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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. (CPAI) has been exploring for oil within the eastern portion of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) since the winter of 1999/2000. Oil reserves have been located in the region, and the feasibility of developing a producing field in the area is being investigated. Part of the evaluation process includes assessing the potential environmental impacts. The inventory of fish and fish habitat provides information for assisting permitting decisions regarding road and pipeline routing. In addition, streams in the area may be crossed by ice roads, so an understanding of potential overwintering areas is also desirable. A key element of the study is identifying movements and distribution of fish utilizing the stream systems.

The goal of the present study effort is to develop information needed to monitor fish populations using the Ublutuoch River drainage so that changes, if any, in fish use of the drainage system after field development can be evaluated.

Specific objectives of the 2006 fish survey were to conduct studies on the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) drainage system to:
a) describe fish populations and habitat use patterns within the drainage,
b) obtain information on fish movements within the drainage.

## METHODS

During summer 2006, fyke nets were used to sample small streams in the eastern NPR-A study area. Sampling was by fyke net so that fish could be released unharmed. Sampling covered late June to evaluate post-breakup movements, late July-early August to evaluate fish use of channels after spring out-migration was complete, and late August to evaluate potential movements to wintering areas. Water chemistry parameters, including water temperature, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, pH , and turbidity, were measured to assess habitat conditions and provide information on the suitability of the water for domestic and industrial uses. Fish were tagged to reveal movements within the study area and provide estimates of the number of grayling using the study area.

## RESULTS

Eight species were captured in small streams in eastern NPR-A during fyke net sampling in 2006. Arctic grayling were again the most abundant species, followed by ninespine stickleback. Bill's Creek and Crea Creek, small tributary streams, produced the greatest number of grayling, followed by the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River).

As seen in previous years, there was substantial movement of fish in clear water tributaries connected to lake systems. Both Bill's Creek and Crea Creek are connected to lake systems by welldefined streams and there are similar stream/lake systems upstream from the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) sampling stations. Other clear water streams without significant lake area, or with ephemeral connecting streams, supported lower densities and diversity. It is clear that
connected lakes with predictable access provide important rearing areas for many fish species during summer.

Catch rates of Arctic grayling in the small streams were lower in July 2006 as compared to July 2004 and 2005, the low catches resulted in part by a reduced catch of juvenile grayling in 2006. A shorter sampling period than usual in July may also have been a factor.

An unusual event during 2005 was the catch of 2 sockeye salmon in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) during August. Sockeye salmon are rarely encountered along the Beaufort Sea coast and are considered strays from streams farther south. No salmon were caught in 2006.

Tags were applied to 290 Arctic grayling in 2006, bringing the total number of tagged grayling in eastern NPRA to 1,934 since 2001. During 2006, 76 tagged grayling were recovered, for a total of 359 recaptured from 2001 to 2006. One moved about 23 miles from Crea Creek to the Nigliq Delta fall harvest area in 97 days, where it was caught in a gill net; the rest were captured within the study area.

Multiple recaptures of the same fish were common, with one fish recaptured four times during the summer and another being captured five times since its original release in 2001. Tag returns indicate that Arctic grayling are wide-ranging within the Fish Ck/Judy Ck drainage system, however, many appear to consistently use the clear water creeks and lakes associated with the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River).

Tag returns indicated that Arctic grayling were returning to the same feeding areas year after year. Tagged Arctic grayling tended to be caught in the stream in which they had been tagged, even between years.

The estimates of Arctic grayling entering the study area were similar in both 2004 and 2005 for both estimating models, which indicated that between 4,100 and 4,400 grayling in excess of 180 mm likely used the study area. The estimate decreased to between 3,300 to 3,400 fish in 2006. Of these, approximately 1,000 to 2,000 entered Crea Creek in each year. For Bill's Creek, the 2004 and 2005-2006 estimates were quite different, with 2,400-2,700 estimated for 2004 and 920-940 estimated for 2005 and 800-1000 estimated for 2006.

Using the ratio of broad whitefish to grayling catch rates to estimate numbers of broad whitefish, it was estimated that an annual average of 365 broad whitefish (range: 163-506) entered the study area from 2004-2006, with 9 (range: 4-15) entering Crea Creek and 120 (range: 28-172) entering Bill’s Creek.

## CONCLUSIONS

Sampling in eastern NPR-A during 2006 indicated, as in previous years, that the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) drainage system is heavily used by Arctic grayling and broad whitefish, with humpback whitefish, least cisco and round whitefish also present during
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Larger Arctic grayling (in excess of 180 mm ) also ascended these small tundra drainages to feed, with individual fish showing fidelity to the same tributary system. It appears that the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) functions primarily as a migratory corridor for many of the larger grayling that are heading for specific stream/lake tributary systems. There is likely a portion of the population that remains within the main river through the summer. A similar pattern likely occurs in broad whitefish that are heading for feeding areas in lakes, although tag returns to date have been too low to validate this conclusion.

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## INTRODUCTION

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Streams in the study region have previously been investigated by Netsch et al. (1977), and Bendock and Burr (1984). These surveys consisted of one-day visits at each site for inventory-level surveys over a wide area, with sampling by gill net, seine, minnow trap, and angling. Species reported from Uvlutuuq (Fish Creek) and Iqalliqpiq (Judy Creek) included broad whitefish, Arctic grayling, round whitefish, slimy sculpin and ninespine stickleback. The Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) was also reported to contain Arctic grayling, slimy sculpin and ninespine stickleback.

The present study was begun in 2001 as the first detailed examination of fish habitats and populations in the eastern NPR-A study area (Moulton 2002, 2003). The study was designed to provide details of fish populations in eastern NPR-A (Figure 1), and the habitats used by those populations, so that oilfield facilities can be sited, designed and constructed in a manner that will avoid or minimize impacts.

The goal of the present study effort is to develop information needed to monitor fish populations using the Ublutuoch River drainage so that changes, if any, in fish use of the drainage system after field development can be evaluated.

Specific objectives of the 2006 fish survey were to conduct studies on the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) drainage system to:
a) describe fish populations and habitat use patterns within the drainage,
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## METHODS

During summer 2004-2006, fyke nets were used to sample smaller drainages within the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) study area (Figures 2 and 3). Initial stream sampling begun in 2001 consisted of fyke net stations in lower and upper Uvlutuuq (Fish Creek) (i.e. upstream from the confluence of Uvlutuuq (Fish Creek) and Iqalliqpiq (Judy Creek)), Iqalliqpiq (Judy Creek), and the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River). In 2002 and 2003, sampling was expanded to smaller tundra stream drainages associated with the greater Uvlutuuq (Fish Creek)/Iqalliqpiq (Judy Creek) system. Additional stations were sampled in lakes throughout the study region.

During summers from 2004 to 2006, the study design was to re-sample small streams in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) study area in the vicinity of potential development (Figure 2). Stream systems selected were two tundra streams, Bill's Creek and Crea Creek, that discharged directly into the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River).

Sampling was by fyke net so that fish could be released unharmed. Fyke nets used had an opening 0.9 m deep by 1.1 m wide, the trap end was 4.9 m long, made of 9.5 mm mesh. The wings ( 5 m long) and lead ( 15 m long) were made of 12.7 mm mesh. The nets were emptied daily. Fish were measured and released, with no fish retained for laboratory analysis. Duration of each set was recorded to allow calculation of catch rates. In 2005, fyke nets were arranged to sample fish moving both upstream and downstream.

In 2004-2006, fish longer than 180 mm were tagged to evaluate movement patterns within the drainage system and to reveal the extent to which fish caught in the study area contribute to the subsistence catch. Floy FD-94 anchor tags (monofilament $=1 / 2$ inch, vinyl $=3 / 4$ inch) were applied to whitefish, cisco, and burbot caught by fyke net. Recapture was monitored in research sampling within Colville Delta and eastern NPR-A study areas and in the Nuiqsut subsistence fishery.

## Water Chemistry Sampling

Water chemistry parameters were measured to assess habitat conditions during summer. Water chemistry measurements included surface measures of water temperature, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, pH , and turbidity. Temperature, specific conductance and dissolved oxygen were in situ measurements taken at a depth of approximately 0.5 m near the trap end of the fyke net with a YSI Model 85 meter. A sample obtained from about 15 cm below the surface was returned to the field office to measure pH and turbidity. PH was measured with either a Coning pH meter or an Oaktron pH Tester III. Turbidity was measured with an H.F. Scientific DRT15CE turbidity meter.

## Population Estimates

Estimates of the number of Arctic grayling (greater than 180 mm fork length) using the study area from 2004 to 2006 were performed using two different multiple census models: 1) the Schnabel method and 2) the Schumacher-Eschmeyer estimate, as described in Ricker (1975). Estimates of
population ( N ) used the following notations:
$m=$ number of periods, in this case, sample days
$M_{i}=$ total marked fish in the population at the start of the $i$ th sampling period $(i=1, \ldots, \mathrm{~m})$.
$C_{i}=$ total sample taken in period $i$.
$R_{i}=$ number of recaptures in the sample $C_{i}$.
$\mathrm{R}=$ (sum of) $R_{i}$ total recaptures during the experiment.
Method 1: Schnabel (adjusted)
The Schnabel approximation to the maximum likelihood estimator of population, N, from multiple censuses (Ricker 1975) was:

$$
N=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{C_{i} M_{i}}{R+1}
$$

Approximate 95\% confidence limits for this estimator were obtained by treating R as a Poisson variable and substituting limits found in Ricker (1975) for R.

Method 2: Schumacher-Eschmeyer
The Schumacher-Eschmeyer method uses the regression slope estimator in the plot of recovery rate versus the number of marked fish to obtain the following estimator:

$$
N=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} C_{i} M_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} M_{i} R_{i}}
$$

Approximate $95 \%$ confidence limits for N were obtained by first calculating limits for $1 / \mathrm{N}$ and then inverting those limits. The confidence limits for $1 / \mathrm{N}$ were based on a t -value with $\mathrm{m}-1$ degrees of freedom and the standard error (S.E.) of 1/N.

$$
S . E(1 / D)=\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{R_{i}^{2}}{C_{i}}-\frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} R_{i} M_{i}\right)^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} C_{i} M_{i}^{2}}}{(m-1) \sum_{i=1}^{m} C_{i} M_{i}^{2}}}
$$

There are three key assumptions on which these estimators depend:

1. marked fish are randomly dispersed into the general population.
2. all fish are equally catchable within each sampling period, including both marked and unmarked fish (not necessarily among sampling periods).
3. the population is closed (i.e., no inmigration or outmigration during the experiment).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Physical Environment

Sampling in 2006, as in previous years, began in June as stream flows were receding from peak break-up flows. At the onset of sampling on June 15, channel ice had melted and water temperatures had reached $12-13^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in study area streams (Figure 3). Subsequently, temperatures decreased rapidly to near $5-6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ before increasing in late June. Water temperatures fluctuated between 10 and $18^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ through July, and between 5 to $6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in late August. In contrast, water temperatures in June and late August 2004 were substantially higher than observed in any other year between 2002 and 2006.

During the period of study, specific conductance rose slowly at all sites through the summer as snow melt and runoff decreased. Bill's Creek exhibits the highest specific conductance, while the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) has the lowest (Figure 3). Turbidity in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) and its tributaries was low throughout the summer, generally in the range of 2 NTU or less, indicating consistently clear water (Appendix Table B-1). Highest values were recorded in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) following break-up.

## Biological Observations

## Movements Within Drainages

Fyke Net Catches. Substantial differences were found in fish use of small drainages of eastern NPR-A. Eight species were captured in small streams in eastern NPR-A during fyke net sampling in 2006, with a total of twelve species identified from Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) drainage since 2001 (Table 2). Arctic grayling were the most abundant species (52\% of the total catch, $86 \%$ of the non-stickleback catch), followed by ninespine stickleback. Stations B0401 in Bill's Creek and C0301 in Crea Creek, small tributary streams, produced the greatest number of grayling, followed by Station U0601 on the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River). While juvenile grayling dominated the catches, adults were also present (Appendix Table C-1).

From 2004 to 2006, fyke nets were placed to catch fish moving both upstream and downstream in Bill's Creek, Crea Creek, and the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River). In 2004, most Arctic grayling appeared to be moving downstream in July to early August, with relatively few remaining in late August, while broad whitefish remained in the streams into late August. In 2005, there was little movement into the streams in June, possibly because of the much lower water temperatures as compared to 2004; however this was followed by strong upstream movement by Arctic grayling at all stations during July, with fish apparently moving downstream during late August. In 2006, the relatively high water temperatures, compared to 2005, seemed to stimulate upstream movements into Bills Creek and Crea Creek in June. Moderate activity continued through July, with low catches in both directions during August (Figure 4).

Few broad whitefish were caught during 2006, with most of those caught moving downstream in Bill's Creek and the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River). There was an indication of an August downstream movement by broad whitefish in both of these streams, but this was based on relatively low numbers of fish (Figure 5). Bill's Creek drains an extensive lake system, which may explain the higher numbers of broad whitefish moving into this system as compared to the Crea Creek system (Figure 6).

It is clear that connected lakes with predictable access provide important rearing areas for many fish species during summer. As seen in previous years, and discussed in Morris (2003) and Moulton (2005), there was substantial movement of fish in clear water tributaries connected to lake systems. Both Bill's Creek and Crea Creek are connected to lake systems by well-defined streams and there are similar stream/lake systems upstream from the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) sampling stations (Figure 6). As reported in Moulton (2005, 2006), other clear water streams without significant lake area, or with ephemeral connecting streams, supported lower densities and diversity. In previous sampling, only ninespine stickleback and Alaska blackfish were caught in lakes of the Oil Creek drainage.

Catch rates of Arctic grayling in the small streams were lower in 2006 as compared to 2004 and 2005 (Figure 8). Much of this decrease in catch seems to be related to a lack of small fish during 2006 at all stations (Figure 9). The July sampling period during 2006 was later and shorter than those in previous years and may account for some of the reduction in small grayling observed in 2006.

An unusual event during 2005 was the catch of 2 adult sockeye salmon in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) during August. Sockeye salmon are very rare in North Slope drainages This follows the similarly unusual capture of 4 adult chinook salmon ( $685-900 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) from this river in 2004. Chinook and sockeye salmon are rarely encountered along the Beaufort Sea coast and are considered strays from streams farther south (Craig and Haldorson 1986). There were no unusual species encounters in 2006.

Tag Returns. Tags were applied to 290 Arctic grayling in 2006, bringing the total number of tagged grayling in eastern NPRA to 1,934 since 2001 (Table 3). During 2006, 76 tagged grayling were recovered, for a total of 359 recaptured from 2001 to 2006. One moved about 23 miles from Crea Creek to the Nigliq Delta fall harvest area in 97 days, where it was caught in a gill net; the rest were captured within the study area.

Multiple recaptures of the same fish were common (Table 4), with one fish recaptured four times during the summer and another being captured five times since its original release in 2001. Tag returns indicate that Arctic grayling are wide-ranging within the Fish Ck/Judy Ck drainage system, however, many appear to consistently use the clear water creeks and lakes associated with the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River). One fish demonstrating remarkable consistency was captured at the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) site on the following dates:

June 25, 2002
June 22, 2003
June 23, 2004
This fish was not encountered in 2005 or 2006.
Tag returns indicated that Arctic grayling were returning to the same feeding areas year after year. Tagged Arctic grayling tended to be caught in the stream in which they had been tagged, even between years. For both Bill's Creek and Crea Creek, the highest tag return rates were within the stream of release in both 2004 and 2005 (Table 3). In 2006, the pattern differed, with tagged fish form Bill's Creek and Crea Creek caught at higher rates in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) than in the stream of release. Return rates within the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River), however, were lower than in the small side streams, with returns at the tagging site not necessarily higher than at other netting stations. Few grayling tagged in Bill's Creek were caught in Crea Creek, and similarly, few tagged in Crea Creek were captured in Bill's Creek.

Tags were applied to 38 broad whitefish in 2006, bringing the total number of tagged broad whitefish in eastern NPRA to 455 since 2001. Only one tagged broad whitefish were recovered during 2006, recaptured at the release station 1 day after its release. To date, only 11 have been recaptured, 10 within 5 days of release. The remaining broad whitefish was captured in a gill net at Nuiqsut 86 days after being tagged.

Tags were applied to 86 humpback whitefish in 2006, bringing the total number of tagged humpback whitefish in eastern NPRA to 464 since 2001. Only two tagged humpback whitefish were recovered during 2006, both at the release station in within 2 days of their release. To date, only 13 have been recaptured, 11 of those coming within 4 days of release. The remaining 2 humpback whitefish were captured in gill nets in the Nigliq Channel 94 and 97 days after being tagged.

Tagged least cisco and round whitefish have been released in lesser numbers, with 143 least cisco and 86 round whitefish released since 2001. Two least cisco from these releases ended up in gill nets in the Nigliq Channel after 128 and 824 days at large. Eight others were captured near the release site within a week or less at large. There have not been any notable recoveries for round whitefish.

## Habitat Use by Dominant Species

During 2006, four species (Arctic grayling, broad whitefish, humpback whitefish and round whitefish) comprised over $98 \%$ of the catch, excluding ninespine stickleback. Ninespine stickleback were $39 \%$ of the total catch, being most abundant in Crea Creek (Table 2). In previous years, burbot were encountered in several habitats, and while not numerous, were conspicuous because of their large size. However, burbot were not caught in 2006.

Arctic Grayling. Arctic grayling were the most abundant species caught (Table 2). The two
clear streams, Bill's Creek and Crea Creek, contained the highest abundance of adult Arctic grayling, with the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) third in abundance (Table 2). Rearing juveniles, primarily ages 1 and 2 , were particularly abundant in the clear water tributaries to Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River), although larger grayling were also abundant in Bill's Creek and Crea Creek (Figure 9). Young-of-the-year were caught in small numbers in Bill's Creek, Crea Creek and Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River).

Humpback Whitefish. Humpback whitefish were third in abundance, with $74 \%$ of the catch recorded from the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River). Unlike other species, most of the captured humpback whitefish were adults. There was a strong upstream movement of large humpback whitefish in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) during July sampling (July 2229).

Broad Whitefish. Broad whitefish were the fourth most abundant fish caught, but were less than $2 \%$ of the total catch (Table 2). Larger broad whitefish were caught primarily in Bill's Creek and the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) July and August sampling, with only scattered records of larger individuals at other locations and periods (Figure 5).

Least Cisco. Least cisco were most abundant in Bill's Creek and Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River), apparently moving upstream to access connected lakes.

## Estimates of Arctic Grayling and Broad Whitefish

The consistent and high recapture rates of tagged Arctic grayling allowed estimating the number of fish likely entering the study area during summer. Two estimating models were used, the Schnabel method and the Schumacher-Eschmeyer method. Both estimating models are appropriate when there are multiple release and recapture events through a study period.

There are three key assumptions on which these estimators depend:

1. marked fish are randomly dispersed into the general population.
2. all fish are equally catchable within each sampling period, including both marked and unmarked fish (not necessarily among sampling periods).
3. the population is closed (i.e., no immigration or emigration during the experiment).

These assumptions are generally not met, thus the estimated numbers must be viewed as approximations, however, they may be useful for comparison with future tag recovery trends. Assumption 1 is rarely true for any fish population, as behavioral interactions will likely preclude random mixing. Assumption 2 is also problematic because groups of fish are usually headed in a particular direction (either upstream or downstream) when caught for tagging, and thus are likely to be unavailable for sampling periods immediately after release; recovery is likely to occur when the fish next happen to move past the sampling station, either later in the summer or the following year. The third assumption, i.e. the population is closed, may be the most valid assumption, particularly within Bill's Creek and Crea Creek. Tag returns indicate that

Arctic grayling show a degree of fidelity to these streams, and return year after year to these feeding systems. Although the fish move downstream to winter, they return to the stream/lake systems during summer. It is also clear that there are additional groups moving farther upstream in the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) that are rarely encountered again. Thus the estimated numbers are most likely to be useful for the two smaller creeks (Bill's Creek and Crea Creek).

The estimates of Arctic grayling entering the study area were similar in both 2004 and 2005 for both estimating models, which indicated that between 4,100 and 4,400 grayling in excess of 180 mm likely used the study area (Table 5). The estimate decreased to between 3,300 to 3,400 fish in 2006. Of these, approximately 1,000 to 2,000 entered Crea Creek in each year. For Bill's Creek, the 2004 and 2005-2006 estimates were quite different, with 2,400-2,700 estimated for 2004 and 920-940 estimated for 2005 and 800-1000 estimated for 2006. The high estimates in Bill's Creek for 2004 and Crea Creek for 2006 result from the low number of recoveries in those cases.

Both models provided similar estimates and similar confidence intervals. However, the low number of recoveries in Bill's Creek during 2004 and Crea Creek during 2006 resulted in broad confidence intervals for those estimates, particularly with the Schumacher-Eschmeyer model.

A rough estimate can be made of the number of broad whitefish exceeding 180 mm entering the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) study area if it is assumed that the ratio of broad whitefish catches to Arctic grayling catches is a reasonable indicator of relative abundance. An insufficient number of anchor tags were returned to make a direct estimate of broad whitefish, but if it is assumed that fish in excess of 180 mm in both species are equally vulnerable to catch by fyke nets, then the ratio of broad whitefish to Arctic grayling can be used to estimate numbers of broad whitefish (Table 6). Using this approach, an annual average of 365 broad whitefish (range: 163-506) entered the study area from 2004-2006, with 9 (range: 4-15) entering Crea Creek and 120 (range: 28-172) entering Bill's Creek. Estimates of broad whitefish from 2004 and 2006 in Bill's Creek and the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) study area were similar in magnitude, while estimates form 2005 were considerably lower.

## CONCLUSIONS

Sampling in eastern NPR-A during 2006 indicated, as in previous years, that the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) drainage system is heavily used by Arctic grayling and broad whitefish, with humpback whitefish, least cisco and round whitefish also present during summer. Clearwater tributaries to the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) that have strong connections to lakes supported high densities of juvenile Arctic grayling, as well as a variety of other species, indicating the importance of these small connected streams as summer feeding areas.

Larger Arctic grayling (in excess of 180 mm ) also ascended these small tundra drainages to feed, with individual fish showing fidelity to the same tributary system. It appears that the Tingmiaqsiugvik (Ublutuoch River) functions primarily as a migratory corridor for many of the larger grayling that are heading for specific stream/lake tributary systems. There is likely a portion of the population that remains within the main river through the summer. A similar pattern likely occurs in broad whitefish that are heading for feeding areas in lakes, although tag returns to date have been too low to validate this conclusion.

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Table 1. Location of fyke net stations fished in eastern NPRA during 2004-2006.

| Year | Station | Location | Dates Fished | Latitude <br> (N | Longitude D83) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | B0401 (US) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 13-20; Jul 31-Aug 4; Aug 18-24 | 70.22592 | 151.26387 |
|  | B0401 (DS) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 13-20; Jul 31-Aug 4; Aug 18-24 | 70.22592 | 151.26387 |
|  | C0301 (US) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 16-24; Jul 10-20; Jul 29-Aug 4; Aug 18-24 | 70.27969 | 151.33000 |
|  | C0301 (DS) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 13-20; Jul 29-Aug 4; Aug 18-24 | 70.27969 | 151.33000 |
|  | U0102 (US) | Ublutuoch River | Jul 14-17; Jul 30-Aug 4; Aug 18-24 | 70.24875 | 151.29120 |
|  | U0102 (DS) | Ublutuoch River | Jul 30-Aug 4; Aug 18-24 | 70.24875 | 151.29120 |
|  | U0301 (US) | Ublutuoch River | Jun 16-24; Jul 13 | 70.23952 | 151.30293 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | B0401 (US) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 10-27; Aug 18-22 | 70.22592 | 151.26387 |
|  | B0401 (DS) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 10-27; Aug 18-22 | 70.22592 | 151.26387 |
|  | B0501 (US) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 16-22 | 70.23563 | 151.27713 |
|  | B0501 (DS) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 16-22 | 70.23563 | 151.27713 |
|  | B0502 (US) | Bills' Creek at Lake Outlet | Jul 15-26 | 70.21218 | 151.24599 |
|  | C0301 (US) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 10-27; Aug 18-22 | 70.27969 | 151.33000 |
|  | C0301 (DS) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jul 10-27; Aug 18-22 | 70.27969 | 151.33000 |
|  | C0501 (DS) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 15-21 | 70.28680 | 151.32316 |
|  | C0501 (US) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 15-21 | 70.28680 | 151.32316 |
|  | U0102 (US) | Ublutuoch River | Jul 10-28; Aug 18-23 | 70.24875 | 151.29120 |
|  | U0102 (DS) | Ublutuoch River | Jul 10-28; Aug 18-23 | 70.24875 | 151.29120 |
|  | U0501 (US) | Ublutuoch River | Jun 17 | 70.25358 | 151.26657 |
|  | U0502 (US) | Ublutuoch River | Jun 17-22 | 70.23415 | 151.29025 |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | B0401 (US) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 15-22; Jul 21-29; Aug 17-23 | 70.22592 | 151.26387 |
|  | B0401 (DS) | Bill's Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 16-22; Jul 21-29; Aug 17-23 | 70.22592 | 151.26387 |
|  | C0301 (US) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 15-22; Jul 21-29; Aug 17-23 | 70.27969 | 151.33000 |
|  | C0301 (DS) | Crea Creek (trib to Ublutuoch) | Jun 15-22; Jul 21-29; Aug 17-23 | 70.27969 | 151.33000 |
|  | U0502 (US) | Ublutuoch River | Jun 15-22; Jul 21-29; Aug 17-23 | 70.23374 | 151.28735 |
|  | U0502 (DS) | Ublutuoch River | Jul 22-29; Aug 17-23 | 70.23385 | 151.28803 |

DS = net catching fish moving downstream
US $=$ net catching fish moving upstream

Table 2. Comparison of fish catches in small streams of eastern NPRA during 2004-2006.

## Number of fish caught

| Species | Bill's Ck |  |  | Crea Ck |  |  |  | Ublutuoch River |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Chinook salmon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| Chum salmon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Sockeye salmon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Broad whitefish | 122 | 38 | 15 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 121 | 155 | 6 | 76 | 26 | 23 |
| Humpback whitefish | 24 | 9 | 23 |  |  |  | 1 | 192 | 5 | 1 |  | 26 | 67 |
| Least cisco | 12 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |  | 37 | 66 | 2 | 13 | 24 | 8 |
| Round whitefish | 3 | 4 | 9 |  |  |  | 5 | 70 | 11 | 2 |  | 18 | 20 |
| Arctic grayling | 1,837 | 1,266 | 532 | 1,394 | 1,175 | 1,381 | 267 | 660 | 630 | 222 | 749 | 705 | 265 |
| Burbot |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaska blackfish | 2 |  |  | 2 | 5 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ninespine stickleback | 938 | 213 | 132 | 391 | 1,213 | 901 | 562 | 52 | 15 | 305 | 296 | 92 | 93 |
| Slimy sculpin | 17 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 5 |  | 7 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Total catch | 2,955 | 1,548 | 715 | 1,809 | 2,410 | 2,294 | 837 | 1,140 | 889 | 547 | 1,143 | 895 | 478 |
| Number of Species | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| Effort (hours) | 933.1 | 1,735.9 | 1,026.2 | 634.8 | 1,331.3 | 1,462.1 | 1,049.6 | 653.7 | 590.3 | 645.7 | 987.3 | 1,347.8 | 859.5 |

Catch Rate (fish per day)

| Species | Bill's Ck |  |  | Crea Ck |  |  |  | Ublutuoch River |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Chinook salmon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.10 |  |  |
| Chum salmon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.04 |  |  |  | 0.02 |  |
| Sockeye salmon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.04 |  |
| Broad whitefish | 3.1 | 0.53 | 0.35 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 0.22 | 1.8 | 0.46 | 0.64 |
| Humpback whitefish | 0.62 | 0.12 | 0.54 |  |  |  | 0.02 | 7.0 | 0.20 | 0.04 |  | 0.46 | 1.87 |
| Least cisco | 0.31 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.02 |  | 1.4 | 2.7 | 0.07 | 0.32 | 0.43 | 0.22 |
| Round whitefish | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.21 |  |  |  | 0.11 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.07 |  | 0.32 | 0.56 |
| Arctic grayling | 47.2 | 17.5 | 12.44 | 52.7 | 21.2 | 22.7 | 6.11 | 24.2 | 25.6 | 8.3 | 18.2 | 12.6 | 7.40 |
| Burbot |  |  |  | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaska blackfish | 0.05 |  |  | 0.08 | 0.09 |  | 0.02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ninespine stickleback | 24.1 | 2.9 | 3.09 | 14.8 | 21.9 | 14.8 | 12.85 | 1.9 | 0.61 | 11.3 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 2.60 |
| Slimy sculpin | 0.44 | 0.19 | 0.02 | 0.57 | 0.09 | 0.08 |  | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.06 |
| Total CPUE | 76.0 | 21.4 | 16.7 | 68.4 | 43.4 | 37.7 | 19.1 | 41.9 | 36.1 | 20.3 | 27.8 | 15.9 | 13.3 |
| Number of Species | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 7 |

Table 3. Release and recapture locations of Arctic grayling tagged in eastern NPR-A streams from 2003 to 2006.

| Number Recaptured |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Release Stream | Release Year | Number <br> Released | Number Recaptured in2003 |  |  | Number Recaptured in2004 |  |  | Number Recaptured in 2005 |  |  | Number Recaptured in2006 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Bill's C | Crea Ck | blutuoc | Bill's C | Crea Ck | blutuo | Bill's Ck | Crea Ck | lutuoc | Bill's Ck | Crea C | blutuoc |
| Bill's Ck |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2004 | 159 | -- | -- | -- | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2005 | 220 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 25 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
|  | 2006 | 121 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 7 | 1 | 9 |
| Crea CK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2003 | 96 | -- | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
|  | 2004 | 216 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
|  | 2005 | 226 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
|  | 2006 | 86 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Ublutuoch R. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2001 | 187 | -- | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 2002 | 87 | -- | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2003 | 56 | -- | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2004 | 142 | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | 2005 | 255 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 2006 | 83 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Percent Recaptured |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Release | Release | Number |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { nt Recal } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ | red in |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ent Recap } \\ & 2004 \end{aligned}$ | red in |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { it Recaf } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | ed in | Perc | $\begin{gathered} \text { it Reca } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | red in |
| Stream | Year | Released | Bill's C | Crea Ck | blutuoc | Bill's C | Crea Ck | blutuo | Bill's Ck | Crea Ck | blutuoc | Bill's Ck | Crea C | blutuoc |
| Bill's Ck |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2004 | 159 | -- | -- | -- | 3.8\% | 0 | 0.6\% | 3.1\% | 1.3\% | 1.3\% | 1.9\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
|  | 2005 | 220 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 11.4\% | 0 | 0.9\% | 3.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.9\% |
|  | 2006 | 121 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5.8\% | 0.8\% | 7.4\% |
| Crea CK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2003 | 96 | -- | 3.1\% | 0 | 1.0\% | 11.5\% | 0 | 0 | 4.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2.1\% | 0.0\% |
|  | 2004 | 216 | -- | -- | -- | 0.9\% | 11.6\% | 0.5\% | 0.5\% | 5.6\% | 0.9\% | 0.0\% | 2.8\% | 0.0\% |
|  | 2005 | 226 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.3\% | 9.3\% | 1.8\% | 0.4\% | 4.9\% | 0.0\% |
|  | 2006 | 86 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 2.3\% |
| Ublutuoch R. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2001 | 187 | -- | 1.1\% | 0 | 0.5\% | 0 | 2.7\% | 1.6\% | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.5\% | 0.5\% | 0.5\% |
|  | 2002 | 87 | -- | 0 | 1.1\% | 3.4\% | 0 | 2.3\% | 0 | 1.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
|  | 2003 | 56 | -- | 1.8\% | 5.4\% | 0 | 1.8\% | 0 | 1.8\% | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
|  | 2004 | 142 | -- | -- | -- | 0.7\% | 0.7\% | 2.1\% | 0 | 1.4\% | 2.8\% | 0.7\% | 0.7\% | 2.1\% |
|  | 2005 | 255 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.4\% | 0.4\% | 0 | 0.8\% | 0.0\% | 0.4\% |
|  | 2006 | 83 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.4\% | 0.0\% | 1.2\% |

Table 4. Multiple recaptures of Arctic grayling in eastern NPRA streams, 2001-2006.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Tag } \\ \text { Number } \end{gathered}$ | Release |  |  | Recapture |  |  | Days Out |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Station | Date | Length | Station | Date | Length |  |
| MJM0100118 | U0101 | 6/25/2001 | 309 | U0102 | 6/25/2002 | 319 | 365 |
|  | U0102 | 6/25/2002 | 319 | U0301 | 6/22/2003 | 338 | 362 |
|  | U0301 | 6/22/2003 | 338 | U0301 | 7/13/2003 | 336 | 21 |
|  | U0301 | 7/13/2003 | 336 | U0301 | 7/16/2003 | 337 | 3 |
|  | U0301 | 7/16/2003 | 337 | C0301 | 6/23/2004 | 347 | 343 |
| MJM0100835 | MC7916C | 7/25/2001 | 332 | MC7916C | 7/28/2001 | 332 | 3 |
|  | MC7916A | 7/28/2001 | 332 | CK17A | 6/23/2002 | 341 | 330 |
| MJM0101817 | B0401 | 8/19/2004 | 349 | B0401 | 7/17/2005 | 351 | 332 |
|  | B0401 | 7/17/2005 | 351 | B0401 | 8/19/2005 | 350 | 33 |
| MJM0101392 | U0102 | 9/1/2001 | 356 | C0301 | 7/12/2005 | 385 | 1410 |
|  | C0301 | 7/12/2005 | 385 | C0301 | 6/15/2006 | 383 | 338 |
| MJM020027 | U0102 | 6/21/2002 | 211 | B0401 | 7/15/2004 | 273 | 755 |
|  | B0401 | 7/15/2004 | 273 | U0102 | 8/4/2004 | 281 | 20 |
| MJM020490 | U0102 | 7/31/2002 | 295 | C0301 | 7/11/2005 | 330 | 1076 |
|  | C0301 | 7/11/2005 | 330 | C0301 | 7/21/2005 | 330 | 10 |
| MJM020730 | C0301 | 6/18/2003 | 218 | C0301 | 6/19/2004 | 263 | 367 |
|  | C0301 | 6/19/2004 | 263 | C0301 | 7/24/2005 | 310 | 400 |
| MJM020859 | C0301 | 7/19/2003 | 233 | C0301 | 7/14/2004 | 268 | 361 |
|  | C0301 | 7/14/2004 | 268 | C0301 | 7/14/2005 | 310 | 365 |
| MJM021211 | C0301 | 8/17/2003 | 188 | C0301 | 7/18/2004 | 222 | 336 |
|  | C0301 | 7/18/2004 | 222 | C0301 | 7/29/2004 | 220 | 11 |
| MJM021264 | C0301 | 7/12/2004 | 227 | C0301 | 7/29/2004 | 228 | 17 |
|  | C0301 | 7/29/2004 | 228 | C0301 | 8/2/2004 | 231 | 4 |
| MJM021266 | C0301 | 7/12/2004 | 361 | C0301 | 7/12/2005 | 362 | 365 |
|  | C0301 | 7/12/2005 | 362 | C0301 | 7/14/2005 | 365 | 2 |
|  | C0301 | 7/14/2005 | 365 | C0301 | 7/16/2005 | 360 | 2 |
| MJM021299 | C0301 | 6/24/2004 | 191 | C0301 | 7/13/2004 | 205 | 19 |
|  | C0301 | 7/14/2004 | 205 | C0301 | 7/20/2004 | 207 | 6 |
|  | C0301 | 7/20/2004 | 207 | C0301 | 8/23/2004 | 215 | 34 |
| MJM021307 | U0301 | 6/19/2004 | 387 | U0102 | 7/23/2005 | 380 | 399 |
|  | U0102 | 7/23/2005 | 380 | B0401 | 7/26/2006 | 383 | 368 |
| MJM021325 | U0301 | 6/19/2004 | 210 | C0301 | 8/2/2004 | 237 | 44 |
|  | C0301 | 8/2/2004 | 237 | C0301 | 8/18/2004 | 244 | 16 |
| MJM021369 | U0301 | 6/20/2004 | 384 | U0502 | 6/20/2006 | 379 | 730 |
|  | U0502 | 6/20/2006 | 379 | U0502 | 7/22/2006 | 374 | 32 |
| MJM021374 | C0301 | 6/20/2004 | 267 | C0301 | 7/15/2004 | 282 | 25 |
|  | C0301 | 7/15/2004 | 282 | C0301 | 7/20/2004 | 281 | 5 |
|  | C0301 | 7/20/2004 | 281 | C0301 | 6/20/2006 | 314 | 700 |

Table 4. Multiple recaptures of Arctic grayling in eastern NPRA streams, 2001-2006.

| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Tag } \\ \text { Number } \end{gathered}$ | Release |  |  | Recapture |  |  | Days Out |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Station | Date | Length | Station | Date | Length |  |
| MJM021480 | C0301 | 7/12/2003 | 198 | C0301 | 6/19/2004 | 235 | 343 |
|  | C0301 | 6/19/2004 | 235 | C0301 | 8/4/2004 | 274 | 46 |
|  | C0301 | 8/4/2004 | 274 | C0301 | 8/18/2004 | 276 | 14 |
|  | C0301 | 8/18/2004 | 276 | C0301 | 8/21/2004 | 278 | 3 |
| MJM021489 | C0301 | 7/12/2003 | 235 | C0301 | 7/29/2004 | 281 | 383 |
|  | C0301 | 7/29/2004 | 281 | C0301 | 8/2/2004 | 283 | 4 |
| MJM021993 | U0102 | 7/31/2004 | 339 | U0102 | 8/2/2004 | 340 | 2 |
|  | U0102 | 8/2/2004 | 340 | C0301 | 7/12/2005 | 352 | 344 |
|  | C0301 | 7/12/2005 | 352 | C0301 | 7/15/2005 | 365 | 3 |
| MJM022572 | B0401 | 7/15/2005 | 187 | B0401 | 7/23/2005 | 190 | 8 |
|  | B0401 | 7/23/2005 | 190 | B0502 | 7/27/2005 | 191 | 4 |
| MJM022610 | B0401 | 7/16/2005 | 246 | B0401 | 8/18/2005 | 260 | 33 |
|  | B0401 | 8/18/2005 | 260 | B0401 | 8/21/2005 | 260 | 3 |
| MJM022797 | B0401 | 8/20/2005 | 327 | B0401 | 6/18/2006 | 327 | 302 |
|  | B0401 | 6/18/2006 | 327 | B0401 | 7/24/2006 | 347 | 36 |

Table 5. Estimates of Arctic grayling using eastern NPR-A study area streams from 2004 to 2006.

| System | Fish <br> Caught | Tags Released | Tags Recovered | Schnabel Model |  | Schumacher-Eschmeyer Model |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Population Estimate | 95\% <br> Confidence <br> Interval | Population Estimate | 95\% <br> Confidence <br> Interval |
| Ublutuoch Study Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004 | 617 | 557 | 43 | 4,212 | 3,145-5,769 | 4,122 | 2,860-7,376 |
| 2005 | 741 | 704 | 63 | 4,408 | 3,457-5,710 | 4,086 | 3,216-5,601 |
| 2006 | 369 | 366 | 21 | 3,267 | 2,171-5,133 | 3,359 | 2,096-8,456 |
| Crea Ck |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004 | 253 | 216 | 29 | 1,008 | 709-1,480 | 960 | 704-1,506 |
| 2005 | 243 | 226 | 28 | 1,010 | 706-1,494 | 1,159 | 866-1,753 |
| 2006 | 111 | 108 | 3 | 1,680 | 688-4,151 | 2,574 | 849-NA |
| Bill's Ck |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004 | 221 | 199 | 9 | 2,401 | 1,327-4,693 | 2,741 | 1,613-9,105 |
| 2005 | 234 | 223 | 29 | 936 | 658-1,375 | 920 | 695-1,362 |
| 2006 | 153 | 153 | 15 | 797 | 496-1,358 | 1,005 | 571-4,163 |

Table 6. Estimates of broad whitefish using northeast NPR-A study area streams, 2004 to 2006. (based on ratio of broad whitefish to grayling catch rates)

|  | Year | Population <br> Estimate | $95 \%$ <br> Confidence <br> Interval |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ublutuoch Stuy Area |  |  |  |
|  | 2004 | $\mathbf{4 2 7}$ | $319-585$ |
|  | 2005 | $\mathbf{1 6 3}$ | $127-211$ |
|  | 2006 | 506 | $337-797$ |
| Crea Ck |  |  |  |
|  | 2004 | $\mathbf{7}$ | $5-10$ |
|  | 2005 | $\mathbf{4}$ | $3-5$ |
|  | 2006 | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $6-37$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Bill's Ck | 2004 | $\mathbf{1 5 9}$ | $88-312$ |
|  | 2005 | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | $20-41$ |
|  | 2006 | $\mathbf{1 7 2}$ | $107-293$ |



Figure 1. General location of the eastern NPR-A study area, Alaska, 2001-2006.


Figure 2. Fyke net locations in streams of eastern NPR-A study area, 2004-2006.


Figure 3. Mean water temperature and specific conductance at streams sampled in the eastern NPR-A study area, 2002-2006.


Figure 4. Comparison of Arctic grayling catch rates for fish moving in and out of streams of eastern NPR-A during 2006.
(Downstream = fish moving downstream, Upstream = fish moving upstream)


Figure 5. Comparison of broad whitefish catch rates for fish moving in and out of streams of eastern NPR-A during 2006.
(Downstream = fish moving downstream, Upstream = fish moving upstream)


Figure 6. Small streams with connected lake systems investigated in 2003-2006 (red stars indicate fyke net stations).


Figure 7. Length frequencies of Arctic grayling moving upstream and downstream in Crea Creek and Bill's Creek, 2006 (note change of scale between Bill's Ck July and August sampling periods)


Figure 8. Comparison of Arctic grayling daily catch rates in 3 eastern NPR-A streams sampled in 2004-2006.


Figure 9. Comparison of Arctic grayling lengths at 3 streams in eastern NPR-A from 2004 to 2006.

## APPENDIX A

Water chemistry from fyke net stations
in eastern NPR-A during 2006

Appendix Table A-1. Water chemistry parameters measured at NPRA fyke net sampling sites, 2006.

| Station | Date | Temp <br> $\left({ }^{0} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Dissolved Oxygen |  | SpecificConductance Turbidity(microS/cm)(NTU) |  | pH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (mg/l) | (\%) |  |  |  |
| B0401 | 6/14/2006 | 13.4 | 9.72 | 93.1 | 73.0 | 0.8 | 7.20 |
| B0401 | 6/15/2006 | 12.2 | 9.55 | 89.1 | 72.8 | 0.6 | 7.57 |
| B0401 | 6/16/2006 | 8.2 | 9.98 | 84.7 | 72.4 | 0.5 | 7.58 |
| B0401 | 6/17/2006 | 6.5 | 11.44 | 93.2 | 72.7 | 0.5 | 7.22 |
| B0401 | 6/18/2006 | 10.1 | 10.86 | 96.8 | 82.6 | 0.4 | 7.73 |
| B0401 | 6/19/2006 | 9.2 | 9.67 | 84.1 | 88.4 | 0.6 | 7.48 |
| B0401 | 6/20/2006 | 11.7 | 10.28 | 95.1 | 92.0 | 0.5 | 7.32 |
| B0401 | 6/21/2006 | 14.9 | 8.79 | 86.5 | 95.2 | 0.4 | 7.40 |
| B0401 | 6/22/2006 | 16.0 | 8.33 | 84.5 | 102.9 | 0.4 | 7.42 |
| B0401 | 7/21/2006 | 10.0 | 10.63 | 94.3 | 156.0 | 1.2 | 7.78 |
| B0401 | 7/22/2006 | 9.8 | 11.08 | 98.1 | 154.7 | 0.9 | 7.57 |
| B0401 | 7/23/2006 | 9.6 | 10.83 | 95.5 | 153.7 | 0.9 | 7.55 |
| B0401 | 7/24/2006 | 11.0 | 10.53 | 95.7 | 154.5 | 0.8 | 7.59 |
| B0401 | 7/25/2006 | 15.5 | 9.76 | 98.7 | 157.2 | 0.8 | 7.75 |
| B0401 | 7/26/2006 | 17.1 | 9.25 | 96.3 | 159.5 | 0.8 | 7.75 |
| B0401 | 7/27/2006 | 16.6 | 8.85 | 91.2 | 162.8 | 0.8 | 7.76 |
| B0401 | 7/28/2006 | 17.6 | 8.76 | 92.6 | 164.4 | 0.9 | 7.71 |
| B0401 | 7/29/2006 | 18.4 | 8.78 | 93.7 | 167.5 | 1.0 | 7.56 |
| B0401 | 8/18/2006 | 6.3 |  |  | 197.7 |  |  |
| B0401 | 8/19/2006 | 4.5 |  |  | 212.3 |  |  |
| B0401 | 8/20/2006 | 5.3 |  |  | 232.6 |  |  |
| B0401 | 8/21/2006 | 6.0 |  |  | 217.4 |  |  |
| B0401 | 8/22/2006 | 6.1 |  |  | 196.7 |  |  |
| B0401 | 8/23/2006 | 5.2 |  |  | 194.6 |  |  |
| C0301 | 6/14/2006 | 11.8 | 9.68 | 89.7 | 76.3 | 0.9 | 7.18 |
| C0301 | 6/15/2006 | 12.0 | 11.03 | 102.5 | 72.5 | 1.2 | 7.70 |
| C0301 | 6/16/2006 | 9.1 | 9.93 | 86.0 | 73.1 | 0.7 | 7.32 |
| C0301 | 6/17/2006 | 5.5 | 11.51 | 91.5 | 119.0 | 0.6 | 7.14 |
| C0301 | 6/18/2006 | 8.6 | 11.25 | 96.6 | 77.3 | 0.5 | 7.98 |
| C0301 | 6/19/2006 | 9.5 | 10.52 | 92.4 | 79.8 | 0.6 | 7.42 |
| C0301 | 6/20/2006 | 10.1 | 10.43 | 92.7 | 85.8 | 0.5 | 7.47 |
| C0301 | 6/21/2006 | 12.5 | 10.02 | 94.2 | 94.6 | 0.5 | 7.62 |
| C0301 | 6/22/2006 | 14.6 | 9.50 | 92.5 | 100.6 | 0.6 | 7.52 |
| C0301 | 7/21/2006 | 10.3 | 9.87 |  | 137.5 | 3.0 | 7.81 |
| C0301 | 7/22/2006 | 9.4 | 10.28 | 93.3 | 136.9 | 2.7 | 7.53 |
| C0301 | 7/23/2006 | 10.2 | 10.34 | 91.7 | 136.2 | 1.4 | 7.56 |
| C0301 | 7/24/2006 | 10.6 | 9.76 | 84.7 | 138.2 | 1.2 | 7.56 |
| C0301 | 7/25/2006 | 14.4 | 9.30 | 92.0 | 139.8 | 1.3 | 7.63 |
| C0301 | 7/26/2006 | 16.4 | 9.26 | 95.6 | 142.3 | 1.5 | 7.68 |
| C0301 | 7/27/2006 | 16.8 | 8.49 | 88.0 | 144.3 | 1.4 | 7.66 |
| C0301 | 7/28/2006 | 17.6 | 8.38 | 88.2 | 146.6 | 1.7 | 7.59 |
| C0301 | 7/29/2006 | 18.3 | 7.74 | 82.3 | 149.2 | 1.8 | 7.48 |

Appendix Table A-1. Water chemistry parameters measured at NPRA fyke net sampling sites, 2006.

| Station | Date | Temp <br> $\left({ }^{0} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Dissolved Oxygen |  | SpecificConductance Turbidity(microS/cm) $\quad$ (NTU) |  | pH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (mg/l) | (\%) |  |  |  |
| C0301 | 8/18/2006 | 6.0 |  |  | 176.6 |  |  |
| C0301 | 8/19/2006 | 4.6 |  |  | 195.0 |  |  |
| C0301 | 8/20/2006 | 5.1 |  |  | 210.5 |  |  |
| C0301 | 8/21/2006 | 5.3 |  |  | 206.0 |  |  |
| C0301 | 8/22/2006 | 5.5 |  |  | 201.4 |  |  |
| C0301 | 8/23/2006 | 5.2 |  |  | 189.9 |  |  |
| U0502 | 6/14/2006 | 12.5 | 9.60 | 90.1 | 69.8 | 1.7 | 7.22 |
| U0502 | 6/15/2006 | 12.8 | 9.15 | 86.6 | 75.2 | 1.5 | 7.55 |
| U0502 | 6/16/2006 | 10.3 | 9.43 | 84.2 | 73.4 | 1.6 | 7.64 |
| U0502 | 6/17/2006 | 8.0 | 10.61 | 89.8 | 73.7 | 1.3 | 7.20 |
| U0502 | 6/18/2006 | 9.6 | 11.21 | 98.7 | 75.2 | 1.2 | 7.84 |
| U0502 | 6/19/2006 | 9.8 | 10.18 | 89.9 | 78.3 | 1.3 | 7.52 |
| U0502 | 6/20/2006 | 11.0 | 10.41 | 94.5 | 79.9 | 1.1 | 7.45 |
| U0502 | 6/21/2006 | 13.2 | 10.05 | 95.9 | 81.8 | 1.1 | 7.50 |
| U0502 | 6/22/2006 | 14.8 | 9.66 | 95.5 | 83.2 | 1.1 | 7.47 |
| U0502 | 7/21/2006 | 10.4 | 10.44 | 93.9 | 105.7 | 1.0 | 7.87 |
| U0502 | 7/22/2006 | 10.3 | 10.81 | 96.9 | 111.1 | 1.1 | 7.60 |
| U0502 | 7/23/2006 | 10.4 | 10.97 | 98.4 | 111.4 | 0.9 | 7.62 |
| U0502 | 7/24/2006 | 11.2 | 10.24 | 96.0 | 113.4 | 0.9 | 7.60 |
| U0502 | 7/25/2006 | 15.1 | 9.20 | 95.3 | 113.2 | 1.0 | 7.74 |
| U0502 | 7/26/2006 | 15.8 | 9.69 | 98.5 | 112.5 | 1.0 | 7.78 |
| U0502 | 7/27/2006 | 16.6 | 8.96 | 92.2 | 111.2 | 1.1 | 7.79 |
| U0502 | 7/28/2006 | 17.0 | 9.18 | 94.8 | 109.7 | 1.0 | 7.73 |
| U0502 | 7/29/2006 | 18.3 | 8.90 | 95.2 | 108.6 | 1.0 | 7.62 |
| U0502 | 8/18/2006 | 6.3 |  |  | 145.8 |  |  |
| U0502 | 8/19/2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U0502 | 8/20/2006 | 5.8 |  |  | 179.1 |  |  |
| U0502 | 8/21/2006 | 6.1 |  |  | 177.0 |  |  |
| U0502 | 8/22/2006 | 6.5 |  |  | 167.6 |  |  |
| U0502 | 8/23/2006 | 5.7 |  |  | 163.1 |  |  |

## APPENDIX B

Fish caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A during 2006

Appendix Table B-1. Daily catches of fish and effort at fyke net stations in eastern NPRA streams during 2006.

Bill's Creek

|  | Jun 15 |  | Jun 16 |  | Jun 17 |  | Jun 18 |  | Jun 19 |  | Jun 20 |  | Jun 21 |  | Jun 22 |  | Jul 22 |  | Jul 23 |  | Jul 24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| Broad whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arctic grayling |  | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 23 |  | 3 |  | 23 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 21 | 17 |  |
| Humpback whitefish |  | 1 | 2 |  | 7 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Least cisco |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ninespine stickleback |  | 12 |  | 17 |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |  | 6 |  | 6 |  | 21 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| Round whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Slimy sculpin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effort (hrs) |  | 22.5 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 24.6 | 24.7 | 24.4 | 23.9 | 21.7 | 21.9 | 24.6 | 24.6 | 24.1 | 24.3 | 24.1 | 23.8 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 21.4 | 22.3 | 23.6 | 23.3 |


|  | Jul 25 |  | Jul 26 |  | Jul 27 |  | Jul 28 |  | Jul 29 |  | Aug 18 |  | Aug 19 |  | Aug 20 |  | Aug 21 |  | Aug 22 |  | Aug 23 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| Broad whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 1 |  | 2 |  |
| Arctic grayling | 16 | 70 | 28 | 65 | 19 | 27 | 30 | 28 | 19 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 2 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Humpback whitefish | 4 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Least cisco |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ninespine stickleback |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 7 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 5 |  |  | 1 |
| Round whitefish |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slimy sculpin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effort (hrs) | 28.3 | 28.2 | 22.6 | 22.7 | 22.3 | 22.2 | 24.4 | 23.8 | 24.3 | 24.0 | 25.8 | 26.0 | 27.4 | 27.3 | 24.0 | 24.2 | 23.5 | 23.7 | 24.3 | 24.1 | 19.5 | 19.3 |

## Crea Creek

|  | Jun 15 |  | Jun 16 |  | Jun 17 |  | Jun 18 |  | Jun 19 |  | Jun 20 |  | Jun 21 |  | Jun 22 |  | Jul 22 |  | Jul 23 |  | Jul 24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| Broad whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaska blackfish |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arctic grayling |  | 25 |  | 7 | 3 | 14 |  | 5 |  | 20 |  | 9 |  | 4 |  | 9 | 5 |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| Humpback whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ninespine stickleback | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| Round whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| Effort (hrs) | 24.0 | 23.7 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 24.8 | 24.3 | 24.6 | 24.7 | 22.4 | 22.0 | 24.4 | 24.0 | 24.5 | 24.3 | 24.0 | 23.6 | 24.2 | 24.8 | 22.3 | 22.3 | 23.9 | 24.0 |

Appendix Table B-1. Daily catches of fish and effort at fyke net stations in eastern NPRA streams during 2006.

|  | Jul 25 |  | Jul 26 |  | Jul 27 |  | Jul 28 |  | Jul 29 |  | Aug 18 |  | Aug 19 |  | Aug 20 |  | Aug 21 |  | Aug 22 |  | Aug 23 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| Broad whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaska blackfish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arctic grayling |  | 27 |  | 23 | 5 | 27 | 4 |  | 2 | 14 | 4 | 18 |  | 10 |  | 5 | 3 | 9 |  | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| Humpback whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ninespine stickleback | 3 | 1 |  | 1 | 244 |  | 41 | 2 | 84 | 34 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 27 | 21 | 9 | 25 | 37 | 13 |
| Round whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effort (hrs) | 28.1 | 28.2 | 21.8 | 22.0 | 22.7 | 22.6 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 23.3 | 23.2 | 25.8 | 25.6 | 27.8 | 27.8 | 23.6 | 23.9 | 23.3 | 22.9 | 24.2 | 24.5 | 19.2 | 19.2 |

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|  | Jun 15 |  | Jun 16 |  | Jun 17 |  | Jun 18 |  | Jun 19 |  | Jun 20 |  | Jun 21 |  | Jun 22 |  | Jul 22 |  | Jul 23 |  | Jul 24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| Broad whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Humpback whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Least cisco |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 |  | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 |  |
| Round whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 5 | 3 |  | 1 |  |
| Arctic grayling |  | 8 |  | 8 |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | 37 |  | 14 |  | 2 |  | 4 |  | 10 |  | 5 | 50 | 1 |
| Ninespine stickleback |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 38 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slimy sculpin |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effort (hrs) | 0.0 | 23.3 | 0.0 | 22.7 | 0.0 | 24.6 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 0.0 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 24.1 | 0.0 | 23.8 | 24.7 | 24.8 | 22.2 | 21.9 | 23.7 | 23.8 |

Ublutuoch (continued)

|  | Jul 25 |  | Jul 26 |  | Jul 27 |  | Jul 28 |  | Jul 29 |  | Aug 18 |  | Aug 19 |  | Aug 20 |  | Aug 21 |  | Aug 22 |  | Aug 23 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| Broad whitefish |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 6 | 3 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 5 |  |
| Humpback whitefish |  | 2 |  |  | 3 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| Least cisco | 7 | 1 | 4 |  | 12 |  | 8 |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Round whitefish | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 4 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arctic grayling | 1 | 8 | 65 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 2 |  | 2 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Ninespine stickleback |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 52 |  |
| Slimy sculpin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effort (hrs) | 28.2 | 28.5 | 21.9 | 22.0 | 22.7 | 22.8 | 23.8 | 24.2 | 24.2 | 23.3 | 25.7 | 25.6 | 27.7 | 27.7 | 23.9 | 24.0 | 23.2 | 23.2 | 24.5 | 24.4 | 18.9 | 19.2 |

## APPENDIX C

Length frequencies of fish caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A during 2006

Appendix Table C-1. Length frequencies of Arctic grayling caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.


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Appendix Table C-2. Length frequencies of broad whitefish caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.


Appendix Table C-2. Length frequencies of broad whitefish caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.

| Fork Ublutuoch Creek |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | Jul 28 | Jul 28 | Jul 29 | Aug 19 | Aug 20 | Aug 21 | Aug 22 | Aug 23 |
| (mm) | DS | US | DS | DS | DS | DS | DS | DS |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 110 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 140 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 150 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 160 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 170 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 180 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 190 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 210 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 220 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 230 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 240 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 250 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 260 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 270 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 280 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 290 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 300 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 310 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 320 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 330 - 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 340 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 350 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 360 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 380 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 390 - 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| 410 - 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 420 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 430 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 440 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 450 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 460 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 470 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 480 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 490 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 500 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 510 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 520 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 530 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 540 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 550 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 560 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 570 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 580 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 590 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Total: | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Appendix Table C-3. Length frequencies of humpback caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.


Appendix Table C-3. Length frequencies of humpback caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.

| Fork Length (mm) | Ublutuoch River |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jun15 | Jun19 | Jun21 | Jun22 | Jul 22 | Jul 23 | Jul 23 | Jul 24 | Jul 25 | Jul 25 | Jul 26 | Jul 27 | Jul 28 | Jul 29 | Aug 23 |
|  | US | US | US | US | US | DS | US | DS | DS | US | DS | DS | DS | DS | DS |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 110 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 140 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 150 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $160$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 170 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 180 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 190 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 210 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 220 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 230 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 240 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 250 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 260 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 270 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 280 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 290 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 300 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 320 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 330 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $33^{3} 0 \cdots \cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 350 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 360 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 370 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 380 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 390 \\ & 400 \\ & 400 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 3 | 1 |  |  |
| 410 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 3 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  | 1 |
| 420 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | . | 2 |  |
| 430 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |
| 440 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| 450 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 460 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| 470 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 480 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 490 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| 500 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 1 |

Appendix Table C-4. Length frequencies of least cisco caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.


Appendix Table C-5. Length frequencies of round whitefish caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.



Appendix C-6. Length frequencies of slimy sculpin and Alaska blackfish caught by fyke net in eastern NPR-A, 2006.

| Fork <br> Length (mm) | Bill's CreekJun21 |  | Ublutuoch River <br> Jun16 Jun17 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | DS | US | DS | US | DS | US |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 110 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 120 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 140 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 150 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 160 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 170 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 180 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 190 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |


| Alaska Blackfish |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fork Length (mm) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Crea Creek } \\ \text { Jun16 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | DS | US |
| 0 |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |
| 30 |  |  |
| 40 |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |
| 70 |  | 1 |
| 80 |  |  |
| 90 |  |  |
| 100 |  |  |
| 110 |  |  |
| 120 |  |  |
| 130 |  |  |
| 140 |  |  |
| 150 |  |  |
| 160 |  |  |
| 170 |  |  |
| 180 |  |  |
| 190 |  |  |
| 200 |  |  |
| Total: | 0 | 1 |

## APPENDIX D

Population estimates for Arctic grayling based on tag recaptures, 2006

Appendix Table D-1. Population estimates of Arctic grayling (180 mm or longer) using the Schnabel and Schumacher-Eshmeyer estimators.

## Ublutuoch drainage - 2006



| Schnabel Estimate: | 3,256 | Schumacher-Eschmeyer Estimate: |  | 3,353 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $-95 \%$ | 32.1007 | 2,171 | $-95 \%$ | 0.000478 | 2,093 |
| $+95 \%$ | 12.9993 | 5,133 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | s^2 $=$ | 0.1254 |  |  |
| from Poisson dist. Table at: | s $1 / \mathrm{n}=$ | 0.00008 |  |  |  |
| http://statpages.org/confint.html | df | 21 |  |  |  |
|  |  | t.95, 14 df | 2.145 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix Table D-2. Population estimates of Arctic grayling (180 mm or longer) using the Schnabel and Schumacher-Eshmeyer estimators.

## Bill's Ck-2006

| $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |  | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | Schnabel Schumacher-Eschmeyer |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Tags | Cum | Tags |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}^{2} / \mathrm{C}$ |
| Date | Caught | Released | Released | Recapped | Est. | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{CM}^{2}$ |  |
| 6/15/2006 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 6/16/2006 | 3 | 3 | 3 |  | 1 | 9 | 0 | 27 | 0.000 |
| 6/17/2006 | 2 | 2 | 5 |  | 1 | 10 | 0 | 50 | 0.000 |
| 6/18/2006 | 10 | 10 | 15 |  | 9 | 150 | 0 | 2,250 | 0.000 |
| 6/19/2006 | 6 | 6 | 21 |  | 8 | 126 | 0 | 2,646 | 0.000 |
| 6/20/2006 | 8 | 8 | 29 |  | 15 | 232 | 0 | 6,728 | 0.000 |
| 6/21/2006 |  |  | 29 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 6/22/2006 | 1 | 1 | 30 |  | 2 | 30 | 0 | 900 | 0.000 |
| 7/22/2006 | 10 | 10 | 40 | 3 | 25 | 400 | 120 | 16,000 | 0.900 |
| 7/23/2006 | 26 | 26 | 66 | 4 | 107 | 1,716 | 264 | 113,256 | 0.615 |
| 7/24/2006 | 9 | 9 | 75 |  | 42 | 675 | 0 | 50,625 | 0.000 |
| 7/25/2006 | 18 | 18 | 93 | 2 | 105 | 1,674 | 186 | 155,682 | 0.222 |
| 7/26/2006 | 21 | 21 | 114 |  | 150 | 2,394 | 0 | 272,916 | 0.000 |
| 7/27/2006 | 7 | 7 | 121 | 3 | 53 | 847 | 363 | 102,487 | 1.286 |
| 7/28/2006 | 12 | 12 | 133 | 1 | 100 | 1,596 | 133 | 212,268 | 0.083 |
| 7/29/2006 | 6 | 6 | 139 |  | 52 | 834 | 0 | 115,926 | 0.000 |
| 8/18/2006 | 3 | 3 | 142 | 2 | 27 | 426 | 284 | 60,492 | 1.333 |
| 8/19/2006 | 2 | 2 | 144 |  | 18 | 288 | 0 | 41,472 | 0.000 |
| 8/20/2006 | 2 | 2 | 146 |  | 18 | 292 | 0 | 42,632 | 0.000 |
| 8/21/2006 | 4 | 4 | 150 |  | 38 | 600 | 0 | 90,000 | 0.000 |
| 8/22/2006 |  |  | 150 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 8/23/2006 | 3 | 3 | 153 |  | 29 | 459 | 0 | 70,227 | 0.000 |
| Totals: | 153 | 153 |  | 15 | 797 | 12,758 | 1,350 | 1,356,584 | 4.440 |


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Appendix Table D-3. Population estimates of Arctic grayling (180 mm or longer) using the Schnabel and Schumacher-Eshmeyer estimators.

## Crea Ck-2006

| $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |  | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}^{2} / \mathrm{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Tags | Cum | Tags | Schnabel Schumacher-Eschmeyer |  |  |  |  |
| Date | Caught | Released | Released | Recapped | Est. | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{CM}^{2}$ |  |
| 6/15/2006 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  | 144 | 576 | 0 | 13,824 | 0.000 |
| 6/16/2006 | 6 | 6 | 30 | 1 | 45 | 180 | 30 | 5,400 | 0.167 |
| 6/17/2006 | 16 | 16 | 46 |  | 184 | 736 | 0 | 33,856 | 0.000 |
| 6/18/2006 | 5 | 5 | 51 |  | 64 | 255 | 0 | 13,005 | 0.000 |
| 6/19/2006 | 20 | 19 | 70 | 1 | 350 | 1,400 | 70 | 98,000 | 0.050 |
| 6/20/2006 | 8 | 8 | 78 |  | 156 | 624 | 0 | 48,672 | 0.000 |
| 6/21/2006 | 4 | 4 | 82 |  | 82 | 328 | 0 | 26,896 | 0.000 |
| 6/22/2006 | 7 | 7 | 89 |  | 156 | 623 | 0 | 55,447 | 0.000 |
| 7/22/2006 | 4 | 4 | 93 |  | 93 | 372 | 0 | 34,596 | 0.000 |
| 7/23/2006 | 1 | 1 | 94 | 1 | 24 | 94 | 94 | 8,836 | 1.000 |
| 7/24/2006 |  |  | 94 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 7/25/2006 | 1 | 1 | 95 |  | 24 | 95 | 0 | 9,025 | 0.000 |
| 7/26/2006 | 1 | 1 | 96 |  | 24 | 96 | 0 | 9,216 | 0.000 |
| 7/27/2006 | 3 | 3 | 99 |  | 74 | 297 | 0 | 29,403 | 0.000 |
| 7/28/2006 | 3 | 3 | 102 |  | 77 | 306 | 0 | 31,212 | 0.000 |
| 7/29/2006 | 3 | 3 | 105 |  | 79 | 315 | 0 | 33,075 | 0.000 |
| 8/18/2006 |  |  | 105 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 8/19/2006 | 2 | 2 | 107 |  | 54 | 214 | 0 | 22,898 | 0.000 |
| 8/20/2006 | 1 | 1 | 108 |  | 27 | 108 | 0 | 11,664 | 0.000 |
| 8/21/2006 | 2 | 2 | 110 |  | 55 | 220 | 0 | 24,200 | 0.000 |
| 8/22/2006 |  |  | 110 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 8/23/2006 |  |  | 110 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Totals: | 111 | 110 |  | 3 |  | 6,839 | 194 | 509,225 | 1.217 |


| Schnabel Estimate: | 1,710 | Schumacher-Eschmeyer Estimate: | 2,625 |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $-95 \%$ | 8.7673 | 688 | $-95 \%$ | 0.001155 | 866 |
| $+95 \%$ | 0.6187 | 4,151 | $+95 \%$ | $\# \# \# \# \# \# \#$ | $-2,543$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| from Poisson dist. Table at: | $\mathrm{s} \wedge 2=$ | 0.0672 |  |  |  |
| http://statpages.org/confint.html |  | $\mathrm{s} 1 / \mathrm{n}=$ | 0.00036 | 0.000363 |  |
|  |  | df | 17 |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{t} .95,15 \mathrm{df}$ | 2.131 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

