



Communicating Results with Sport Salmon Head Recovery Letters



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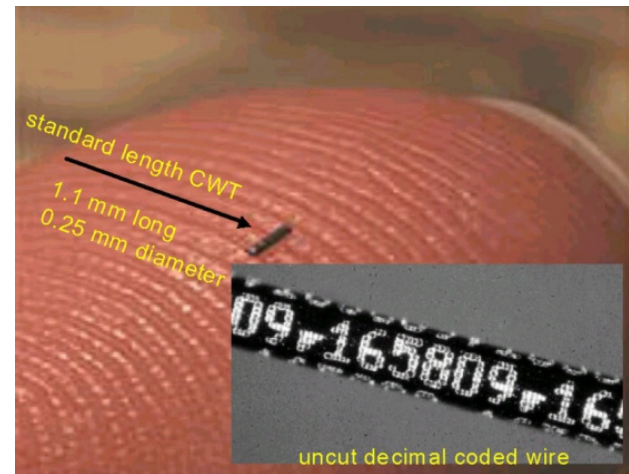
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Terminology

- CWT = coded wire tag
- PST = Pacific Salmon Treaty
- Ad-clip = adipose clip
- MRP = Mark Recovery Program
- DFO or CDFO = Fisheries and Oceans Canada





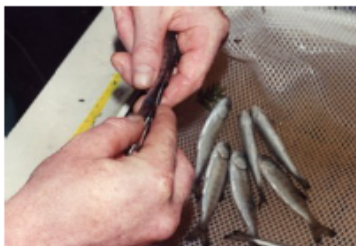
Adipose Fin Clip



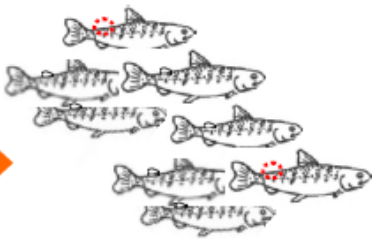
Hatcheries implant tiny 1mm segments of coded wire into the snouts of some juvenile Chinook and Coho. Each code indicates where and when the fish was released.



The adipose fin is clipped to distinguish these hatchery fish from wild fish.



The fish are released and begin their migration to the ocean.

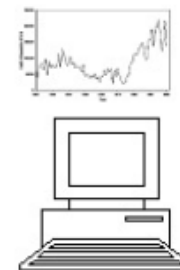




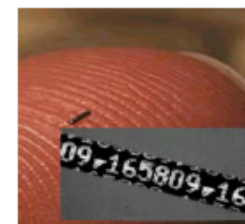
**SCIENCE BASED RESULTS ARE USED TO
MANAGE FISHERIES, ASSESS THE HEALTH OF
STOCKS, EVALUATE HATCHERY METHODS
AND PLAN FOR ANOTHER SEASON.**

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CWT data and catch estimates are entered into a database and analyzed to determine the abundance, distribution and survival of stocks.



The tags are removed and read under magnification.



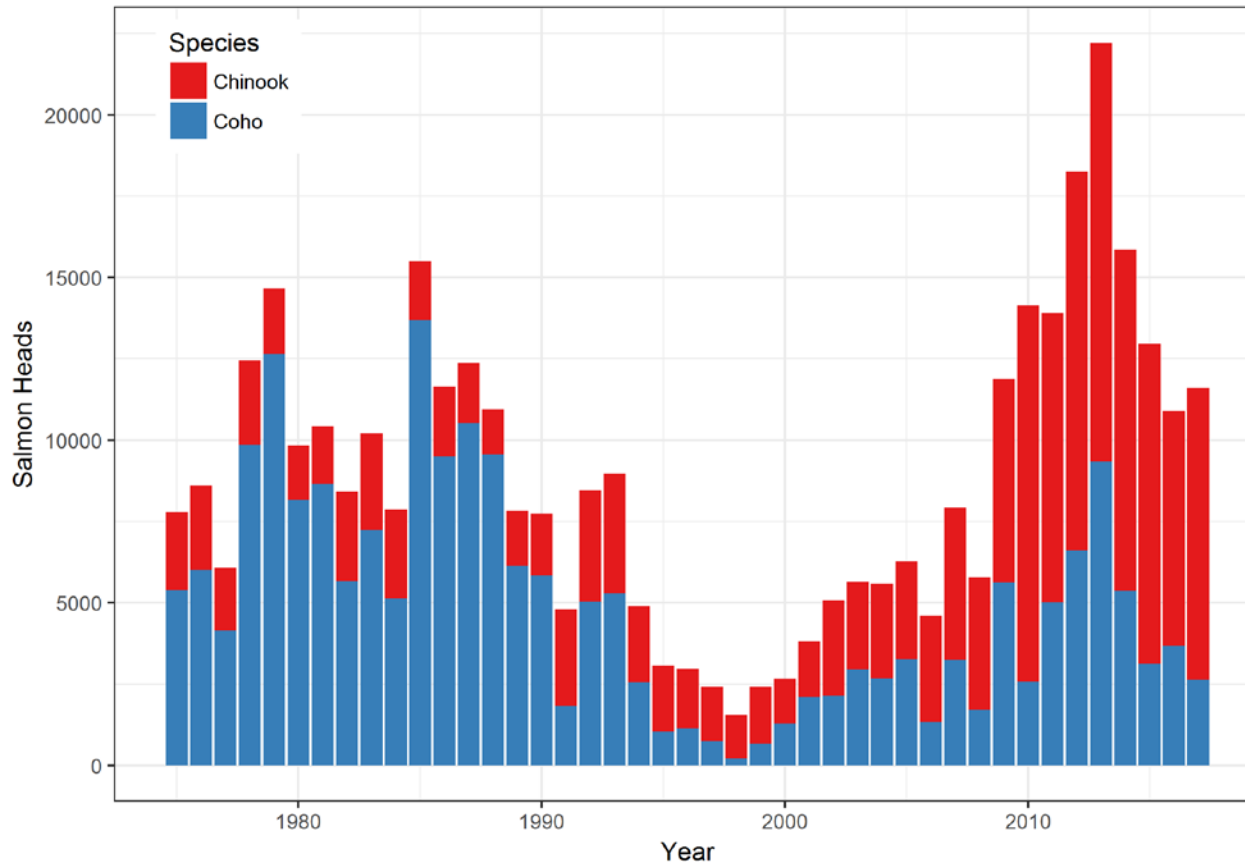
Heads or snouts are submitted for dissection to recover CWTs.



When returning adults are caught they are sampled in ocean and river fisheries and on the spawning grounds.



Sport Head Recoveries



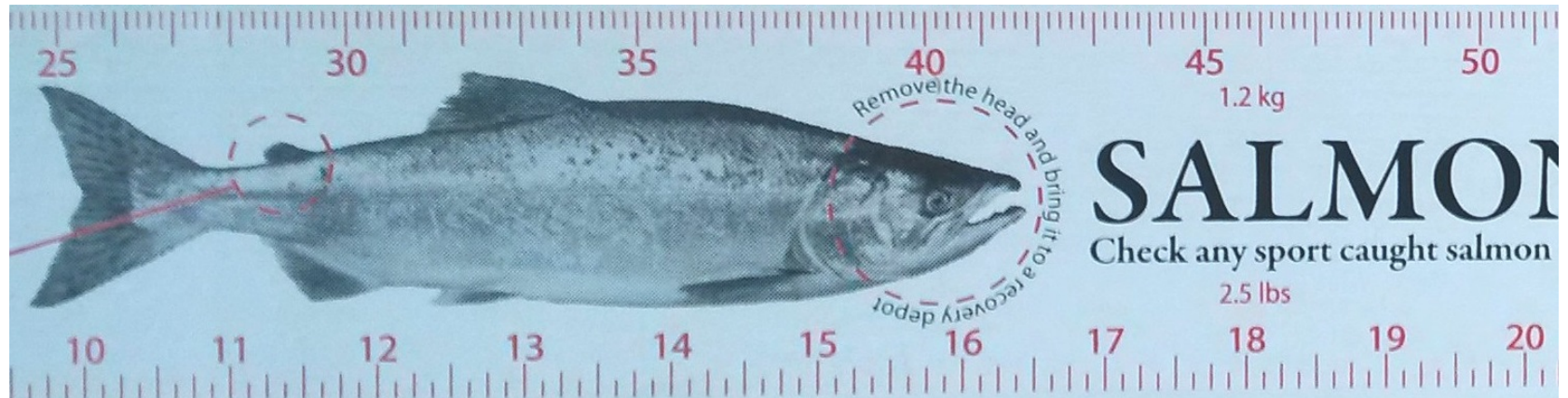


Prizes





Lesson Learned



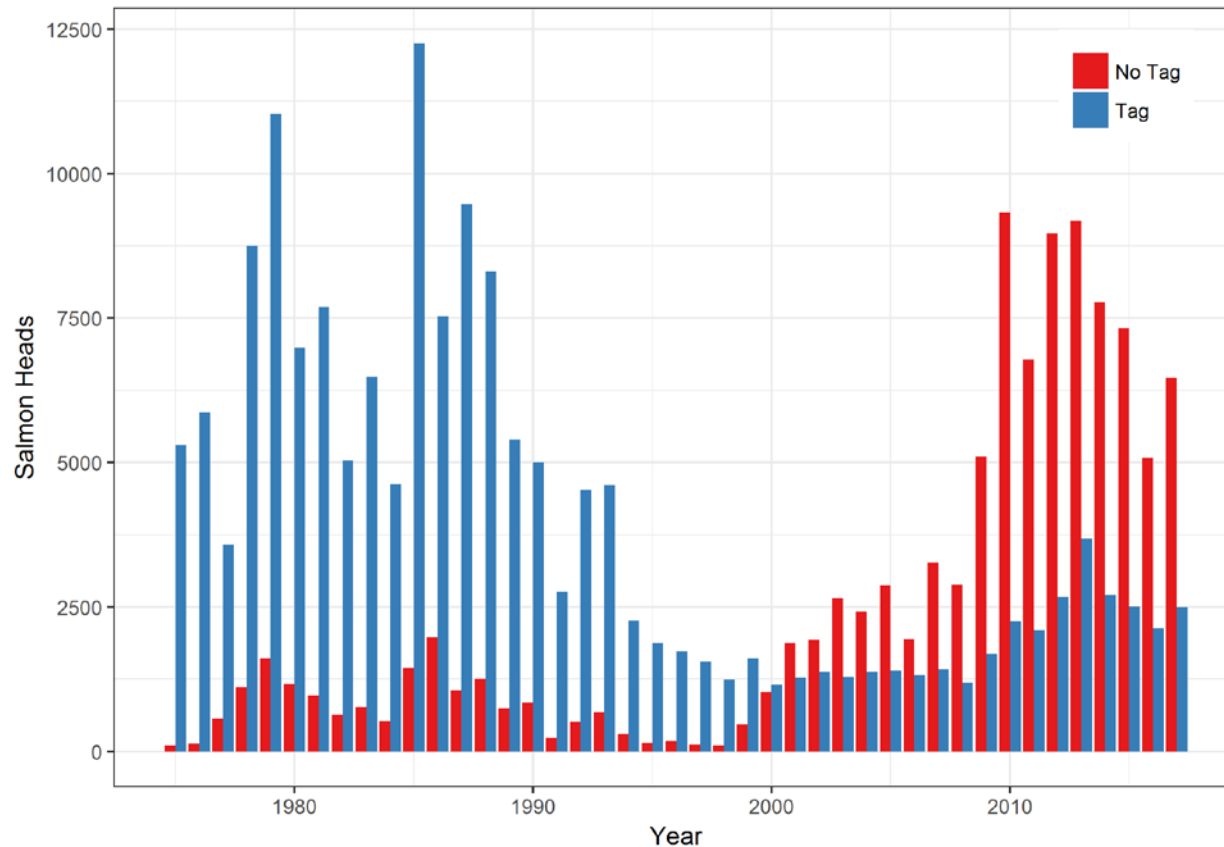


Mass Marking

- Allows fisheries to occur while protecting wild stock and adult management
- Frustration in sport fishers contributing salmon heads for CWTs
- In 1975, ~98% of submitted Chinook and Coho were tagged
- In 2017, ~28% Chinook and ~16% Coho submitted were tagged



CWTs in Sport Salmon Heads





2017 Letters

Dear DOE JOE

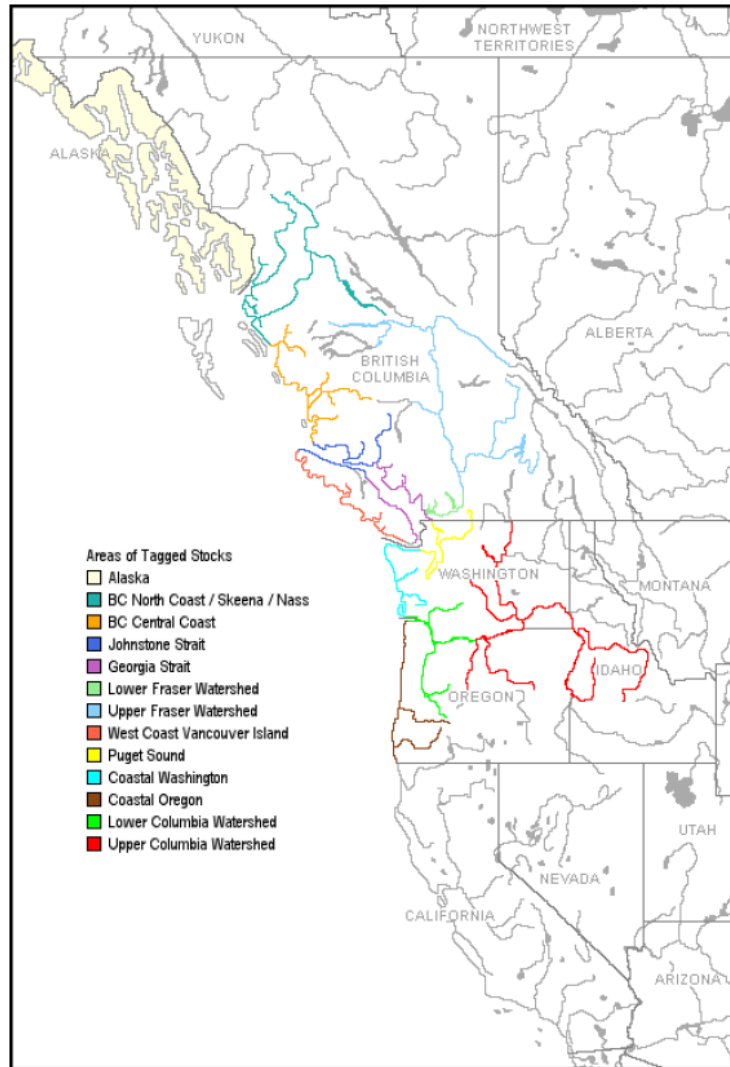
Thank you for participating in the Salmon Head Recovery Program by turning in the head(s) from your adipose fin-clipped Coho and/or Chinook. The recovery of coded wire tags (CWTs) is essential to fulfill Canada's needs for the assessment and enhancement of salmon stocks, as well as our Canada/U.S. Pacific Salmon Treaty obligations.

Please take a moment to review the following information resulting from your submitted salmon head(s) and in particular where and when you caught your fish:

Your Catch Information

Tag Information

<u>Head #</u>	<u>Catch Location (Area)</u>	<u>Month / Year</u>	<u>Tag Code</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Brood Year</u>	<u>Hatchery / Location of Origin</u>
2	Ball Point (16)	Aug / 2015	NO TAG	Chinook		





Angler Feedback in 2015

“Anglers want to know where and when their fish was tagged. No data is a huge disincentive to participation... Bottom line - I didn't fill out any labels or turn in any marked heads last summer. In fact, none of my immediate ocean fishing acquaintances did either.”



2016 Results From Recreational Fisheries

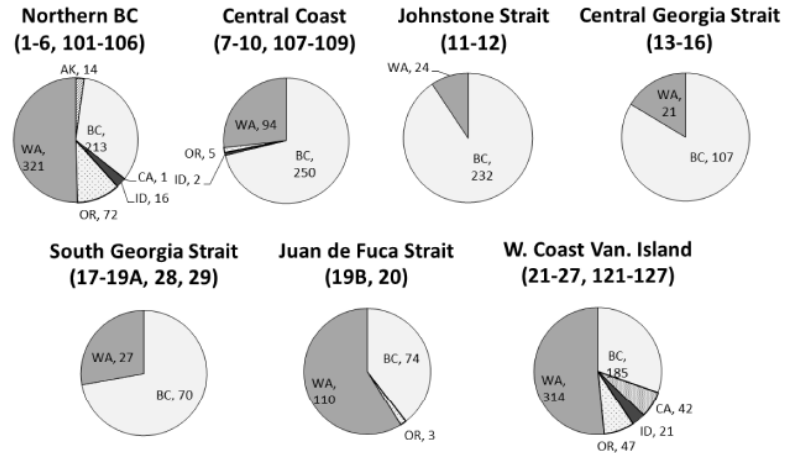
The table below shows the top 10 hatcheries which contributed the most coded wire tags (CWTs) to the program in 2016 broken out into different catch areas (columns). It also includes the number of tags that came from all other hatcheries as well as tags that came from wild stocks. Each number is the combined count of Chinook and Coho tags that were recovered.

Origin (Hatchery/Wild)	North Coast (1-6, 101-106)	Central Coast (7-10, 107-109)	Johnstone Strait (11-12)	Central Georgia Strait (13-16)	South Georgia Strait (17-19A, 28, 29)	Juan de Fuca (19B, 20)	W. Coast Van. Island (21-27, 121-127)	Alberni Inlet (23)	Freshwater (All Areas)	Total
	1 Robertson Creek (BC)	55	33	2			19	120	31	1
2 Snootli Creek (BC)	50	53							12	115
3 Quinsam River (BC)	14	58	37	1			1			111
4 Cowichan River (BC)		5	42	36	10	7	7			107
5 Chilliwack River (BC)		1	23	13	26	4	16		19	102
6 Big Qualicum River (BC)	1	11	42	29	5	5	6		1	100
7 Similkameen River (WA)	71	6				1	19			97
8 Lyons Ferry (WA)	14	11	2				49			76
9 Shuswap River (BC)	18	10	17				4	27		78
10 Inch Creek (BC)		2	14	8	3	10	3		31	71
All Other Canadian Hatcheries	73	75	55	20	26	25	30	1	22	327
All Other US Hatcheries	329	84	22	21	27	112	349	1		945
Canadian Wild Stocks	2	2								4
US Wild Stocks	10						7			17
Total	637	351	256	128	97	187	609	33	113	2411

This table shows the number of recovered CWTs from Chinook caught in 2016, by age and catch area. A 4 year old fish caught in 2016 started life from an egg laid down during spawning in 2012, otherwise known as the brood year.

Catch Area (Fishery)	Age					Total
	2yr	3yr	4yr	5yr	6yr	
Northern BC		56	280	222	18	576
Central BC	1	60	189	44	5	299
Johnstone Strait	2	88	117	7	1	215
Central Georgia Strait	5	47	52	1		105
South Georgia Strait	7	57	25			89
Juan de Fuca	21	56	69	5		151
W. Coast Van. Island	26	185	232	55	5	503
Alberni Inlet	1	7	21	1		30
Freshwater	6	11	36	19	3	75
Totals	69	567	1021	354	32	2043

The following pie charts show the proportions of CWTs by province or state that came from Chinook & Coho caught in 2016. Each pie chart represents a catch area or fishery and each number represents the count of tags recovered. (AK = Alaska, BC = British Columbia, CA = California, ID = Idaho, OR = Oregon, WA = Washington)



This table shows the number of submitted heads from sport-caught Chinook and Coho in 2016 by area and month.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total	
COHO	Northern BC			1		1	58	136	112	6			314	
	Central BC						14	165	190	17			386	
	Johnstone Strait			1	1		21	174	183	104	3		487	
	Central Georgia Strait	1					60	277	127	37	5		507	
	South Georgia Strait					8	37	68	30	25	7		175	
	Juan de Fuca				1		8	21	143	316	46		535	
	W. Coast Van. Island						44	382	276	92	3		797	
	Alberni Canal			1			1	1	10	6			19	
	Freshwater				1			4	3	40	215	68		331
	Coho Total	1	1	3	2	9	243	1,228	1,074	643	279	68	0	3,551
CHINOOK	Northern BC	2	1	5	2	63	681	376	498	25	2		1,655	
	Central BC				2	8	179	209	163	10			571	
	Johnstone Strait			1	1	4	37	124	115	145	42	1	470	
	Central Georgia Strait	4	7	5	20	48	76	72	58	29	6		329	
	South Georgia Strait	7	11	13	35	92	69	29	35	33	1	7	346	
	Juan de Fuca	62	49	40	59	80	113	137	203	68	17	12	861	
	W. Coast Van. Island	6	8	13	46	56	528	1243	686	106	1		2,693	
	Alberni Canal				1			2	30	3			36	
	Freshwater						9	16	16	27	21	3		92
	Chinook Total	81	77	77	169	384	1,779	2,199	1,834	343	49	22	39	7,053
Grand Total	82	78	80	171	393	2,022	3,427	2,908	986	328	90	39	10,604	



2016 BC Chinook coded wire tag recoveries grouped by catch area and month.

Catch Area	Areas of Tagged Stocks	2016 BC Chinook coded wire tag recoveries grouped by catch area and month.													
		Alaska	Skeena Watershed	BC Central Coast	Johnstone Strait	Georgia Strait	West Coast Vancouver Island	Lower Fraser Watershed	Tompson River	Puget Sound	Coastal Washington	Lower Columbia Watershed	Upper Columbia Watershed	Coastal Oregon	California
North Coast (1-8, 101-106)	Jan-Apr	-	-	-	-	25%	-	-	20%	25%	-	-	-	25%	-
	May	-	-	11%	11%	-	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	61%	-
	June	2%	4%	10%	5%	1%	7%	-	2%	3%	8%	7%	43%	8%	-
	July	1%	8%	11%	12%	2%	12%	-	6%	1%	8%	9%	25%	5%	-
	August	-	1%	5%	11%	3%	23%	-	1%	1%	6%	13%	22%	12%	-
Central Coast (7-10, 107-109)	September	-	-	-	-	14%	-	-	-	14%	-	43%	29%	-	-
	Oct-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	44%	26%	2%	6%	-	12%	-	2%	8%	-	-	-
Johnstone Strait (11-12)	July	-	-	37%	23%	9%	9%	-	14%	-	-	-	16%	2%	-
	August	-	-	2%	48%	17%	17%	-	2%	2%	-	-	13%	-	-
	September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia Strait North (13-16)	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	12%	18%	12%	-	12%	35%	-	6%	6%	-	-	-
	July	-	-	35%	6%	3%	3%	16%	16%	-	6%	13%	-	-	-
	August	-	-	59%	8%	8%	-	3%	5%	-	3%	14%	-	-	-
	September	-	-	33%	-	33%	-	-	-	-	-	33%	-	-	-
Georgia Strait South (17-19A, 28, 29)	Jan-Apr	-	-	-	-	6%	-	13%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	77%	-	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	54%	-	22%	1%	19%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	-
	July	-	-	1%	62%	-	12%	18%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	August	-	-	28%	4%	-	12%	4%	4%	-	2%	-	-	-	-
Juan de Fuca (19B-20)	September	-	-	44%	39%	-	11%	-	3%	-	3%	-	-	-	-
	Oct-Dec	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jan-Apr	-	-	-	-	25%	-	56%	13%	-	-	6%	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	35%	-	30%	30%	-	5%	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	-	-	36%	-	14%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West Vancouver Island (25-27, 125-127)	July	-	-	-	-	5%	-	26%	42%	-	16%	11%	-	-	-
	August	-	-	-	-	10%	5%	15%	60%	6%	5%	-	-	-	-
	September	-	-	11%	24%	5%	3%	43%	6%	5%	3%	-	-	-	-
	October	-	-	21%	46%	4%	-	18%	4%	4%	-	-	-	-	-
	November	-	-	17%	-	33%	-	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South West Vancouver Island (21-24, 121-124)	Jan-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60%	-	40%	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	-	-	2%	2%	-	4%	12%	2%	10%	56%	6%	8%
	July	-	-	-	-	2%	11%	2%	10%	2%	10%	35%	8%	7%	-
	August	-	-	-	-	5%	27%	4%	19%	3%	8%	21%	5%	6%	-
Alberni Inlet (23)	September	-	-	-	-	50%	-	25%	-	25%	-	-	-	25%	-
	Jan-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	60%	40%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	14%	-	-	57%	-	29%	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	-	-	5%	-	5%	41%	-	15%	22%	-	12%	-
Fresh Water	July	-	-	-	-	4%	5%	13%	27%	-	17%	21%	-	14%	-
	August	-	-	-	-	5%	40%	7%	7%	1%	14%	16%	4%	6%	-
	September	-	-	-	-	57%	-	21%	7%	14%	-	-	-	-	-
	October	-	-	-	-	7%	-	63%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Percentages of 2016 BC Coho coded wire tag recoveries grouped by catch area and month.

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	July	-	44%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	6%	17%	11%	-	-
	August	13%	35%	10%	-	-	6%	-	-	13%	19%	10%	-	-
	September	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Coast (7-10, 107-109)	July	-	-	50%	-	-	13%	-	25%	-	13%	-	-	
	August	-	-	29%	-	12%	6%	-	6%	12%	35%	-	-	
Johnstone Strait (11-12)	July	-	-	-	-	13%	0%	13%	53%	7%	13%	-	-	
	August	-	-	-	10%	-	10%	-	40%	10%	30%	-	-	
Georgia Strait North (13-16)	September	-	-	-	50%	-	-	-	-	-	50%	-	-	
	June	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	
	July	-	-	-	4%	39%	43%	4%	4%	4%	4%	-	-	
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	September	-	-	-	31%	23%	15%	8%	8%	0%	8%	8%	-	
	October	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	
Juan de Fuca (19B-20)	June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	
	July	-	-	-	-	-	-	40%	40%	20%	-	-	-	
	Oct-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	
North West Vancouver Island (25-27, 125-127)	August	-	-	-	-	-	9%	0%	27%	55%	-	-	9%	
	September	-	-	0%	11%	6%	22%	28%	33%	-	-	-	-	
	October	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	
South West Vancouver Island (21-24, 121-124)	June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	30%	40%	5%	-	
	July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	67%	0%	17%	-	
	September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	
Alberni Inlet (23)	June	-	-	-	-	-	-	40%	60%	-	-	-	-	
	July	-	-	-	-	-	-	41%	18%	18%	-	-	-	
	August	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	6%	3%	-	-	-	
	September	-	-	-	7%	14%	36%	7%	7%	14%	7%	7%	-	
Fresh Water	Oct-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	
	August	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	
	September	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fresh Water	October	-	60%	-	-	-	-	50%	-	-	-	-	-	
	August	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	September	-	50%	-	-	-	-	50%	-	-	-	-	-	
Fresh Water	Oct-Dec	-	6%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	91%	-	-	-	
	August	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	September	-	50%	-	-	-	-	50%	-	-	-	-	-	
	October	-	6%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	91%	-	-	-	



Proposed Solution

- Open and transparent data
- Leverage technology
- Share specific and comparable data in season
- Every fisher gets targeted information



Date Caught	Label	Tag	Location Reported	Area Reported	Species Reported	Length (mm)
2017-07-05	1154418	No Tag	Cliffe Point	27	Chinook	700





Technologies Used

- Oracle database with all CWT information
- Access database with fisher and guide contact information (confidential)
- R code within R Studio
- R markdown
- ggmap
- SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol) server



R Markdown

- <https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/>

“Your data tells a story. Tell it with R Markdown. Turn your analyses into high quality documents, reports, presentations and dashboards.”

- R markdown uses knitr and pandoc to produce static or dynamic output formats

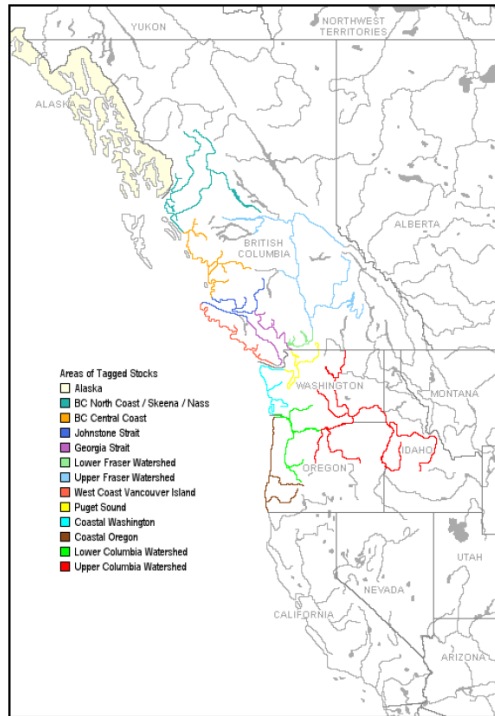


ggmap

- R package using ggplot2
- Maps sources include Google Maps, OpenStreetMap, Stamen
- <https://github.com/dkahle/ggmap>
- Combines spatial information with your data



Map Format





Comparable Catch

Additional Information for your Salmon Head Recoveries and comparable recoveries

Date	Tag	Brood Year	Prov/State	Release Location	Hatchery Location	Stock Location
Your Salmon						
2017-07-20	636843	2014	WA	Wallace R 07.0940	Wallace R Hatchery	Skykomish R 07.0012
Comparable Recoveries						
2017-07-19	636857	2014	WA	Big Soos Cr 09.0072	Soos Creek Hatchery	Big Soos Cr 09.0072
2017-07-12	210440	2014	WA	Lk Washington (King)	Issaquah Hatchery	Issaquah Cr 08.0178
2017-07-20	636843	2014	WA	Wallace R 07.0940	Wallace R Hatchery	Skykomish R 07.0012
2017-07-22	210440	2014	WA	Lk Washington (King)	Issaquah Hatchery	Issaquah Cr 08.0178



Challenges

- Location data provided by fisher?
- Area or location disagreement?
- What if fisher provides wrong species?
- How much information is too much?



Location Data

Occasionally, we modify the location or area used for salmon heads in order to be consistent with other fishers. Please review the changes made for accuracy and contact us if there are any necessary changes.

Label	Location Reported	Modified Location	Area Reported	Modified Area
1219895	East Dundas	Dundas Island	4-H-13	4



Species

We noticed that you did not provide a species for your salmon. Please review the determination by the head lab and contact us if you have any concerns.

Label	Species Reported	Species Determined
1202357	Unknown	Chinook
1202358	Unknown	Chinook

We appreciate your participation in our program; however, we currently limit the species to Chinook or Coho salmon.



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March 15, 2018

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Dear David E. Anderson:

Thank you for participating in the Salmon Head Recovery Program by turning in the head from your adipose fin-clipped salmon. The recovery of coded wire tags (CWTs) is essential to fulfill Canada's needs for assessment and enhancement of salmon stocks...

Salmon Recoveries

Please take a moment to review the following information reported for your submitted salmon head, and in particular where and when you caught your fish.

Table with 7 columns: Date Caught, Label, Tag, Location Reported, Area Reported, Species Reported, Length (mm). Row 1: 2017-07-05, 1154418, No Tag, Cliffe Point, 27, Chinook, 700

Salmon Releases

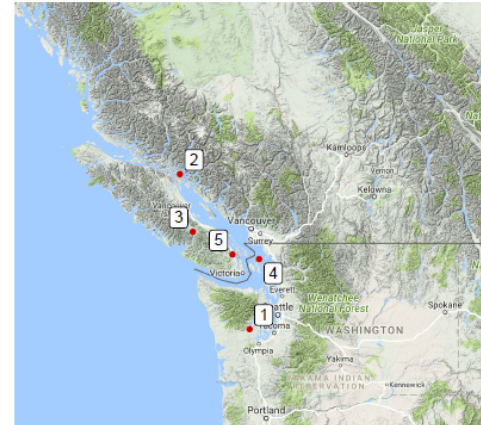
Comparable CWT information recovered from salmon caught in the same area and within 7 days of your catch are provided for your interest. The number of days was chosen to find at least three or more comparable recoveries.

Table with 7 columns: Date Caught, Tag, Area, Species, Brood Year, Release or Hatchery Name, Map Location. Rows 1-5 showing various salmon releases and their corresponding map locations.

Brood year refers to the calendar year when eggs are deposited in the stream bed (e.g. 2014 brood Coho eggs were deposited during late 2014. The mature fish return to spawn during the fall of 2017 as 3 year



olds). In the release or hatchery name column, H = hatchery, R = River and Cr = Creek.



No Tags

In cases when there is no tag in the salmon head, it is usually due to mass marking. Mass marking is the removal of the adipose fin from hatchery Coho or Chinook to create hatchery mark-only fishing opportunities. It is not feasible to tag all hatchery fish, therefore, many do not contain a CWT.

To ensure that sufficient CWTs are recovered to support stock assessment, fishery, and hatchery management and to have a complete picture of the abundance, survival and distribution of stocks, the Salmon Head Recovery Program needs ongoing support from the recreational community to recover enough CWTs.



Future Applications

- T'aaq-wiihak fisheries
- Freezer troll adjudication improvements
- Home use for indigenous peoples
- Any fishery to increase involvement and give feedback



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- JO Thomas & Associates Ltd: Elly Ho, Harvey Tom
- All fishers participating in the CWT program



Questions or Suggestions?





Public Involvement





Information

