San Joaquin River Chinook Salmon Trap and Haul













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Fyke Trap Locations

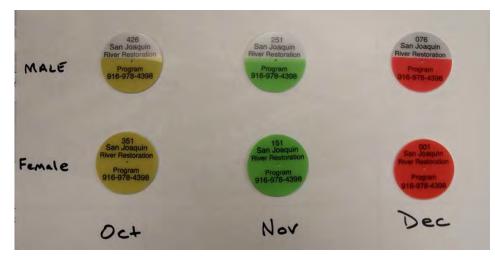
- → Upstream of Hills Ferry Barrier
- 1/2 mile upstream of Hills Ferry Barrier
- Mud Slough (North Grasslands State Wildlife Area)
- Salt Slough at Wolfsen Road
- San Joaquin River (confluence with Bear Creek)

Dip Netting Locations

 California Department of Fish and Wildlife captured salmon in irrigation canals near Los Banos, CA:
Delta, Midway, Hereford, Deepwell, and Britto Roads, and Cozzi Ave.



Adult Chinook Tagging



Peterson disc tags used for identification of salmon by gender and month of capture

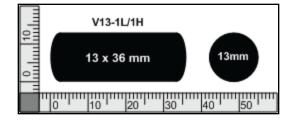
Salmon displaying Peterson disc tag





Adult Chinook Acoustic Transmitters

Esophageal Insertion of Acoustic Transmitter



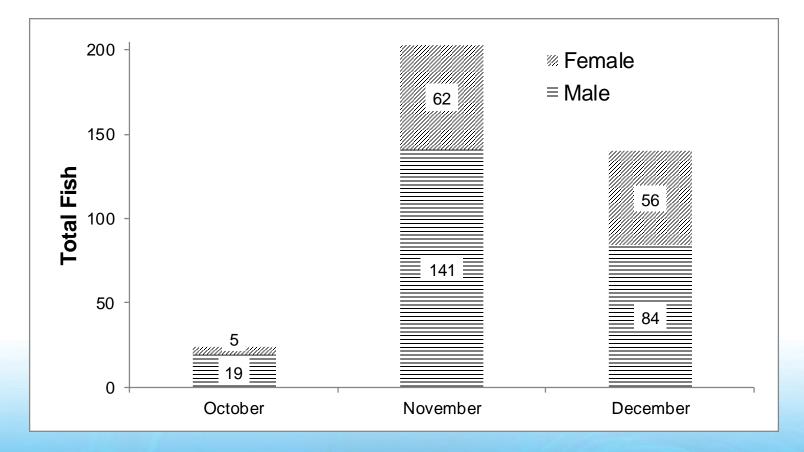
V13 Transmitter



Acoustic transmitter inserted via a modified bovine piller with glycerin lubrication



Adult Chinook Salmon Captured



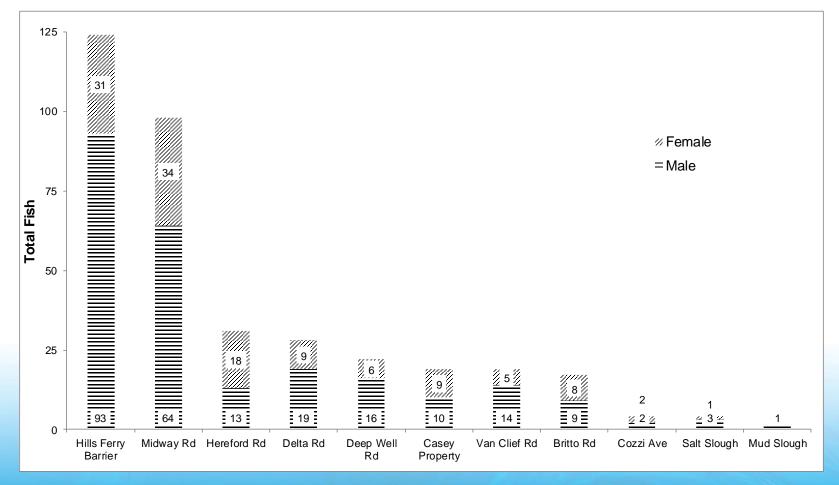
 367 Chinook salmon were captured, tagged, and released between October 1 and December 15, 2013

123 (33.5%) were female and 244 (66.5%) were male
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Adult Chinook Salmon Captured



 Majority of fish were captured at the fyke net above Hills Ferry Barrier (33.8%) and with dip nets at the irrigation canal located near Midway Rd. (26.7%).

Remaining 39.5% of fish were caught among the other 9 locations. DRAFT – For Discussion Purposes Only



Acoustic Telemetry



Manual tracking of an acousticallytagged Chinook salmon using a VR100 receiver with a VH110 ultrasonic directional hydrophone.



VR2W Single Channel Receiver (Photo courtesy of Vemco)

Telemetry Locations



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Chinook Salmon Redd Monitoring

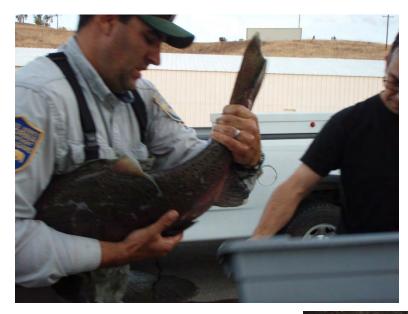


→ 67 redds upstream of Hwy 99

>>> 5 redds downstream of Hwy 99



Streamside Spawning



12 Spawns:

11 females from Trap & Haul1 male & conservation facility female





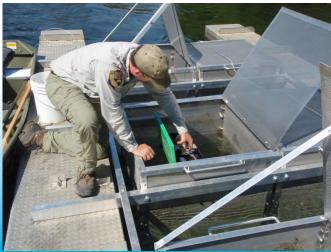






Juvenile Chinook Cage rearing











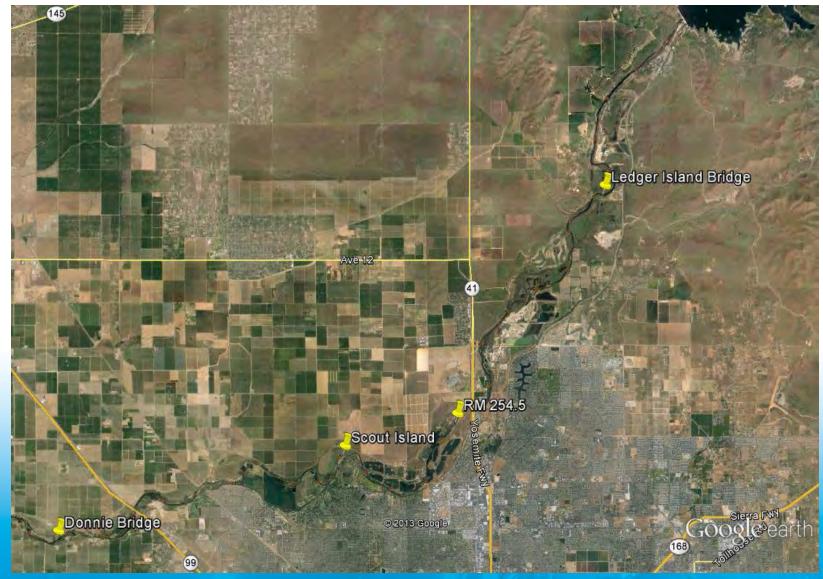
Wild Caught Juvenile Chinook





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Juvenile Salmon Trap & Haul Locations







Rotary Screw Trap at Ledger Island





Fish Collection Weir near Highway 41 DRAFT – For Discussion Purposes Only





Fish Collection Weir at Scout Island







Chinook Salmon Capture Data



823 juvenile Chinook caught in Reach 1

723 juvenile released in Reach 5

as of 3/19/14

Difference in values:

- Fish captured dead
- Fish impinged or killed from high debris loads
- Transport deaths (13)
- Net Pen deaths (2)
- Sacrificed for Genetic & Stomach content analyses



Juvenile Salmon Release



Release Site near San Joaquin River with Merced River

