

Cooperative Salmon Drift Gillnet Test Fishing in the Lower Yukon River, 2004

The Lower Yukon River drift gillnet test fish program is designed to assess the run timing and relative abundance of fall chum *Oncorhynchus keta* and coho *O. kisutch* salmon. This project was operated to obtain information inseason for fisheries managers to use in assessing relative abundance and run timing of salmon returning to the Yukon River drainage. Fall trends from drift gillnet test fishing in the Lower Yukon River were similar to trends observed in the sonar passage estimates obtained at Pilot Station. Age, sex, and length measurements were taken; run timing was recorded and catch per unit effort was calculated for each species.

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