





















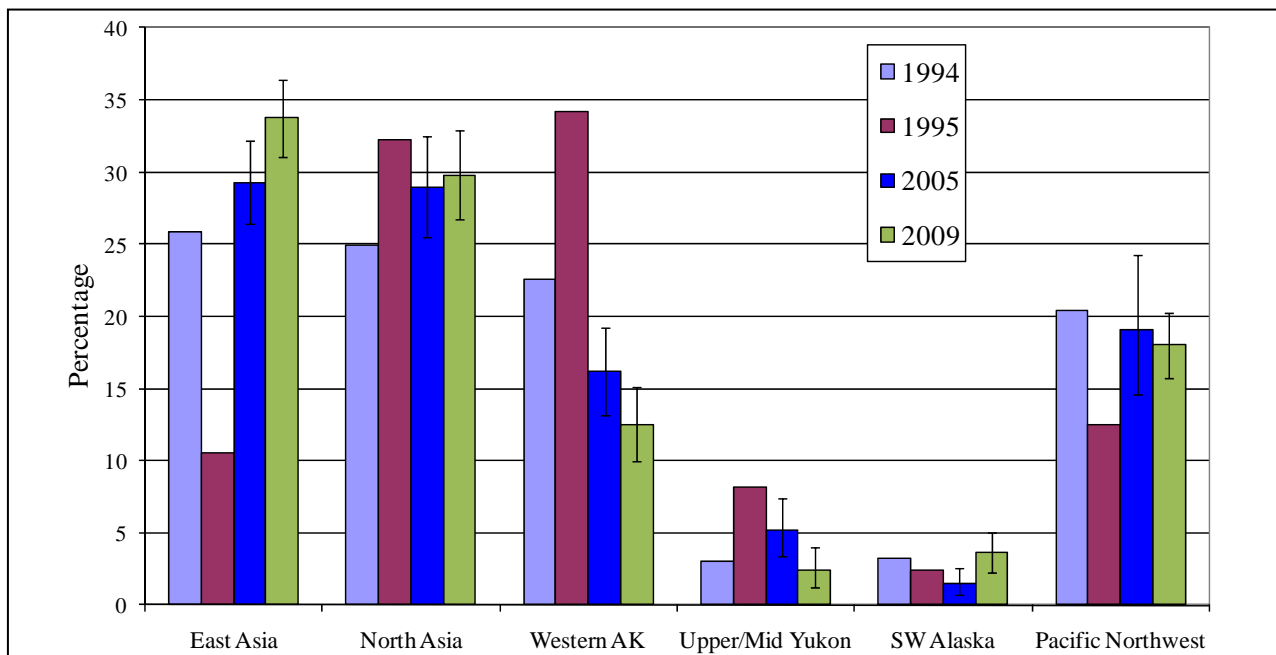




SPAM software allows Bayesian modeling of baseline allele frequencies, these options were not utilized for the stock composition analyses. By comparing if there was a difference between the SPAM (which does not account for rare alleles) and BAYES (which can account for rare alleles) estimates, it was possible to determine if rare alleles could be adversely influencing the resulting stock composition estimates. Two SPAM estimates were provided using the maximum likelihood approach, one with all 11 and another with 8 loci for comparison purposes (Table 2, bottom panel). Convergence of the SPAM estimates was monitored with the “Percent of Maximum” value which was determined to be 92.2 for the 11 loci analysis and 90.3 for the 8 loci analysis, both exceeding the 90% guaranteed percent achievement of the maximal likelihood. While stock composition estimates for the two sets of loci were nearly identical (Table 2, bottom table, see overlapping 90% nonsymmetric bootstrap confidence intervals), it was interesting to note that the SPAM estimates derived from the 8 loci were closer to the BAYES estimates. In general, these 8 loci had lower numbers of alleles than the 3 unused loci, although the mechanism of this result is still under investigation.

## Comparison With Previous Estimates

The stock composition results from the analysis of the 2009 chum salmon bycatch samples are in general agreement with previous estimates (Figure 6), particularly with the 2005 season. The primary difference in the stock composition of the chum salmon bycatch appears to be the higher contribution from east Asia and lower contribution from western Alaska in more recent years. However, caution must be used in comparisons across years as there are differences in where and when genetic bycatch samples were collected from year-to-year. The 1994-1995 chum bycatch estimates were produced with allozyme data (Wilmot et al. 1998), whereas the 2005 (Guyon et al. 2010) and 2009 chum salmon bycatch estimates were derived from DNA based microsatellite loci. The allozyme and microsatellite DNA baselines have data from many of the same populations, but there is some non-overlap.



**Figure 6.** Comparison of yearly stock composition estimates of available genetic samples from the Bering Sea chum salmon bycatch. The 1994-1995 estimates were derived with allozyme loci, and the 2005 and 2009 estimates were produced with DNA based loci. 95% BAYES confidence intervals are shown for the DNA-based analyses.

## Summary

Communities in western Alaska and elsewhere are dependent on salmon for subsistence and commercial purposes. Decreasing salmon returns to western Alaska have caused hardships in these communities. Salmon-dependent communities have expressed concern regarding the numbers of salmon caught as bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. Stock composition estimates of the salmon bycatch are needed for pollock and salmon fishery managers to understand whether the pollock fisheries may be impacting salmon returns. While stock composition estimates were developed for available 2009 chum salmon bycatch sample set, work remains before unbiased estimates of the entire bycatch can be produced. This report provides a stock composition analysis of a set of 1,437 individuals sampled from the 2009 chum salmon bycatch. The limitations and results of this analysis are summarized below.

### Sampling issues:

We highlight the inherent spatial and temporal biases in the 2009 sample set (Figures 3 and 4), which may limit the application of the genetic sample stock composition estimate to the entire 2009 chum salmon bycatch. Through a collaboration with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Auke Bay Laboratories is also currently investigating methods for mitigating the effects of bias in a different salmon bycatch sample set. Methods developed through that collaboration may be applicable in future analyses of the chum salmon bycatch.

With regard to improved sampling protocols, NMFS recently published a proposed rule and notice of availability for Amendment 91 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (75 FR 14016, March 23, 2010). If approved, this rule would require that all salmon bycatch taken in the Bering Sea pollock fishery be sorted by species and counted to ensure compliance with the salmon bycatch caps for the pollock fishery. This may provide additional opportunity for observers to provide representative sampling of the salmon bycatch for genetic analysis, and improve the capability to characterize the origin of salmon taken as bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

### Evaluation of the baseline:

A chum salmon microsatellite DNA baseline developed by Dr. Beacham at the Fisheries and Oceans Canada was selected for this analysis and is the only publicly available baseline with known populations across the entire Pacific Rim (Beacham et al., 2009a). Genotype information from 11 loci provided discriminatory power to strongly identify the 6 stock distributions used in this analysis. These groupings were similar to regional groupings used in previous analyses using allozyme markers, thereby enabling comparison of the resulting estimates over time. A suite of eight loci selected to improve stock composition results for the southwest Alaska region showed improved accuracies in simulation analyses, although resulting stock composition estimates from this limited data set did not differ substantially from those produced using all 11 loci.

### Stock composition estimates:

Overall, the genetic samples collected from the chum salmon bycatch were predominantly from Asian stocks (64%) although substantial contributions were also from western Alaska (13%) and the Pacific Northwest (18%). These are in general agreement with previous estimates; however, there appeared to be a higher contribution from east Asia and lower contribution from western Alaska in more recent years. Given the differences in where and when genetic bycatch samples were collected from year-to-year, caution must be used in comparisons across years. In addition, potential biases in the genetic sample set can adversely affect the stock composition estimates; therefore, estimates derived from these samples should be viewed as estimates of the sample set rather than estimates of the entire chum salmon bycatch.

### Application of these estimates:

The extent to which any salmon stock is impacted by the bycatch of the Bering Sea trawl fishery is dependent on many factors including (1) the overall size of the bycatch, (2) the age of the salmon caught in the bycatch, (3) the age of the returning salmon, and (4) the total escapement of the affected stocks taking into account lag time for maturity and returning to the river. As such, a higher stock composition estimate one year does not necessarily infer greater impact than a smaller estimate the next. Efforts to better understand these relationships and their impacts are the subject of a NPRB proposal from Drs. Criddle and Adkison for which Auke Bay Laboratories is collaborating.

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## Appendices

**Appendix 1.** Chum salmon populations in the DFO microsatellite baseline with the regional designations used in the analyses of this report.

DFO Number	Population Name	Region Number	Region
41	Abashiri	1	East Asia
215	Avakumovka	1	East Asia
40	Chitose	1	East Asia
315	Gakko_River	1	East Asia
292	Hayatsuki	1	East Asia
44	Horonai	1	East Asia
252	Kawabukuro	1	East Asia
313	Koizumi_River	1	East Asia
300	Kushiro	1	East Asia
37	Miomote	1	East Asia
391	Namdae_R	1	East Asia
231	Narva	1	East Asia
298	Nishibetsu	1	East Asia
293	Ohkawa	1	East Asia
297	Orikasa	1	East Asia
214	Ryazanovka	1	East Asia
312	Sakari_River	1	East Asia
311	Shari_River	1	East Asia
36	Shibetsu	1	East Asia
299	Shikiu	1	East Asia
253	Shiriuchi	1	East Asia
310	Shizunai	1	East Asia
217	Suifen	1	East Asia
35	Teshio	1	East Asia
39	Tokachi	1	East Asia
38	Tokoro	1	East Asia
314	Tokushibetsu	1	East Asia
291	Toshibetsu	1	East Asia
296	Tsugaruishi	1	East Asia
316	Uono_River	1	East Asia
309	Yurappu	1	East Asia
218	Amur	2	North Asia
207	Anadyr	2	North Asia
384	Apuka_River	2	North Asia
382	Bolshaya	2	North Asia
380	Dranka	2	North Asia
223	Hairusova	2	North Asia
378	Ivashka	2	North Asia
213	Kalininka	2	North Asia
225	Kamchatka	2	North Asia
219	Kanchalan	2	North Asia
379	Karaga	2	North Asia
294	Kikchik	2	North Asia



DFO Number	Population Name	Region Number	Region
209	Kol_	2	North Asia
233	Magadan	2	North Asia
211	Naiba	2	North Asia
295	Nerpichi	2	North Asia
381	Okhota	2	North Asia
212	Oklan	2	North Asia
222	Ola_	2	North Asia
386	Olutorsky_Bay	2	North Asia
228	Ossora	2	North Asia
224	Penzhina	2	North Asia
385	Plotnikova_R	2	North Asia
221	Pymta	2	North Asia
220	Tauy	2	North Asia
383	Tugur_River	2	North Asia
226	Tym_	2	North Asia
230	Udarnitsa	2	North Asia
290	Utka_River	2	North Asia
208	Vorovskaya	2	North Asia
387	Zhypanova	2	North Asia
348	Agiapuk	3	Western Alaska
376	Alagnak	3	Western Alaska
3	Andreafsky	3	Western Alaska
357	Aniak	3	Western Alaska
301	Anvik	3	Western Alaska
80	Chulinak	3	Western Alaska
347	Eldorado	3	Western Alaska
358	George	3	Western Alaska
307	Gisasa	3	Western Alaska
371	Goodnews	3	Western Alaska
288	Henshaw_Creek	3	Western Alaska
339	Imnachuk	3	Western Alaska
361	Kanektok	3	Western Alaska
362	Kasigluk	3	Western Alaska
328	Kelly_Lake	3	Western Alaska
340	Kobuk	3	Western Alaska
343	Koyuk	3	Western Alaska
363	Kwethluk	3	Western Alaska
336	Kwiniuk_River	3	Western Alaska
303	Melozitna	3	Western Alaska
373	Mulchatna	3	Western Alaska
372	Naknek	3	Western Alaska
330	Niukluk	3	Western Alaska
329	Noatak	3	Western Alaska
345	Nome	3	Western Alaska
302	Nulato	3	Western Alaska
374	Nunsatuk	3	Western Alaska
13	Peel_River	3	Western Alaska
322	Pikmiktalik	3	Western Alaska
331	Pilgrim_River	3	Western Alaska

DFO Number	Population Name	Region Number	Region
346	Shaktoolik	3	Western Alaska
341	Snake	3	Western Alaska
368	Stuyahok_River	3	Western Alaska
375	Togiak	3	Western Alaska
154	Tozitna	3	Western Alaska
342	Unalakleet	3	Western Alaska
344	Ungalik	3	Western Alaska
8	Big_Creek	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
89	Big_Salt	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
86	Black_River	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
87	Chandalar	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
28	Chandindu	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
82	Cheena	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
81	Delta	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
7	Donjek	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
5	Fishing_Br	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
88	Jim_River	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
85	Kantishna	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
2	Kluane	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
59	Kluane_Lake	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
181	Koyukuk_late	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
90	Koyukuk_south	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
10	Minto	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
6	Pelly	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
439	Porcupine	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
83	Salcha	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
4	Sheenjek	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
1	Tatchun	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
9	Teslin	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
84	Toklat	4	Upper/Middle Yukon
360	Alagoshak	5	Southwest Alaska
333	American_River	5	Southwest Alaska
366	Big_River	5	Southwest Alaska
354	Coleman_Creek	5	Southwest Alaska
355	Delta_Creek	5	Southwest Alaska
359	Egegik	5	Southwest Alaska
332	Frosty_Creek	5	Southwest Alaska
365	Gertrude_Creek	5	Southwest Alaska
370	Joshua_Green	5	Southwest Alaska
364	Meshik	5	Southwest Alaska
283	Moller_Bay	5	Southwest Alaska
369	Pumice_Creek	5	Southwest Alaska
367	Stepovak_Bay	5	Southwest Alaska
335	Sturgeon	5	Southwest Alaska
350	Uganik	5	Southwest Alaska
334	Volcano_Bay	5	Southwest Alaska
356	Westward_Creek	5	Southwest Alaska
239	Ahnuhati	6	Pacific Northwest
69	Ahta_____	6	Pacific Northwest

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58	Alouette	6	Pacific Northwest
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270	Andesite_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
428	Arnoup_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
153	Ashlulm	6	Pacific Northwest
156	Awun	6	Pacific Northwest
133	Bag_Harbour	6	Pacific Northwest
164	Barnard	6	Pacific Northwest
16	Bella_Bell	6	Pacific Northwest
79	Bella_Coola	6	Pacific Northwest
49	Big_Qual	6	Pacific Northwest
201	Big_Quilcene	6	Pacific Northwest
281	Bish_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
198	Bitter_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
103	Blackrock_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
390	Blaney_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
138	Botany_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
264	Buck_Channel	6	Pacific Northwest
169	Bullock_Chann	6	Pacific Northwest
61	Campbell_River	6	Pacific Northwest
323	Carroll	6	Pacific Northwest
78	Cascade	6	Pacific Northwest
76	Cayeghle	6	Pacific Northwest
42	Cheakamus	6	Pacific Northwest
398	Cheenis_Lake	6	Pacific Northwest
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19	Chemainus	6	Pacific Northwest
47	Chilliwack	6	Pacific Northwest
392	Chilqua_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
117	Chuckwalla	6	Pacific Northwest
139	Clapp_Basin	6	Pacific Northwest
107	Clatse_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
118	Clyak	6	Pacific Northwest
62	Cold_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
77	Colonial	6	Pacific Northwest
353	Constantine	6	Pacific Northwest
168	Cooper_Inlet	6	Pacific Northwest
197	County_Line	6	Pacific Northwest
12	Cowichan	6	Pacific Northwest
414	Crag_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
161	Dak_	6	Pacific Northwest
259	Dana_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
123	Date_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
250	Dawson_Inlet	6	Pacific Northwest
91	Dean_River	6	Pacific Northwest
261	Deena	6	Pacific Northwest
170	Deer_Pass	6	Pacific Northwest

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319	Disappearance	6	Pacific Northwest
269	Dog-tag	6	Pacific Northwest
177	Draney	6	Pacific Northwest
114	Duthie_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
427	East_Arm	6	Pacific Northwest
266	Ecstall_River	6	Pacific Northwest
94	Elcho_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
193	Ellsworth_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
203	Elwha	6	Pacific Northwest
276	Ensheshese	6	Pacific Northwest
263	Fairfax_Inlet	6	Pacific Northwest
32	Fish_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
429	Flux_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
102	Foch_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
179	Frenchman	6	Pacific Northwest
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204	Hoodsport	6	Pacific Northwest
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412	Hutton_Head	6	Pacific Northwest
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152	Inch_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
146	Indian_River	6	Pacific Northwest
92	Jenny_Bay	6	Pacific Northwest
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395	Kanaka_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest

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95	Kemano	6	Pacific Northwest
192	Kennedy_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
238	Kennell	6	Pacific Northwest
351	Keta_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
101	Khutze_River	6	Pacific Northwest
126	Khutzeymateen	6	Pacific Northwest
282	Kiltuish	6	Pacific Northwest
93	Kimsquit	6	Pacific Northwest
187	Kimsquit_Bay	6	Pacific Northwest
419	Kincolith	6	Pacific Northwest
273	Kispiox	6	Pacific Northwest
106	Kitasoo	6	Pacific Northwest
99	Kitimat_River	6	Pacific Northwest
275	Kitsault_Riv	6	Pacific Northwest
163	Kitwanga	6	Pacific Northwest
271	Kleanza_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
437	Klewnuggit_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
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418	Ksedin	6	Pacific Northwest
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112	Kwakusdis_River	6	Pacific Northwest
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167	Lard	6	Pacific Northwest
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50	Little_Qua	6	Pacific Northwest
413	Lizard_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
119	Lockhart-Gordon	6	Pacific Northwest
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338	Mashiter_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
109	McLoughin_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
178	Milton	6	Pacific Northwest
194	Minter_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
254	Mountain_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
111	Mussel_River	6	Pacific Northwest
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104	Nias_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
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53	Nitinat	6	Pacific Northwest
191	Nooksack	6	Pacific Northwest
186	Nooseseck	6	Pacific Northwest
318	NorrishWorth	6	Pacific Northwest
159	North_Arm	6	Pacific Northwest
377	Olsen_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
184	Orford	6	Pacific Northwest
287	Pa-aat_River	6	Pacific Northwest
260	Pacofi	6	Pacific Northwest
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65	Pegattum_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
48	Puntledge	6	Pacific Northwest
98	Quaal_River	6	Pacific Northwest
147	Quap	6	Pacific Northwest
108	Quartcha_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
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110	Roscoe_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
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195	Salmon_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
134	Salmon_River	6	Pacific Northwest
200	Satsop	6	Pacific Northwest
236	Sawmill	6	Pacific Northwest
410	Seal_Inlet_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
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18	Takwahoni	6	Pacific Northwest
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140	Vedder	6	Pacific Northwest
70	Viner_Sound	6	Pacific Northwest
45	Wahleach	6	Pacific Northwest
172	Walkum	6	Pacific Northwest
73	Waump	6	Pacific Northwest
232	Wells_Bridge	6	Pacific Northwest
352	Wells_River	6	Pacific Northwest
105	West_Arm_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
267	Whitebottom_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
326	Widgeon_Slough	6	Pacific Northwest
277	Wilauks_Cr	6	Pacific Northwest
120	Wilson_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
401	Worth_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
60	Wortley_Creek	6	Pacific Northwest
248	Yellow_Bluff	6	Pacific Northwest
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