

SALMON TROLLERS STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT
PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1990 - GEORGIA PACIFIC PROPERTY

This report is an update to those parties of interest as to the status of the STMA carcass recovery program.

COASTAL STREAMS

TEN MILE RIVER

South Fork

Surveys in February were conducted on the South Fork and its tributaries as they were in January.

South Fork- Two surveys conducted below the confluence of Churchman Creek resulted in one chinook carcass being found on the 12th and 3 unidentified live fish reported. Redd counts on were 17 and 18 for the two surveys. Above the mouth of Churchman Creek, out of three surveys, one steelhead carcass was found and tagged. Four live steelhead and one unidentified fish were seen on a previous survey. Twenty redds were reported, mostly between Churchman and Redwood Creek.

South Fork Tributaries

In Smith Creek, one coho carcass was tagged on the 12th and five redds were reported. Surveys before and after found no fish. In Cambell Creek. three surveys produced one coho carcass on the 5th, one live unidentified fish on the 12th and one unidentified carcass being tagged on the 22nd along with 2 other unidentified skeletons. Redwood Creek was surveyed twice and the only thing noted was a single redd. The north fork of Redwood was also surveyed. No evidence of fish use was found and many log jams were reported.

Middle (Clark) Fork

Three surveys were conducted on the Middle Fork. Two extended up as far as Little Bear Haven. An early survey on the 9th found two coho carcasses, two live coho and two live chinook. The following survey on the 16th tagged two additional coho and one previously tagged carcass was recovered. One steelhead skeleton

and 17 redds were also reported in Bear Haven Creek. Surveys on the 28th found only one live steelhead and four redds. In Bear Haven two redds were reported. A short distance of Little Bear Haven was surveyed for the first time in this survey. Two redds were reported.

North Fork (including main stem below Middle Fork)

Major sections of the North Fork were surveyed 3 times in February. No carcasses were recovered in any of the surveys. Two skeletons were found in one of the surveys. On the 12th, 13 redds were observed between Bald Hills Creek and the Little North Fork. Seventeen were counted on the 27th between Bald Hills Creek and Baxman's gravel pit.

Patsy and Mill Creeks were both surveyed once in early February. One redd was found in Mill.

The Little North Fork was surveyed four times. Only one steelhead carcass was tagged. Two live unidentified fish and two unidentified skeletons were sighted on the 7th. One steelhead carcass was tagged on the 12th. Redd counts reached 21 towards the end of the month. Buckhorn had no evidence of fish use in the one survey conducted.

Ten Mile River Summary- February

One chinook, six coho, one steelhead and 1 unidentified carcass were tagged in February. One coho carcass was re-observed.

PUDDING CREEK

Pudding Creek was surveyed twice in February. No live fish or carcasses were found. Two skeletons, a steelhead and one unidentified, were reported. Up to 14 redds were reported. Water turbidity remained high throughout February below the confluence of Little Valley Creek.

WAGES CREEK

Wages was surveyed three times in February. Up to four live steelhead and nine redds were reported. No carcasses or skeletons were found.

DEHAVEN CREEK

Two surveys on DeHaven Creek resulted in one steelhead being seen live and one unidentified skeleton.

KASS CREEK (Tributary to S.F. Noyo)

Kass Creek was surveyed five times in February. Live fish sightings were limited to a survey on the 5th where 5 coho were seen. One coho and 2 unidentified carcasses were tagged on the 5th, 1 coho on the 9th, and 1 on the 28th. One of these tagged fish one was reobserved. Tagged carcasses from prior surveys numbering 17, 13, 7, and 3 were recovered on the 5th, 9th, 15th and 21st respectively.

TRIBUTARIES TO THE SOUTH FORK EEL RIVER

INDIAN CREEK

Indian Creek was surveyed four times in February. Carcasses were tagged in each survey. A survey on the 8th tagged 5 chinook and one unidentified carcass and also reported a live chinook. Four days later one more chinook carcass was tagged; one unidentified live fish was reported. On the 20th two chinook carcasses were tagged and three other chinook skeletons found. On the 26th, two unidentified carcasses were tagged and 4 unidentified skeletons reported. Four tagged carcasses, out of nine tagged in the first four surveys, were re-observed the following survey period. One tagged carcass was recovered from a January tagging survey and up to 11 redds were reported.

PIERCY CREEK

Two surveys on Piercy Creek resulted in only 4 live steelhead being seen. No fresh carcasses or skeletons were reported. One tagged carcass was recovered from January tagging and up to 8 redds were reported.

CEDAR CREEK

Two surveys were conducted on the lower 3 miles of Cedar Creek. Two live steelhead were seen in one. Four redds were reported in the next survey.

DUTCH CHARLIE CREEK

Out of three surveys, only one unidentified skeleton and several redds were found.

REDWOOD CREEK

Two live coho were seen in Redwood Creek on the 7th and one coho carcass was tagged. Two other coho skeletons were reported. The next three surveys produced only one skeleton and several redds.

FUTURE SURVEYS

No other additional surveys are being planned this season.