

An average of one half million coho smolts were released into the Little Su annually from 1982-1995. Returns from this stocking program were included in the data used to set the existing escapement goal. In the Table you can see that over the years, as the drift fleet had more and more restrictions, average returns to the Little Su actually decreased.

Little Susitna River Coho Salmon Escapement

| Year | Sport Harvest* | Weir Count | Exploitation Rate | Escapement Goal | | Goal Met/Missed/Exceeded | Exceeded Amount | Amount below goal |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Lower | Upper | | | |
| 1988 | 28,647 | 21,437 | 57% | | | | | |
| 1989 ¹ | 24,726 | 15,855 | 61% | | | | | |
| 1990 | 9,739 | 15,511 | 39% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 8,011 | |
| 1991 | 24,149 | 39,241 | 38% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 31,741 | |
| 1992 | 23,439 | 21,182 | 53% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 13,682 | |
| 1993 | 35,313 | 34,822 | 50% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 27,322 | |
| 1994 | 23,830 | 28,948 | 45% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 21,448 | |
| 1995 ² | 17,442 | 12,266 | 59% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 4,766 | |
| 1996 ³ | 20,171 | 15,803 | 56% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 8,303 | |
| 1997 | 7,756 | 9,894 | 44% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 2,394 | |
| 1998 | 14,469 | 15,159 | 49% | 7,500 | | Exceeded | 7,659 | |
| 1999 | 8,864 | 3,017 | 75% | 9,600 | 19,200 | Missed | | 6,583 |
| 2000 | 20,357 | 15,436 | 57% | 9,600 | 19,200 | Met | | |
| 2001 | 17,071 | 30,587 | 36% | 9,600 | 19,200 | Exceeded | 11,387 | |
| 2002 | 19,278 | 47,938 | 29% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Exceeded | 30,238 | |
| 2003 | 13,672 | 10,877 | 56% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Met | | |
| 2004 | 15,307 | 40,199 | 28% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Met | 22,499 | |
| 2005 | 10,203 | 16,839 | 38% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Exceeded | | |
| 2006 | 12,399 | 8,786 | 59% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Met ⁵ | | |
| 2007 | 11,089 | 17,573 | 39% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Met | | |
| 2008 | 13,498 | 18,485 | 42% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Exceeded | 785 | |
| 2009 | 8,346 | 9,523 | 47% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Missed | | 577 |
| 2010 | 10,662 | 9,214 | 54% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Missed | | 886 |
| 2011 | 2,452 | 4,826 | 34% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Missed | | 5,274 |
| 2012 ⁴ | 1,681 | 6,779 | 20% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Missed | | 3,321 |
| 2013 | 5,229 | 13,583 | 28% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Met | | |
| 2014 | 6,922 | 24,211 | 22% | 10,100 | 17,700 | Exceeded | 6,511 | |
| 2015 | | 12,421 | | 10,100 | 17,700 | Met | | |
| | | | | | | | 196,746 | 16,641 |
| | | Average - | 43% | | | | | |

* Sport "harvest" averages about 66% of sport "catch". Inriver harvest exploitation as high as 75%, average of 43%

¹ Exxon oil spill year, no drift gillnetting in Cook Inlet, no obvious difference in harvest or escapement counts

² Hatchery stocking program ended (began in 1982)

³ The counting weir was moved from river mile 32.5 to river mile 71

⁴ The counting weir was moved back to river mile 32.5

⁵ Weir washed out, escapement goal is believed to have been met or exceeded