

Stock assessment of sockeye salmon from the Buskin River, Kodiak, Alaska, 2002

Abstract: Salmon weirs were operated on the Buskin River drainage on Kodiak Island, Alaska, from May 22 – August 8, 2002 to enumerate sockeye salmon *Oncorhynchus nerka*. A total of 17,174 sockeye salmon, the second largest recorded escapement, was counted into Buskin Lake. A total of 3,242 sockeye salmon was also counted into Lake Louise tributary. The midpoint of Buskin Lake run occurred on June 14; the midpoint of the Lake Louise tributary run occurred on July 23. Most sockeye salmon in the Buskin Lake escapement were aged 1.3 or 2.3; salmon in the Lake Louise tributary run were aged 1.2 or 1.3. The preliminary 2002 subsistence harvest was 10,804 sockeye salmon, most of which were aged 1.3 or 2.3.

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