coho salmon spawning habitat in the Chetco River, Winchuck River, and dependent populations of the ESU (Figure 11). The 98 Frame also only

accounts for a small portion of the coho salmon spawning habitat in the Elk River (20%) and in the four Rogue River coho salmon populations (32%). Finally, there are large portions of the Illinois River and the Middle Rogue and Applegate River coho salmon populations that are within the Rogue River Gorge or the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. These areas are too remote to efficiently be able to conduct spawning ground surveys on a weekly basis. Therefore, they are excluded from the spawning survey sampling frame. Due to budget constraints no GRTS surveys were conducted in the SONCC Coho ESU in 2005 and 2009 through 2013 (Table 10).

Table 11. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho ESU estimated abundance of adult coho salmon spawning naturally in the 2013 run year compared to the previous 19 years. Rogue River Populations only.

Data component	Coho salmon origin	Spawning year			
		2013	1994 to 2012		
			Avg.	Min.	Max.
SONCC Coho ESU (Rogue Only)	Wild	11,210	6,314	394	24,231
	Hatchery	180	472	0	1,230
	% Hat.	1.6%	7.0%	0.0%	19.2%
Huntley Park Est. ¹	Total	13,209	12,264	572	33,601
	Wild	11,210	6,442	414	24,509
	Hatchery	1,999	5,822	158	14,013
Freshwater Catch ² Excluding Rogue Bay	Total	NA	343	67	862
	Wild	0	0	0	0
	Hatchery	NA	343	67	862
Cole Rivers Hatchery ³	Total	1,819	5,138	147	12,298
	Wild	0	127	0	370
	Hatchery	1,819	5,010	127	11,937

1 = Huntley Park mark-recapture estimate of coho salmon freshwater escapement to the Rogue Basin above Huntley Park (~ River Mile 8). This includes returns to Cole Rivers Hatchery, natural spawning grounds, freshwater harvest and mortality between Huntley and upriver areas.

2 = Estimated freshwater harvest of coho salmon in the Rouge basin (excluding the Rogue River Bay), based on Angler Harvest Cards (see: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/sportcatch.asp>). Selective harvest of only marked coho salmon since 2004.

3 = Number of adult coho salmon collected and retained at Cole Rivers Hatchery. These numbers do not include coho salmon collected and released alive back into the wild.

NA = Data not available at time of print

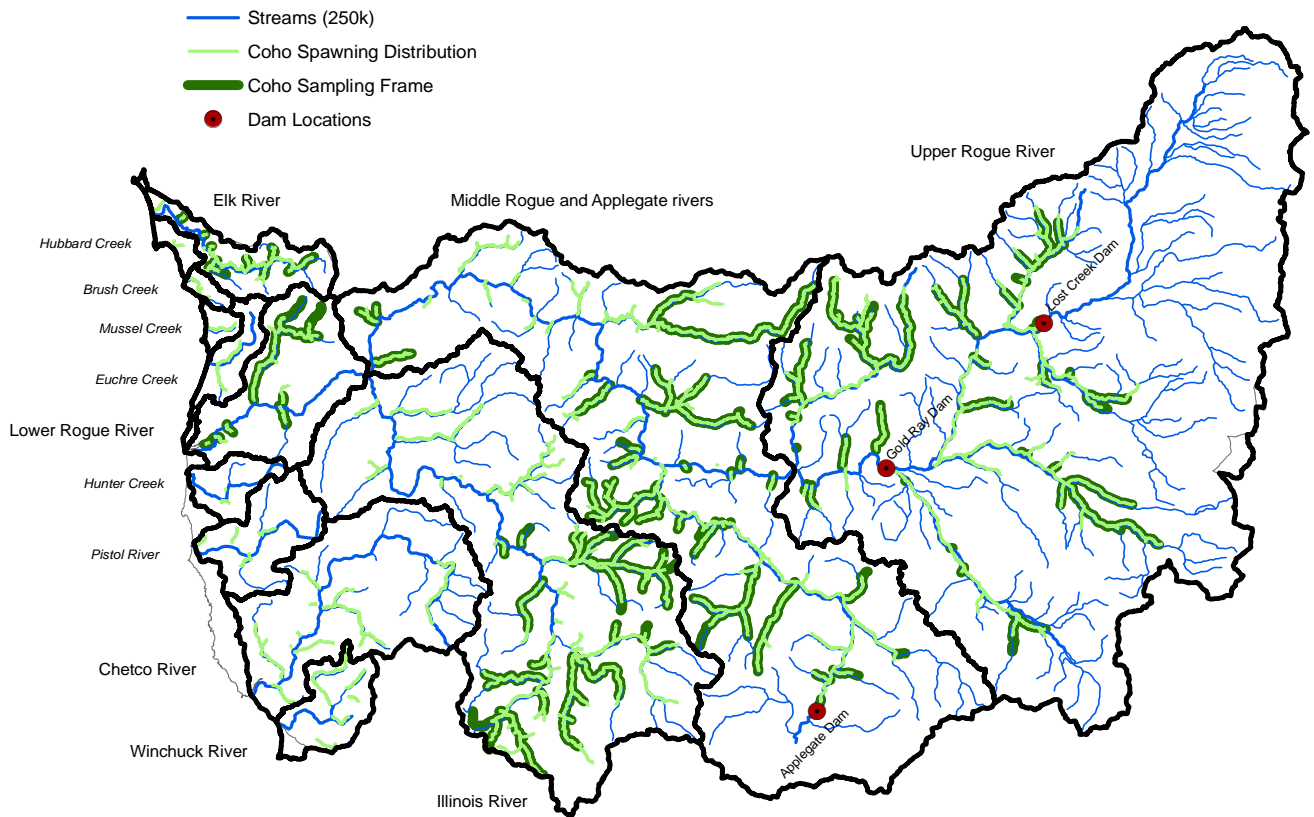


Figure 10. Distribution of coho salmon spawning habitat and the portion included in the current GRTS sampling frame for Oregon populations in the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho ESU.

The final escapement monitoring method for the SONCC Coho ESU is a mark-recapture estimate of coho salmon entering the Rogue River. Returning adult coho salmon are sampled by seining at Huntley Park (river mile 8). The seining represents the re-capture, and provides the total coho salmon sampled (C) and number of Ad Clip coho salmon re-captured (R) for the mark-recapture equation. Adult coho salmon returning to Cole Rivers Hatchery are enumerated and also sampled for Ad Clip fish. The number of Ad Clip coho salmon collected at Cole Rivers Hatchery is expanded by a constant (1.1) to account for catch and straying of coho salmon between Huntley Park (river mile 8) and the hatchery (river mile 157). Fin-mark rates and the proportion of hatchery coho salmon at Cole Rivers Hatchery that were fin-marked are used to estimate the hatchery and wild components of the coho salmon run (Jacobs et.al. 2002). These estimates of the number of coho salmon returning to the Rogue River above Huntley Park are then converted to estimates of the number of coho salmon spawning naturally in the Rogue. The number of hatchery and wild coho salmon retained at Cole Rivers Hatchery, and the number harvested in Rogue Basin fisheries (excluding catch in the bay) are subtracted from the Huntley

Park estimate to produce an estimate of the abundance of coho salmon on natural spawning grounds in the Rogue Basin (Table 11). Cole Rivers Hatchery data is obtained from the ODFW Hatchery Management Information System. Estimates of freshwater harvest are based on return of angler harvest cards. These are generally not available until a year after the calendar year.

Abundance

Long-term monitoring of coho salmon spawner abundance in Oregon populations of the SONCC Coho ESU is based on the Huntley Park estimates of coho salmon in the Rogue Basin (Figure 12 and Table 11). Adult wild coho salmon abundance in the SONCC Coho ESU generally increased from 1994 to a peak in 2004 and then declined to a very low escapement in 2008 (Figure 12). This is similar to the pattern for the OC Coho ESU, which generally increased from 1994 to a peak in 2002 and then declined to the 2007 run year (Figure 6). Wild adult coho salmon spawner abundance in the SONCC Coho ESU has increased steadily since the very low abundance in 2008. However, the large increase in wild adult coho salmon spawners since 2007 in the OC Coho ESU has not been seen in the SONCC Coho ESU. The SONCC Coho ESU did however show an increase in 2013 abundance over the 2012 estimate.

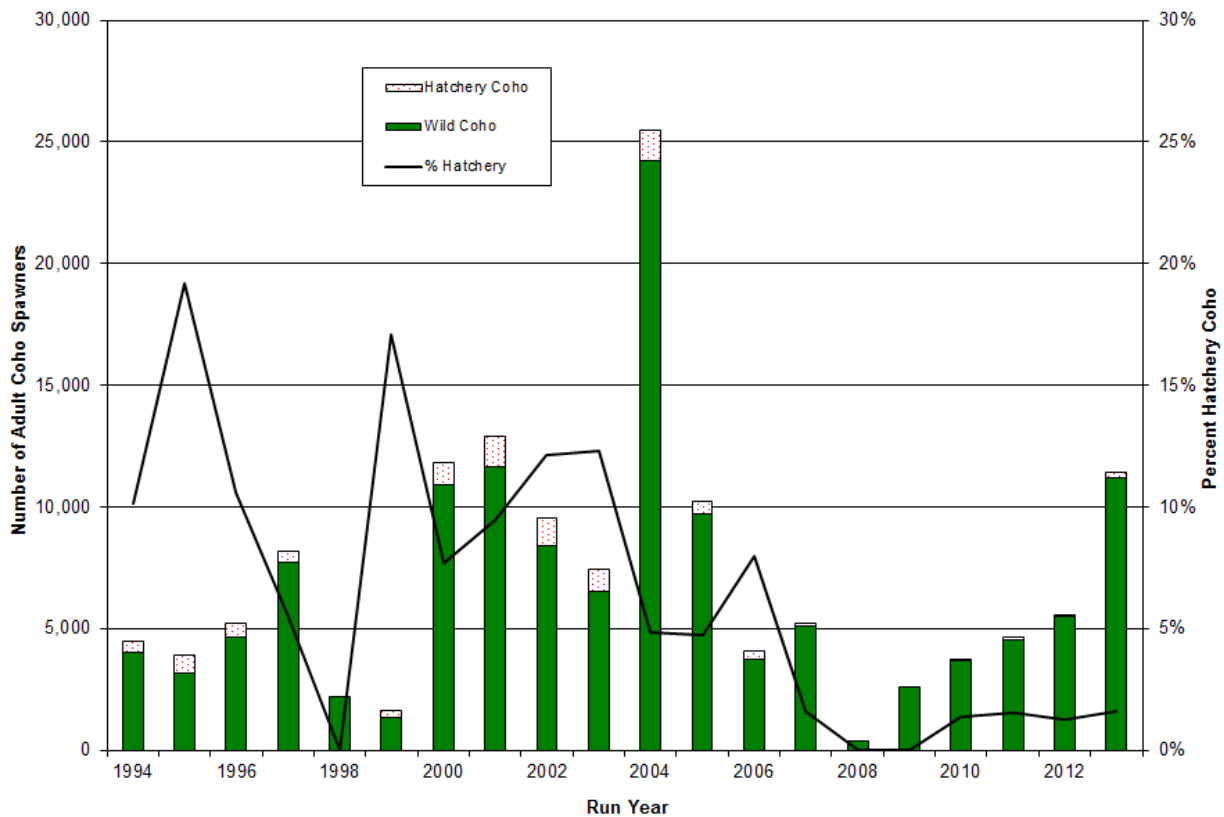


Figure 11. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho ESU estimated abundance of adult coho salmon spawning naturally by rearing origin for the 1994 through 2013 run years. Abundance based on Huntley seining mark-recapture method.

Distribution and Timing

Huntley Park seining in the Rogue Basin provides long-term abundance data, but not spatial and temporal distribution information for coho salmon spawners. The GRTS spawning survey project can provide this information. However, no GRTS spawning grounds surveys for coho salmon were conducted in the SONCC Coho ESU in 2013. Results for previous years GRTS coho salmon spawning ground surveys in the SONCC Coho ESU are reported in Lewis et.al. (2009).

Proportion Hatchery Fish

Hatchery fish accounted for 1.6% of the naturally spawning coho salmon in the Rogue Basin in 2013 (Table 11). This is well below the long-term average of 7.0% pHOS for the Rogue River naturally spawning coho salmon population. Hatchery coho salmon spawning naturally is calculated by starting with the estimated number of hatchery coho salmon passing Huntley Park (river mile 8), and then subtracting hatchery coho salmon collected upriver of Huntley Park (harvest based on angler harvest card data, and returns to Cole Rivers Hatchery). Since no GRTS spawning ground surveys were conducted in 2013 there is no direct measurement of naturally spawning hatchery coho salmon to compare to this estimate. In years with both estimates of pHOS in the Rogue naturally spawning coho salmon population, the two methods produced comparable results (Lewis et.al. 2009).

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APPENDIX A (LCR COHO ESU)

Table A-1. Results of randomly selected spawning ground surveys for coho salmon in the Oregon portion of the LCR Coho ESU, run year 2013. Estimates derived using GRTS protocol. Estimates of wild spawners derived through application of fin-mark observations. Missing values for populations indicate inadequate samples for determining total and/or wild abundance.

ESU, Stratum, and TRT Population	Survey effort		Adult coho salmon spawner abundance			
	number of		Total		Wild	
	Surveys	Miles	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Lower Columbia River ESU	87	83.1	4,658	768	4,100	709
Coast Stratum	39	35.3	1,591	468	1,333	445
Youngs Bay	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Big Creek	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Clatskanie River	23	21.4	702	189	443	119
Scappoose River	16	13.9	889	428	889	428
Cascade Stratum	44	44.6	1,468	484	1,329	441
Clackamas River	16	17.2	872	389	822	367
Sandy River	28	27.4	596	288	507	245
Gorge Stratum	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Lower Gorge	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Hood River	3	2.8	1,599	369	1,438	332

Table A-2. Number of unmarked adult coho salmon passed upstream of counting stations into areas without GRTS spawning surveys. Oregon portion of the LCR Coho ESU, run year 2013.

ESU, Stratum, and TRT Population	Counting station	Spawning year			
		2013	2002 to 2011		
			Avg.	Min.	Max.
Lower Columbia River ESU					
Coast Stratum					
Youngs Bay	Klaskanine Hatchery	10	23	2	68
Big Creek	Big Creek Hatchery	222	219	46	487
Scappoose River	Bonnie Falls Trap	89	47	2	136
Cascade Stratum					
Clackamas River	N Fk Clackamas Dam	2380	2,070	835	5,461
Sandy River	Sandy Hatchery ^a	160	155	57	234
	Marmot Dam	n.a.	809	310	1,173
Gorge Stratum					
Hood River	Powerdale Dam	n.a.	52	27	126

a = Sandy Hatchery count through 2009 is number released above Marmot Dam, which was removed in 2006. Beginning in 2010, Sandy Hatchery releases the fish above the hatchery weir on Cedar Creek.

n.a. = Not Applicable. Marmot dam was removed in 2006 and Powerdale Dam was removed in 2010, so there are no longer any dam counts.

Table A-3. Annual abundance estimates of naturally spawning wild adult coho salmon in the Oregon portion of the LCR Coho ESU, run years 2002 through 2013. n.a. = not available.

Return Year	Youngs Bay	Big Creek	Clatskanie	Scappoose	Clackamas	Sandy	Lower Gorge	Hood River
2002	411	98	104	502	1,981	382	338	147
2003	113	435	563	336	2,507	1,348	n.a.	31
2004	149	112	398	755	2,874	1,213	n.a.	129
2005	79	219	494	348	1,301	856	263	1,260
2006	74	225	421	719	3,464	923	226	370
2007	21	212	583	375	3,608	687	126	173
2008	82	360	995	292	1,694	1,277	223	64
2009	26	792	1,070	778	7,982	1,493	468	69
2010	68	279	1,609	1,960	1,757	901	920	223
2011	161	160	1,506	298	2,254	3,494	216	232
2012	129	409	619	210	1,580	1,165	96	169
2013	n.a.	n.a.	443	979	3,202	667	152	889

APPENDIX B (OC COHO ESU)

Table B-1. Results of randomly selected spawning ground surveys for coho salmon in the OC Coho ESU, run year 2013. Estimates derived using GRTS protocol. Estimates of wild spawners derived through application of fin-mark observations. Missing values for populations indicate inadequate samples for determining total and/or wild abundance.

ESU, Stratum, and TRT Population	Survey effort number of		Adult coho salmon spawner abundance			
			Total		Wild	
	Surveys	Miles	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
Oregon Coast ESU	478	388.1	108,661	16,073	107,946	15,908
North Coast Stratum	127	101.7	11,297	4,448	10,957	4,251
Necanicum River	21	16.0	798	755	798	755
Nehalem River	27	21.1	4,539	2,303	4,539	2,303
Tillamook Bay	27	23.1	4,706	3,682	4,402	3,445
Nestucca River	31	26.7	983	560	946	539
NC Dependents	21	14.7	271	193	271	193
Mid-Coast Stratum	158	120.5	39,724	6,263	39,724	6,263
Salmon River	12	7.3	1,165	498	1,165	498
Siletz River	29	23.1	7,660	2,789	7,660	2,789
Yaquina River	27	18.4	3,553	1,846	3,553	1,846
Beaver Creek	8	5.7	2,015	963	2,015	963
Alsea River	32	25.0	9,283	2,140	9,283	2,140
Siuslaw River	32	25.0	14,118	4,596	14,118	4,596
MC Dependents	18	15.9	1,929	1,077	1,929	1,077
Umpqua Stratum	84	66.5	24,435	9,090	24,242	8,964
Lower Umpqua River	30	23.6	7,792	2,653	7,792	2,653
Middle Umpqua River	22	17.5	4,272	1,494	4,272	1,494
North Umpqua River	2	2.2	0	0		
South Umpqua River	30	23.3	12,371	8,565	12,178	8,431
Mid-South Coast Stratum	109	99.4	33,205	10,803	33,024	10,743
Coos River	35	32.3	6,884	3,450	6,884	3,450
Coquille River	34	28.4	23,785	10,210	23,637	10,147
Floras Creek	18	16.2	1,936	728	1,936	728
Sixes River	19	19.4	567	140	567	140
MSC Dependents	3	3.1	33	41		

Table B-2. Comparison of 2013 run year wild adult coho salmon spawners in the Oregon Coastal Lakes populations based on GRTS surveys and calibrated standard surveys.

ESU, Stratum, & TRT Population	Survey goal	Survey effort		Adult coho salmon spawner abundance			
		number of		Total		Wild	
		Surveys	Miles	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
GRTS Surveys							
Lakes Strata	37	44	32.4	9,362	2,889	9,356	2,886
Siltcoos	18	21	12.7	3,056	1,412	3,056	1,412
Tahkenitch	6	5	3.6	2,527	1,738	2,521	1,733
Tenmile	13	18	16.2	3,779	1,826	3,779	1,826
Standard Surveys							
Lakes Strata	14	8	6.6	13,662		13,659	
Siltcoos	5	2	2.5	3,797		3,797	
Tahkenitch	2	2	1.6	3,416		3,413	
Tenmile	7	4	2.5	6,449		6,449	

Table B-3. Estimates of adult coho salmon run size in the North Umpqua River derived through adjustment of Winchester Dam count. Dam count adjusted for adult coho salmon retained by hatchery operations and harvest above Winchester Dam, 2013 compared to the previous 5 years.

Data component	Coho salmon origin	Spawning year			
		2013	2008 to 2012		
			Avg.	Min.	Max.
North Umpqua Coho salmon	Wild	2,774	5,942	3,134	9,397
	Hatchery	622	403	125	643
	% Hat.	18.3%	7.0%	2.5%	16.8%
GRTS Estimate below Winchester Dam ¹	Total	37	21	21	21
	Wild	37	21	21	21
	Hatchery	0	0	0	0
Winchester Dam ²	Total	3,359	6,430	3,591	10,127
	Wild	2,737	5,981	3,113	9,462
	Hatchery	622	449	153	669
Freshwater Catch ³ Above Winchester Dam	Total	0	44	16	119
	Wild	0	0	0	0
	Hatchery	0	44	16	119
Rock Creek Hatchery ⁴	Total	0	46	0	96
	Wild	0	43	0	86
	Hatchery	0	3	0	10

1 = Estimate of adult coho salmon observed in GRTS surveys below Winchester Dam (Sutherlin Creek and tributaries).

2 = Counts of adult coho salmon by mark type (marked = hatchery, unmarked = wild) at Winchester Dam on the North Umpqua River.

3 = Estimated freshwater harvest of coho salmon in the North Umpqua basin above Winchester Dam based on Angler Harvest Cards (see: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/sportcatch.asp>). Selective harvest of mark coho salmon began in 2004.

4 = Number of adult coho salmon collected (at Rock Creek and at Winchester Dam) and retained at Rock Creek Hatchery. These numbers do not include coho salmon collected and released alive back into the wild.

Table B-4. Annual abundance estimates of naturally spawning wild adult coho salmon in the Oregon Coast Coho ESU, run years 1990 through 2013. n.a. = not available. *Numbers in italics are partial estimates of spawners in dependent populations.*

Stratum and Population	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
North Coast											
Necanicum River	126	752	133	512	269	181	416	97	575	351	359
Nehalem River	1,158	6,837	1,392	3,049	2,844	1,700	527	1,187	1,206	3,555	14,462
Tillamook Bay	80	1,577	176	571	1,105	341	733	437	358	1,831	2,178
Nestucca River	160	618	604	340	266	1,537	440	230	202	2,357	1,219
NC Dependents	0	444	24	41	77	108	275	61	0	47	0
Mid-Coast											
Salmon River	19	5	11	13	91	105	82	16	86	14	179
Siletz River	228	410	2,386	207	621	314	395	298	316	1,209	3,387
Yaquina River	318	317	528	458	2,040	4,723	4,578	419	510	2,563	637
Beaver Creek	90	484	618	275	675	308	1,296	497	401	1,511	1,464
Alsea River	775	1,011	6,273	694	828	441	1,060	601	108	1,341	3,363
Siuslaw River	2,269	2,808	3,554	4,600	3,159	6,161	7,234	501	1,020	2,980	6,532
MC Dependents	487	51	1,037	467	317	348	1,364	112	173	150	91
Umpqua											
Lower Umpqua River	1,678	3,123	1,797	7,877	2,762	10,854	7,985	1,257	4,552	2,623	5,781
Middle Umpqua River	1,222	4,546	5,275	2,947	2,162	3,250	5,086	563	1,257	1,748	4,555
North Umpqua River	355	1,301	1,579	906	899	1,293	1,069	577	765	1,194	1,677
South Umpqua River	2,934	2,233	435	3,723	1,081	4,715	7,040	937	3,177	3,011	2,581
Lakes											
Siltcoos	1,578	2,868	385	3,569	1,302	4,415	4,707	2,653	3,122	2,756	3,835
Tahkenitch	1,085	1,215	317	954	1,056	1,577	1,627	1,842	2,817	3,664	634
Tenmile	1,687	3,033	1,271	5,544	3,354	5,092	7,092	4,092	5,169	6,123	8,278
Mid-South Coast											
Coos River	2,243	2,426	16,722	14,932	14,500	10,302	12,128	1,112	2,985	4,818	4,704
Coquille River	2,589	4,782	2,033	7,291	5,119	2,034	15,814	5,720	2,412	2,667	6,253
Floras Creek	0	0	0	0	2,653	1,351	1,519	482	879	670	1,477
Sixes River	58	35	92	253	238	77	194	143	558	56	136
MSC Dependents	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Table B-4. Continued.

Stratum and Population	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
North Coast											
Necanicum River	4,832	2,047	2,377	2,198	1,218	750	431	1,055	3,827	4,445	2,120
Nehalem River	21,928	17,164	32,517	18,736	10,451	11,614	14,033	17,205	21,753	32,215	15,322
Tillamook Bay	1,944	13,334	13,008	2,532	1,995	8,774	2,295	4,828	16,251	14,890	19,250
Nestucca River	4,164	16,698	10,194	4,695	686	1,876	394	1,844	4,252	1,947	7,857
NC Dependents	71	16	0	661	2,116	1,121	376	639	2,052	1,473	1,341
Mid-Coast											
Salmon River	225	543	42	1,642	79	513	59	652	753	1,382	3,636
Siletz River	1,595	2,129	8,038	8,179	14,567	5,205	2,197	20,634	24,070	6,283	33,094
Yaquina River	3,589	23,800	16,484	5,539	3,441	4,247	3,158	10,913	11,182	8,589	19,074
Beaver Creek	1,832	3,217	5,552	4,569	2,264	1,950	611	1,218	3,575	2,072	2,389
Alsea River	3,228	9,073	10,281	5,233	13,907	1,972	2,146	13,320	14,638	9,688	28,337
Siuslaw River	10,606	55,445	29,003	8,729	16,907	5,869	3,552	17,491	30,607	25,983	28,082
MC Dependents	816	5,308	1,852	8,179	242	1,468	547	3,910	1,610	2,548	4,487
Umpqua											
Lower Umpqua River	11,639	18,881	16,494	8,989	18,591	7,994	4,237	9,023	19,245	17,516	18,715
Middle Umpqua River	8,940	10,738	11,090	6,375	7,608	4,852	1,587	4,472	15,075	18,123	19,962
North Umpqua River	2,634	3,368	2,862	3,559	1,969	3,000	1,410	3,438	7,720	9,397	6,020
South Umpqua River	11,871	10,517	4,337	10,997	14,364	2,246	4,549	20,935	15,944	24,983	49,958
Lakes											
Siltcoos	5,104	4,636	6,628	7,998	4,364	5,452	1,447	3,873	5,197	7,678	6,354
Tahkenitch	3,510	3,480	3,188	3,496	1,897	3,611	3,551	2,604	2,977	10,681	6,644
Tenmile	10,990	13,861	6,260	7,148	8,464	15,064	3,957	17,131	9,175	20,385	7,283
Mid-South Coast											
Coos River	33,595	33,120	25,761	23,337	17,048	11,266	1,329	14,881	26,979	27,658	10,999
Coquille River	13,833	7,676	22,403	22,138	11,806	28,577	13,968	8,791	22,286	23,564	55,667
Floras Creek	5,664	3,272	952	7,446	506	1,104	340	786	3,203	11,329	9,217
Sixes River	95	95	86	403	105	294	97	43	176	92	334
MSC Dependents	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0	188	484	101

Table B-4. Concluded.

Stratum and Population	2012	2013
North Coast		
Necanicum River	902	798
Nehalem River	2,963	4,539
Tillamook Bay	1,686	4,402
Nestucca River	1,751	946
NC Dependents	218	271
Mid-Coast		
Salmon River	297	1,165
Siletz River	4,495	7,660
Yaquina River	6,268	3,553
Beaver Creek	1,878	2,015
Alsea River	8,470	9,283
Siuslaw River	11,946	14,118
MC Dependents	492	1,929
Umpqua		
Lower Umpqua River	3,731	7,792
Middle Umpqua River	2,447	4,272
North Umpqua River	3,134	2,774
South Umpqua River	11,636	12,178
Lakes		
Siltcoos	3,945	3,797
Tahkenitch	5,675	3,413
Tenmile	9,302	6,449
Mid-South Coast		
Coos River	9,414	6,884
Coquille River	5,911	23,637
Floras Creek	2,502	1,936
Sixes River	34	567
MSC Dependents	48	33

APPENDIX C (SONCC COHO ESU)

Table C-1. Results of randomly selected spawning ground surveys for coho salmon in the Oregon portion of the SONCC Coho ESU, run year 2013. Estimates derived using GRTS protocol and are adjusted for visual observation bias. Estimates of wild spawners derived through application of carcass fin-mark observations. Missing values for populations indicate inadequate samples for determining total and/or wild abundance.

Monitoring area TRT Population	Survey effort number of		Adult coho salmon spawner abundance			
			Total		Wild	
	Surveys	Miles	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
South Coast						
<i>Note: Not sampled due to budget constraints.</i>						

Table C-2. Estimates of adult coho salmon run size in the Rogue River derived from Huntley Park seining, and returns to Cole Rivers Hatchery, 1990 through 2013.

Year	Huntley Park seine		Cole Rivers Hatchery		Adult coho salmon run size			
	Fin-marks (R)	Total (C)	Adult returns	Adult fin- marks (M)	Total		Wild	
					Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI
1990	3	56	452	103	1,625	1,536	1,243	1,343
1991	11	106	2,209	277	2,729	1,455	471	604
1992	4	86	1,338	168	3,236	2,754	2,037	2,185
1993	2	34	756	104	1,342	1,452	768	1,099
1994	92	174	6,590	5,564	11,518	1,602	4,305	980
1995	139	211	8,714	7,757	12,923	1,248	3,359	636
1996	205	375	7,921	6,940	13,936	1,280	5,241	785
1997	245	501	8,001	7,571	16,997	1,517	8,213	1,054
1998	79	165	2,921	2,387	5,451	860	2,257	553
1999	108	163	4,381	3,742	6,194	673	1,389	319
2000	194	505	9,224	7,389	21,094	2,321	10,978	1,675
2001	423	1,041	12,759	9,837	26,596	1,950	12,579	1,341
2002	345	752	11,599	8,831	21,143	1,638	8,403	1,033
2003	170	450	6,656	4,842	14,050	1,659	6,754	1,150
2004	260	1,264	8,289	6,297	33,578	3,629	24,486	3,099
2005	146	519	4,876	3,930	15,296	2,094	9,957	1,690
2006	174	457	3,188	2,581	7,433	866	3,937	630
2007	86	343	2,085	1,727	7,517	1,365	5,242	1,140
2008	19	107	148	95	572	226	414	192
2009	12	80	503	449	3,084	1,536	2,566	1,401
2010	13	143	730	337	3,826	1,904	3,073	1,706
2011	24	147	1,086	778	5,073	1,813	3,917	1,593
2012	36	201	1,322	1,142	6,863	1,999	5,440	1,779
2013	17	154	1,911	1,394	13,209	5,737	11,210	5,285

APPENDIX D

Table D-1. Site status of 2013 GRTS samples in the Lower Columbia River Coho ESU by TRT population. Target sites fell within coho salmon spawning habitat; response sites were successfully surveyed and non-response sites were not surveyed because of issues such as lack of landowner permission, site inaccessibility, or gaps in survey effort usually from stream turbidity. Non-target sites are outside of coho salmon spawning habitat. Average is for 2007 to 2012.

Stratum	Population	Target response				Target non-response				Non-target			
		2013	Avg.	Min	Max	2013	Avg.	Min	Max	2013	Avg.	Min	Max
Coast	Youngs Bay	--	17	13	22	--	4	0	8	--	5	3	7
	Big Creek	--	7	5	10	--	5	1	9	--	2	0	2
	Clatskanie	23	17	13	28	4	8	2	13	2	1	0	2
	Scappoose	16	19	15	24	10	11	7	14	0	2	1	3
	Total	39	59	51	75	14	28	23	35	2	9	6	11
Cascade	Clackamas	16	19	17	27	23	19	11	23	0	0	0	2
	Sandy	28	26	23	28	9	12	6	18	4	3	1	5
	Total	44	45	40	50	32	30	23	41	4	3	1	5
Gorge	Lower Gorge	0	3	2	4	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	0
	Hood	3	4	2	6	2	1	0	5	1	0	0	2
	Total	3	7	4	8	4	4	0	8	1	0	0	2
ESU Total		86	110	99	99	50	62	49	78	7	12	9	15

Table D-2. Site status of 2013 GRTS samples in the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho ESU by TRT population. Target and Response categories as defined in Table D-1. Average is for 2006 to 2008.

Stratum	Population	Target response				Target non-response				Non-target			
		2013	Avg.	Min	Max	2013	Avg.	Min	Max	2013	Avg.	Min	Max
Coastal Sub-basins	Elk River	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	L. Rogue R.	0	2	0	4	0	6	4	9	0	1	1	1
	Chetco River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Winchuck R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SC Depend.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	3	0	5	0	6	4	9	0	1	1	1
Interior Sub-basins	Illinois River	0	3	3	4	0	13	9	16	0	3	1	4
	M. Rogue & Applegate R.	0	12	8	16	0	18	7	27	0	0	0	1
	U. Rogue R.	0	9	5	14	0	14	3	20	0	0	0	1
	Total	0	24	22	25	0	45	19	60	0	3	2	5
ESU Total		0	27	24	30	0	51	28	64	0	4	3	6

Table D-3. Site status of 2013 GRTS samples in the Oregon Coast Coho ESU by TRT population. Target sites fell within coho salmon spawning habitat; response sites were successfully surveyed and non-response sites were not surveyed because of issues such as lack of landowner permission, site inaccessibility, or gaps in survey effort usually from stream turbidity. Non-target sites are outside of coho salmon spawning habitat. Average is for 2008 to 2012.

Stratum	Population	Target response				Target non-response				Non-target			
		2013	Avg.	Min	Max	2013	Avg.	Min	Max	2013	Avg.	Min	Max
North Coast	Necanicum	21	17	15	21	5	8	5	11	5	5	3	8
	Nehalem	27	22	6	34	10	15	3	29	6	5	3	7
	Tillamook	27	21	9	31	9	17	9	26	20	11	6	16
	Nestucca	31	17	11	30	9	20	8	30	12	9	6	12
	NC Depend.	21	17	15	21	2	5	2	8	14	14	9	17
	Total	127	94	58	131	35	65	34	92	57	43	32	51
Mid-Coast	Salmon	12	10	6	16	17	12	8	22	6	5	2	7
	Siletz	29	21	13	25	11	14	3	20	7	10	7	12
	Yaquina	27	22	15	28	13	15	6	21	12	11	7	13
	Beaver	8	5	2	8	2	5	2	8	2	6	4	8
	Alsea	32	27	22	30	10	10	6	13	10	10	7	14
	Siuslaw	32	24	9	36	9	15	7	26	6	3	0	6
	MC Depend.	18	17	14	20	21	15	12	19	16	20	16	25
	Total	158	127	83	144	83	87	66	110	59	65	51	77
Lakes	Siltcoos	20	14	8	20	9	12	8	21	11	12	10	16
	Tahkenitch	5	5	2	7	0	2	1	6	8	4	1	6
	Tenmile	18	12	6	16	14	12	5	20	7	5	2	7
	Total	43	31	22	40	23	26	20	40	26	22	18	27
Umpqua	L. Umpqua	30	24	12	28	22	16	12	23	2	2	1	2
	M. Umpqua	22	22	14	28	29	17	8	25	6	4	2	5
	N. Umpqua	6	20	1	36	2	13	5	27	0	2	0	4
	S. Umpqua	30	23	11	29	17	16	8	25	13	10	7	12
	Total	88	89	59	116	70	62	33	83	21	17	12	21
Mid-South Coast	Coos	35	24	7	32	12	15	6	28	7	5	2	6
	Coquille	34	22	11	30	19	25	17	35	3	3	0	6
	Floras	18	8	6	10	6	16	12	19	5	4	3	6
	Sixes	19	7	1	14	6	11	6	18	2	1	0	2
	MS Depend.	3	3	1	5	18	14	11	18	9	6	5	8
	Total	108	65	39	79	61	81	55	103	26	19	16	23
ESU Total		525	405	267	498	272	322	247	418	189	165	133	196

Table D-4. Adult coho salmon counts, density (AUC/mile), and marked proportion information for valid GRTS surveys by population in the Lower Columbia River and Oregon Coast Coho ESUs during the 2013 spawning year.

ESU	Stratum	Population	Total valid surveys	Total live adults	Live adults w/ known mark	Total carcasses	Marked carcasses	2013 Density	2008-12 Avg. Density	2013 % Marked	2008-12 Avg. % Marked
Lower Columbia River	Coastal	Youngs Bay							4.8		62.4%
		Big Creek							16.4		65.4%
		Clatskanie River	23	310	203	19	7	12.6	21.0	36.8%	7.4%
		Scappoose Creek	16	218	124	19	0	13.1	9.9	0.0%	0.0%
	Cascade	Clackamas River	16	118	85	19	1	5.5	13.6	5.7%	55.3%
		Sandy River	28	181	82	20	3	5.9	18.9	15.0%	7.7%
	Gorge	Lower Gorge	1	18	15	1	0	32.6	108.4	6.3%	38.4%
Hood River		3	1,421	258	0	0	427.4	147.6	10.1%	60.5%	
Oregon Coast	North Coast	Necanicum River	21	300	73	21	0	18.0	49.9	0.0%	2.7%
		Nehalem River	27	156	133	21	0	7.3	34.2	0.0%	2.1%
		Tillamook Bay	27	741	181	31	2	28.5	45.8	6.5%	1.1%
		Nestucca River	31	203	102	27	1	7.4	26.4	3.7%	0.9%
		NC Dependents	21	137	46	12	0	7.8	32.3	0.0%	0.5%
	Mid-Coast	Salmon River	12	166	79	7	0	21.0	43.6	0.0%	15.9%
		Siletz River	29	1,043	690	70	0	44.1	97.9	0.0%	0.9%
		Yaquina River	27	712	640	127	0	36.1	86.9	0.0%	0.9%
		Beaver Creek	8	585	538	107	0	92.2	164.1	0.0%	0.0%
		Alsea River	32	1,048	975	148	0	35.9	53.9	0.0%	0.4%
		Siuslaw River	32	568	365	121	0	21.2	35.4	0.0%	1.5%
		MC Dependents	18	220	184	16	0	12.4	18.9	0.0%	0.9%
	Lakes	Siltcoos Lake	20	1,256	1,246	115	0	83.3	209.0	0.0%	0.1%
		Tahkenitch Lake	5	1,710	1,710	378	1	380.6	295.2	0.3%	0.0%
		Tenmile Lake	18	2,107	2,090	266	0	112.4	215.2	0.0%	0.2%
	Mid-South Coast	Coos Bay	35	1,050	756	45	0	28.2	77.2	0.0%	0.3%
		Coquille River	34	1,963	1,788	323	2	58.5	64.0	0.6%	0.4%
		Floras Creek	18	905	825	126	0	55.1	163.3	0.0%	0.4%
		Sixes River	19	406	340	60	0	18.5	4.8	0.0%	6.4%
		MS Dependents	3	6	3	0	0	1.7	7.9	0.0%	2.2%
	Umpqua	Lower Umpqua	30	537	429	39	0	20.9	37.3	0.0%	1.5%
		Middle Umpqua	22	272	257	54	0	13.2	34.5	0.0%	0.1%
		North Umpqua	6	8	6	0	0	1.8	19.5	0.0%	2.8%
		South Umpqua	30	453	289	64	1	16.8	42.7	1.6%	3.7%

n.a. = not available due to no known mark status adults observed

