

PROJECT CROOS

Collaborative Research on Oregon Ocean Salmon

July 31, 2012

Activities and Updates

- In accordance with the West Coast Salmon Genetic Stock Identification Collaboration sampling plan, Oregon, along with California and Washington partners, are collecting fine-scale, at-sea data from May to October, 2012.
- In 2012, approximately 80 Oregon vessel operators have sampling contracts and more than 80 fishermen have been trained in at-sea sampling protocols.
- Since at-sea sampling commenced May 1, 2012, a total of 4567 Chinook salmon samples were collected by Project CROOS participants. Of these samples, 2782 have been genotyped and analyzed. When Project CROOS meets its sampling quotient for a time strata and area the samples are archived to be analyzed after the fishing season has completed. In Newport 237 samples from time period 2 (May 15th to May 31st) and 156 samples from time period 3 (June 1st to June 15th), 71 samples from time period 4 (June 16th to June 30th), 62 samples from time period 5 (July 1st to July 15th) have been archived. In Coos Bay 204 samples from time period 2, 187 samples from time period 3 and 31 samples from time period 4 have been archived. In Winchester Bay 119 samples from time period 2, 294 samples from time period 3 and 61 samples from time period 4 have been archived.
- This year Project CROOS has included historical data from CROOS fisherman and Coded Wire Tag (CWT) data to enable basic comparisons between the stock specific catch per unit effort data in units of fish per boat day. The CWT estimates in the previous reports were calculated wrong and are much too high. There are also other potential problems with the comparison. We are reexamining the CWT analysis and will present a revised version at a later date.
- In-season progress report that includes catch, effort, and stock specific catch per unit effort (on an hourly basis) is currently available for the sixth time period, July 16th to July 31st. The next report will include results for August 1st to August 15th.

- Project CROOS has completed three of four planned test surveys to determine the feasibility of employing commercial fisherman to systematically sample stock distributions. The fourth test is scheduled for late August.
- A Chinook salmon with yellow coloration was caught off the Oregon coast in July. The cause of the coloration is not known at this time. If anyone catches a yellow salmon in the future please freeze the whole fish or the gut cavity. GSI analysis indicated that the salmon came from Central Valley Fall stock.
- All Oregon & California fisheries data are being deposited in the Pacific Fish Trax database in near real-time.
- Project CROOS has a facebook page that is updated with all of the latest information and data along with an animated video created by Pete Lawson that displays fish catch data as never seen before. To learn more go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Collaborative-Research-on-Oregon-Ocean-Salmon/378277392207126>. A facebook account is not needed to visit the facebook page or to play the video “CROOS 2011 Chinook Salmon Catch”.
- The pacific fish trax website also has an exciting new public portal (<https://fp.fishtrax.org/portal/>) that displays Chinook catch off the coast of Oregon and California with the ability to filter by date, stock, age, region and fish size. The data is displayed in aggregate CPUE, aggregate catch and aggregate effort. The portal also has the ability to overlay oceanographic charts, Sea surface temperature and Chlorophyll a.
- Oregon fishermen have access to their individual data through the Pacific Fish Trax website

We invite you to learn more about Project CROOS and Pacific Fish Trax by visiting our website, www.pacificfishtrax.org. Additional information on the goals and objectives of Project CROOS can also be found at www.ProjectCROOS.com. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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