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# Status of five enhanced Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar L.) stocks of the Newfoundland Region in 1995 

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#### Abstract

The status of Atlantic salmon in four systems, namely Rocky River, Piper's Hole River, Little River and Flat Bay Brook, presently undergoing salmon enhancement activities are discussed. The systems are located in Salmon Fishing Areas(SFA) 9, 10, 11 and 13 respectively. Egg deposition for each watershed was $33 \%, 22 \%, 21.7 \%$ and $28.8 \%$ respectively of the target egg deposition. Of these systems only the Little River would have benefited in 1995 from previous stocking activities. The target egg deposition achieved in 1995 for Piper's Hole River may be an underestimate due to a fence washout. Romaines River in SFA 13 was stocked for the first time in 1995 with 39,577 unfed fry. Total returns for the system are unavailable in 1995.


## Résumé

Est examinée la situation du saumon atlantique dans quatre réseaux fluviaux, notamment les rivières Rocky, Piper's Hole et Little, et le ruisseau Flat Bay, actuellement l'objets de projets de mise en valeur des salmonidés. Ces cours d'eau sont situés dans les zones de pêche du saumon (ZPS) $9,10,11$ et 13 , respectivement. La ponte cible dans chacun a été réalisée dans une mesure de 33 $\%, 22 \%, 21,7 \%$ et $28,8 \%$, respectivement. Seule la rivière Little a bénéficié en 1995 d'activités antérieures d'empoissonnement. Il se peut que la ponte cible réalisée en 1995 dans la rivière Piper's Hole soit une sous-estimation, la barrière de dénombrement ayant été emportée par les eaux. La rivière Romaines de la ZPS 13 a été empoissonnée pour la première fois en 1995 avec 39577 alevins non alimentés. Des données sur la remonte totale en 1995 ne sont pas disponibles.

## Introduction

Rocky River is the largest watershed on the Avalon Peninsula, encompassing a drainage area of $296 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ (Porter et al. 1974) flowing to the sea in salmon Fishing Area (SFA 9) (Fig. 1). A natural falls at the mouth of this river, made this watershed inaccessible to anadromous Atlantic salmon, prior to fishway construction in 1987. The Rocky River requires 3.4 million eggs to meet target egg deposition (Table1).

The Piper's Hole River flows into the western side of Placentia Bay in SFA10(Fig. 1) and requires an egg deposition of $3.159 \times 10^{6}$ eggs (Table 1).

The Little River flows into the Bay d'Espoir in SFA 11(Fig. 1) approximately 4 km south of the Conne River. The watershed encompasses $183 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ with a complete obstruction at kilometre 4.8 on the main stem of the river which results in anadromous Atlantic salmon having access to less than $30 \%$ of the watershed. The Little River requires 313,920 eggs and 976,072 eggs for the accessible and inaccessible portions of the watershed respectively (Table 1).

The Romaines River and Flat Bay Brook are situated in St. Georges Bay in SFA 13. Flat Bay Brook encompasses a watershed area of $635 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$. Due to natural obstructions anadromous Atlantic salmon only have access to $89 \%$ of the riverine habitat and virtually no standing water habitat (Porter et. al., 1974). Porter et. al. (1974) record $16,012\left(100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)$ rearing units accessible to anadromous Atlantic salmon. Romaines River encompasses a watershed area of $98 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ and has 4,572 rearing units of riverine habitat with no standing water accessible to anadromous Atlantic salmon (Table 1).

The intent of this document is to review the status of Atlantic salmon stocks in these watersheds in 1995 and to discuss any possible changes in stock status due to management changes affecting marine exploitation.

## Background

For details of the stocking conducted on these watersheds refer to Tables 4,8 and 10. The Rocky River is the site of an introduction of Atlantic salmon which was conducted from 1984-87, Little River is the site of a ranching project which began in 1989 and Romaines, Flat Bay and Piper's Hole River are the sites of stock augmentation projects which began in 1993 and 1995 respectively.

The Rocky River, since the introduction of anadromous Atlantic salmon, has not been open for a recreational salmon fishery. The Little River watershed has been closed to recreational salmon fishing since 1989. The Flat Bay Brook has been under a special
management regime(quota) since 1986(Table 10) and was closed to angling in 1995. The Romaines River is an unscheduled watershed.

Management changes implemented in 1992 which were in place through 1995 that impacted marine exploitation of salmon are as follows:

1. Moratorium on commercial salmon fishing along the coast of insular Newfoundland.
2. Moratorium on the cod fishery in areas $2 \mathrm{~J}, 3 \mathrm{~K}$ and 3 L implemented on July 15 , 1992. This removed all cod traps from these NAFO areas.
3. Moratorium on the cod fishery in 4R implemented in August of 1993.

## Methods

Target egg requirement was calculated based on $240 \mathrm{egg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ of fluvial habitat and 7 smolts/ha of standing water. Smolt production of 7 smolt/ha was divided by $1.9 \%$ to convert this to eggs, (O'Connell et al., 1991).

Spawning escapements were calculated from fishway/fence counts less known removals without inclusion of an estimate for poaching and disease.

The fecundity of Rocky River salmon was estimated based on nineteen fish sacrificed and examined for fecundity in 1994 and an additional 30 fish(5 sacrificed for egg retention) examined in 1995. Fecundity studies were also conducted on Piper's Hole River and Flat Bay Brook and examined 20 and 33 fish on each system respectively in 1995.

The Rocky River egg deposition was calculated based on number of eggs/cm of fish length while all other stocks are based on eggs per kilogram of female weight.

In order to calculate the egg deposition in areas where stocking occurred, an estimate of egg-to-fry survival of $20 \%$ (Sturge, 1968) was used to back-calculate the number of fry released to naturally spawned eggs. Sturge (1968), in his work, gave a range of 10$30 \%$ for egg-to-fry survival and indicated that a figure of $20 \%$ appeared to be a reasonable value. Parr were back calculated to eggs by dividing the number of parr stocked by 0.125( V. Pepper, pers. comm.) based on parr stocking data obtained from Black Brook. Assumptions are that natural egg to fry survival is $20 \%$ and that $40 \%$ of the wild fry survive to their first fall. Inherent in this calculation is that $80 \%$ of fry placed in grow out cages survive to 90 day fingerlings.

## Results and Discussion

The use of fixed parameters, such as 2.4 eggs $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ and 7 smolts/ha of standing water, has certain limitations (see O'Connell \& Dempson, 1991 for discussion on this topic).

## Rocky River

Tables 1-4 detail the accessible rearing area, target egg deposition and biological characteristics for the Rocky River stock.

The results of a two year fecundity study were used in calculating the egg deposition for Rocky River for the first time in 1995 and as such previous egg depositions have been changed to reflect new data. Previously a figure of 2066 eggs $/ \mathrm{kg}$. was used however results of a fecundity study indicate that a figure of 1908 eggs $/ \mathrm{kg}$. is more accurate for the Rocky River stock. The authors have chosen to utilize a length based relationship to determine egg deposition as fish length records are likely more accurate than fish weight records. The relationship of fish length to total eggs is displayed in Figure 2.

The 1995 escapement of 424 adults to Rocky River was the highest on record and was $174 \%$ of the 1987-1991 mean and 150\% of the 1992-1994 mean. In 1995 Rocky River would have achieved $40.71 \%$ of it's target egg deposition based on total returns. However, brood removal has lowered this figure to $32.55 \%$ which must be considered preliminary until release of fry in the spring of 1996 (Table 4). This increase in escapement may be attributed to three factors; i) the 1994 smolt escapement was the largest on record (Table 5), ii) an increase in smolt to adult survival from $2.4 \%$ in 1994 to $3.3 \%$ in 1995 (based on virgin 1SW adults only) but mostly iii) the return of 93 repeat spawners ( $21 \%$ of the returns).

Figure 3 displays smolt to adult survival from 1990-1995 which averaged 2.9\% and ranged from $2.3 \%$ to $3.5 \%$. For the Rocky River stock in 1995 smolt to adult survival appears to be the major limiting factor in escapement. Table 5 details enumeration of the 1990-1995 smolt escapement. The 1995 adult returns were all resultant from natural spawning. Smolt to adult returns to the river were $2.3 \%, 2.9 \%, 3.5 \%, 2.3 \%$ and $3.4 \%$ for 1990 to 1994 smolts, respectively. Smolt to adult survival is calculated based on the portion of virgin fish in the escapement. The increase from 1990 and 1991 to 1992 can, in part, be attributed to the moratorium. The decrease in the 1993 smolt survival is most likely due to a decrease in marine survival. The marine survival of the 1994 smolt class approximates the mean of the previous four years.

Table 6 provides insight into the egg/fry-to-smolt survival on the Rocky River. The egg-to-smolt figures compare favourably to other watersheds. At present it appears that
egg-to-smolt survival has declined since 1989. The increase in the 1994 smolt count was due to the high egg deposition in 1990 rather than an increase in egg-to-smolt survival.

Repeat spawners accounted for 14\%(59 fish), 9\%(20 fish), 17\%(48 fish), 13\%(49 fish), $31 \%(55 f i s h)$ and $22 \%$ ( 93 fish) of the returns to Rocky River for the years 1990-1995 respectively.

The 1996 return to Rocky River is expected to be in the order of 189-323 virgin grilse plus repeat spawners based on the range of smolt to adult survival data collected to date.

## Piper's Hole River

The Piper's Hole River has 8,877 units of riverine habitat and 1,184 ha. of lacustrine accessible to anadromous Atlantic salmon and a target egg deposition 2,566,192 eggs. This is a revised target egg deposition for the watershed and it differs from the target presented in O'Connell et. al. (1991).

In 1995 a counting fence operation was conducted on Piper's Hole River for the second time as a fence operation was conducted previously in 1989. The 1995 count was incomplete and could not be reconstructed to estimate the entire run and as such the 1995 count is likely an underestimate. A total of 498 ( 454 small and 44 large) fish were enumerated through the counting fence. Of these, 50 fish were held for broodstock and 402 were released upstream of the trap. River escapement (fence count plus angling below the fence) is estimated to be 648. Biological characteristic and sex ratio data are not presented as brood were selected by size which biases the data collected.

A total of 176 fish were angled(retained) within the watershed with $85 \%$ angled below the fence (pers. Comm. M. Eddy, local fishery officer).

In 1989 a counting fence was operated from June 6- Sept. 24 on this river and yielded a partial count of 285 ( 219 small and 66 large) fish. A total of 112 were angled in 1989 with $90 \%$ of the angling occurring below the fence(pers. Comm. Local fishery officer). Spawning is believed to occur below the fence.

Preliminary fecundity figures for Piper's Hole river suggest that the stock produces approximately 1,767 eggs $/ \mathrm{kg}$. Additional biological characteristics are those of O'Connell and Dempson (1991). Table 16 details the egg deposition for the watershed for the 1989 and 1995 years.

## Little River

Table 1 details the available habitat and target egg deposition for the Little River watershed. The data is presented for the area above and below the obstruction as fish passage is impossible but stocking occurs above the falls. Table 9 details the egg deposition rates for the watershed with a 1995 fence count of 135 adults. The 1995 returns are 167\% of the 1987-89 mean escapement, 142\% of the 1987-1991 mean escapement and 103\% of the 1992-94 mean escapement.

Table 10 details the dates of counting fence operation and the number of smolt and parr enumerated for 1992-1993. Of interest is the large number of parr enumerated at the fence each year. The fence site is located approximately 1 km upstream of the river mouth but is under tidal influence. This is suggestive that these parr are smoltifying downstream of the fence site.

Smolt to adult survival figures are not calculated as they are not likely indicative of the entire smolt output prior to 1995.

## Romaines River

The Romaines River with 4,572 units of habitat (based on a stream survey conducted in 1993 and 1994) requires an egg deposition of $1,097,280$ eggs. A counting fence operation has been conducted on the river from 1993-1995 however no complete counts have been attained. Egg incubation commenced in 1994 and the first fry were stocked in 1995. Table 11 details the information available on egg deposition within the watershed during this time frame. Table 12 details the biological characteristics that are available for this stock.

## Flat Bay

The target egg deposition for Flat Bay River is estimated to be $3,842,880$ eggs. At present the percentage of the required egg deposition that should come from large salmon cannot be determined due to lack of information on the production potential of the Flat Bay stock. Egg deposition in 1995 was calculated for both large and small salmon and then totalled.

Biological characteristics used in addition to those in Table 14 are as follows;percent female small salmon $72 \%$; percent large salmon female $90 \%$ and 1540 eggs $/ \mathrm{kg}$. Table 15 details the egg deposition for Flat Bay Brook for the 1994-1995 period.

The counting fence operated from June 22-Sept. 13 with a loss of the count from July 20- July 31. A total of 598 ( 557 large and 41 large) fish were enumerated with 580 fish enumerated prior to the wash out. Immediately prior to the fence washout the fence
count was low due to low water conditions thus making it difficult to reconstruct the run. Staff on the fence noted the presence of 75 fish immediately below the trap prior to the washout.

River escapement after adjustment is estimated to be 698 adults(650 small and 48 large).

Egg deposition in 1995 accounted for $29 \%$ of target compared to $19 \%$ in 1994.

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Table 1: Rearing area and target egg deposition for watersheds examined in present study.
Riverine habitat $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right) \quad$ Lacustrine habitat (ha) Target egg deposition

| Rocky River | 10,823 | 2,191 | $3,404,730$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Little River | 5,221 | 989 | $1,253,040$ |
| accessible | 1,308 | 0 | 313,920 |
| inaccessible | 3,913 | 989 | 939,120 |
| Flat Bay Brook | 16,012 | 0 | $3,842,880$ |
| Romaines River | 4,572 | 0 | $1,097,280$ |
| Piper"s Hole River | 8,877 | 1,184 | $2,566,192$ |

Table2. Biological characteristics of Rocky River adults.

| Year | No. <br> Sampled(aged) | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { Femalt } \end{gathered}$ | No. 2 Sea Winter Virgin | Mean Length $(\mathrm{cm})$ | Mean Weight(kg) | \% Repeat Spawners | $2^{+}$ | 3 | $4^{+}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Rocky River | 1990 | 21 | N/A | 0 | 57.1 | 2.2 | 14 | 6 | 72 | 16 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1991 | 32 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ | 0 | 56.9 | 2.2 | 9 | 15 | 58 | 27 | 0 |
|  | 1992 | 24 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ | 0 | 58 | 2.4 | 17 | 18 | 55 | 27 |  |
|  | 1993 | 32 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ | 0 | 56.5 | 2.2 | 13 | 3 | 69 | 24 |  |
|  | 1994 | 68 | 79 | 0 | 56.9 | 2 | 31 | 16 | 72 | 12 | 0 |
|  | 1995 | 111 | 86 | 1 | 56 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 77 | 9 | 0 |
|  |  | 288 | 83 | 1 | 56.6 | 2.1 | 21 | 13 | 71 | 15 | 1 |

Table 3 . Biological characteristics of Rocky River smolt.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | cent at | frest | ages |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | No. Sampled | \% Female | Mean Length(cm) | Mean Weight(g) | $2^{+}$ | $3^{+}$ | $4^{+}$ | $5^{+}$ | $6^{+}$ |
| Rocky River | 1988 | 28 | 57.1 | 17.5 | 54.5 | 0 | 64 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 1989 | 28 | N/A | 14.9 | 32.4 | 18 | 67 | 11 | 4 | 0 |
|  | 1990 | 101 | 84.2 | 17.3 | 46.5 | 1 | 66 | 29 | 4 | 0 |
|  | 1991 | 146 | 86.3 | 17.0 | 43.2 | 16 | 70 | 13 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 1992 | 7.1 | 78.9 | 17.0 | 44.5 | 1 | 76 | 21 | 2 | 0 |
|  | 1993 | 88 | 71.6 | 18.9 | 58.2 | 13 | 57 | 24 | 6 | 0 |
|  | 1994 | 160 | 83.8 | 17.0 | 45.1 | 2 | 66 | 29 | 3 | 0 |
|  | 1995 | 124 | 77.4 | 17.0 | 44.8 | 16 | 77 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | 746 | 80.2 | 17.2 | 46.3 | 8.7 | 68.3 | 20.7 | 2.2 | 0 |

Table 4. Details of egg deposition Rocky River 1983-1994.
$\left.\left.\begin{array}{lcccccccc}\hline \text { Year } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Fry } \\ \text { Stocked }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Parr } \\ \text { Stocked }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Adults } \\ \text { Stocked }\end{array} & \text { Fishway Count } \\ \text { small }\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{c}\text { Broodstock }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Total Eggs }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { \% Target } \\ \text { Egg }\end{array}\right]$

Note: the 1995 egg deposition is preliminary as 1996 stocking will alter the figure presented.

Table 5. Details of smolt enumeration Rocky River 1990-1995.

| Year | Smolt <br> Count | \% Smolt-to-Adult <br> Survival |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1990 | 8,287 | 2.3 |
| 1991 | 7,732 | 2.9 |
| 1992 | 7,813 | 3.5 |
| 1993 | $5,115^{.}$ | 2.3 |
| 1994 | 9,781 | 3.4 |
| 1995 | 7,786 |  |

Smolt count is an estimate due to fence washout Rocky River 1985-1990.
Table 6. Details of egg/fry to smolt survival for Rocky River..

| Year | egg to smolt survival (\%) | fry to smolt survival (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1985 |  | 0.08 |
| 1986 | 1.00 | 1.6 |
| 1987 | 0.86 | $5^{+}$ |
| 1987 | 1.04 | $3^{+}, 5^{+}$ |
| 1988 | 0.56 | $3^{+}, 4^{+}, 5^{+}$ |
| 1989 | 0.0086 | $2^{+}, 3^{+}, 4^{+}, 5^{+}$ |
| 1990 | 0.0013 | $2^{+}, 3^{+}, 4^{+}, 5^{+}$ |
| 1991 |  | $2^{+}, 3^{+}, 4^{+}, 5^{+}$ |
| 1992 | $2^{+}, 3^{+} 4^{+}$ |  |

Table 7. Biological characteristics Little River adults 1990, 1992-1995.

| Year | Life Stage | Fork Length |  |  | Weight |  |  | River Age |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean (No.) | S.D. | Range | Mean <br> (No.) | S.D | Range | Mean (No.) | S.D | Range |
| 1990 | 1SW | 51.41 (73) | 3.79 | 44.00-62.80 | 1.34 (73) | . 32 | .700-2.500 | 3.02 (62) | 50 | 2-4 |
|  | Repeat | 57.40 (4) | 1.19 | 56.20-59.00 | 1.85 (4) | . 15 | 1.700-2.000 | 3.00 (4) | . 00 | 3 |
| 1992 | 1SW | 51.51 (89) | 2.53 | 46.50-59.00 | 1.41 (88) | . 22 | 1.100-2.200 | 3.00 (68) | 42 | 2-4 |
|  | Repeat | 63.85 (12) | 6.45 | 53.50-73.00 | 3.05 (11) | $\begin{gathered} 1.2 \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | 1.700-5.900 | 2.80 (10) | 42 | 2-3 |
| 1993 | 1SW | 51.68 (154) | 2.81 | 40.90-59.10 | 1.48 (154) | . 29 | 1.000-2.700 | 3.05 (144) | . 38 | 2-4 |
|  | Repeat | 60.55 (13) | 5.62 | 53.70-72.70 | 2.29 (12) | . 65 | 1.400-3.800 | 2.92 (12) | 29 | 2-3 |
| 1994 | 1SW | 51.33 (62) | 2.93 | 41.80-60.20 | 1.33 (62) | . 25 | .800-2.200 | 2.95 (58) | . 35 | 2-4 |
|  | Repeat | 58.19 (8) | 7.42 | 48.70-71.00 | 1.97 (8) | . 81 | 1.300-3.600 | 3.14 (7) | 69 | 2-4 |
| 1995 | 1SW | 51.17 (111) | 3.34 | 44.70-67.60 | 1.25 (111) | . 25 | .800-2.900 | 2.86 (108) | . 50 | 2-4 |
|  | 2SW | 68.00 (1) |  |  | 3.00 (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Repeat | 61.84 (7) | 5.49 | 55.50-70.80 | 2.24 (7) | . 70 | 1.500-3.300 | 3.00 (7) | . 58 | 2-4 |

Table 8. Biological characteristics of Little River smolt.

| Year | No. <br> Sampled | $\%$ <br> Female | Mean <br> Length $(\mathrm{cm})$ | Mean <br> Weight(g) | $2^{+}$ | $3^{+}$ | $4^{+}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1993 | 43 | 97.7 | 17.58 | 50.73 | 32.6 | 58.1 | 9.3 |
| 1995 | 31 | 87.1 | 14.86 | 28.87 | 90.3 | 9.7 | 0 |

Note: All smolt samples were collected on a single day each year.

Table 9. Egg deposition rates for Little River 1987-1995.

| Year | Fence Count |  | Spawning escapement | Fry stocked Below Falls | Fry Stocked Above Falls | Egg Equiv. <br> Below Falls | Egg Equiv. <br> Above Falls | Natural Egg <br> Deposition | \% Target <br> Wild | Total <br> Eggs | \% Target <br> Below Falls | \% Target <br> Above Falls |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | large | small |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 64 | 3 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91,410 | 29.12\% | 91,410 | 29.12\% | 0.00 |
| 1988 | 65 | 3 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92,774 | 29.55\% | 92,774 | 29.55\% | 0.00 |
| 1989 | 102 | 5 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 100350 | 0 | 90,046 | 28.68\% | 190,396 | 60.65\% | 0.00 |
| 1990 | 158 | 15 | 91 | 20,070 | 0 | 204835 | 0 | 124,154 | 39.55\% | 328,989 | 104.80\% | 0.00 |
| 1991 | 55 | 6 | 31 | 40,967 | 0 | 103715 | 0 | 42,294 | 13.47\% | 146,009 | 46.51\% | 0.00 |
| 1992 | 104 | 21 | 28 | 20,743 | 0 | 102835 | 553380 | 38,201 | 12.17\% | 694,416 | 44.93\% | 56.69 |
| 1993 | 169 | 11 | 80 | 20,567 | 110,676 | 148,090 | 444,270* | 109,146 | 34.77\% | 701,506 | 81.94\% | 45.52 |
| 1994 | 73 | 11 | 88 | 29,618 | 88,854 | 0 | 0 | 120,061 | 38.25\% | 120,061 | 38.25\% | 0.0 |
| 1995 | 118 | 17 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68,217 | 21.73\% | 68,217+ | 21.73\% | 0.0 |

Table 10. Details of smolt and parr enumeration Little River.

| Year | Dates of Operation | Number of Smolt | Number of Parr |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1992 | May 11-July 5 | 382 | 1,404 |
| 1993 | May 11-July 5 | 324 | 1,500 |
| 1994 | May 6- June 13 | 495 | 4,018 |
| 1995 | May 2 - June 22 | 2,712 | 1,586 |

Table 11. Details of egg depositions for Romaines River.

| Year | Fence <br> Count | Angling | Total <br> Returns | Brood <br> Removal | Fry <br> Stocked |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1993 | 93 | 5 | $117+$ | 0 | 0 |
| 1994 | 14 | 2 | unknown | 12 | 0 |
| 1995 | 49 | 0 | unknown | 37 | 39,577 |

+ includes fish observed by fishery officer prior to fence installation Note: Total returns could not be assessed due to fence washouts in 1993-95.

Table 12. Biological characteristics Romaines River.

| Year | Life <br> Stage | Fork Length |  | Weight |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | No. | Mean | No. |
| 1994 | 1 SW | 54.1 | 12 | 1.63 | 8 |


|  | 2 SW | 70.2 | 1 | 3.30 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Repeat | 66.1 | 3 | 2.55 | 3 |
| 1995 | 1 SW | 50.8 | 39 | 1.31 | 39 |
|  | 2 SW | 73.2 | 2 | 4.10 | 2 |
|  | Repeat | 73.0 | 1 | 3.90 | 1 |

Table 13. Angling restrictions Flay Bay Brook 1986-1994.

| Year | Quota | Effort | Small <br> Retained | Small <br> Released | Large <br> Released |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1986 | 400 | 684 | 174 | 0 | 2 |
| 1987 | 300 | 815 | 219 | 0 | 0 |
| 1988 | 300 | 871 | 249 | 0 | 5 |
| 1989 | 250 | 612 | 130 | 0 | 1 |
| 1990 | 250 | 939 | 277 | 0 | 6 |
| 1991 | 250 | 655 | 223 | 0 | 2 |
| 1992 | 250 | 678 | 173 | 0 | 20 |
| 1993 | 250 | 615 | 128 | 8 | 17 |

Table 14 . Biological characteristics Flat Bay Brook stock.

| Year | Life <br> Stage | Fork Length |  | Weight |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | No. | Mean | No. |
| 1994 | 1 SW | 52.6 | 39 | 1.32 | 39 |
|  | 2 SW | 67.1 | 3 | 3.21 | 3 |
|  | 1 SW | 51.7 | 81 | 1.30 | 81 |
|  | Repeat | 66.0 | 3 | 3.07 | 3 |
|  | 2 SW | 70.6 | 2 | 3.0 | 2 |
|  | Repeat | 79.8 | 1 | 4.90 | 1 |

Table 15 . Egg deposition Flat Bay Brook 1994-1995.

|  | Fence Count | Adjusted | Angling | River | Broodstock | Spawning | $\%$ of |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Small | Large | Count | Retained | Escapement | Removals | Escapement | Target |
| 1994 | 403 | 67 | 490 | 128 | 554 | 43 | 383 | 19.6 |
| 1995 | 557 | 41 | 698 | 0 | 698 | 83 | 611 | $28.8+$ |
| + preliminary figure due to egg incubation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 16. Egg deposition Piper's Hole River 1989 and 1995.

|  | Fence | Angling | River | Brood <br> stock | Spawning | $\%$ of |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Count | Retained | Escapement | Removals | Escapement | Target |
| 1989 | 285 | 112 | 386 | 0 | 274 | 24.3 |
| 1995 | 498 | 176 | 648 | 50 | 399 | $35.4+$ |
| + preliminary figure due to egg incubation |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Fig. 1. Map showing the 14 Salmon Fishing Areas of the Newfoundland Region.

No. Eggs (X 1000)


Figure 2. Fecundity relationship Rocky River salmon.


Finure 3. Smolt to adult survival and relative condition factor Rocky River smolts.

