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TAGGING AND LIFE HISTORY INVESTIGATIONS

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A long term steelhead tagging study was initiated on Pallant Creek during the 1980-81 winter season by the Queen Charlotte Islands Chapter of the Steelhead Society of B.C. in collaboration with the Pallant Creek Hatchery staff, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (D.F.O.) and Ministry of Environment (M.O.E.) personnel. Objectives of the study were to:

1. describe steelhead run timing and movement,
2. describe life history characteristics,
3. estimate population size.

This report describes the fishery and results of the 1988-89 study season. A description of the study area can be found in previous Pallant Creek reports (deLeeuw, 1985 a, 1986).

Angling for steelhead on the Pallant has increased continuously since 1970, primarily as a result of larger number of fishermen rather than an increase in effort by individual anglers (Table 1). Individual effort has been variable with no consistent pattern. Increased total effort on Pallant and other Queen Charlotte Islands streams has emphasized the need for improved information on which to base management decision.

Fish kept although variable has been decreasing since 1970 while the number released has increased (Table 1). Greatest number of fish (1026) were released during the $87-88$ season and was likely an overestimation. A positive bias of up to $63 \%$ has been observed in the B.C. steelhead questionnaire catch estimates compared to on-site creel survey results (Billings, 1982). Over estimation as a result of primarily successful anglers returning their questionnaires was therefore a distinct possibility.

Total catch/angler day has varied during the recording period but remained fairly stable over the last 8 years. Angler success on the Pallant has been consistently better than the Charlottes average as a whole.

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Table 1. Pallant Creek steelhead harvest analysis ${ }^{1}$, 1970-71 to 198889.

| Season | Days <br> Fished | Anglers | Days <br> Fished <br> Angler | Kept | Number of Steelhead Kept/Catch/Charlottes |  |  | Catch/Day |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Released | Day | Day |  |
| 70-71 | 8 | 4 | 2.0 | 8 | 20 | 1.00 | 3.50 | . 36 |
| 71-72 | 10 | 3 | 3.3 | 21 | 25 | 2.00 | 4.60 | . 52 |
| 72-73 | 89 | 12 | 7.4 | 45 | 86 | . 30 | 1.47 | . 31 |
| 73-74 | 26 | 3 | 8.7 | 26 | 34 | 1.00 | 2.22 | . 33 |
| 74-75 | 10 | 3 | 3.3 | 7 | 0 | . 67 | . 67 | . 27 |
| 75-76 | 73 | 30 | 2.4 | 23 | 40 | . 32 | . 86 | . 47 |
| 76-77 | 107 | 46 | 2.3 | 47 | 20 | . 45 | . 65 | . 37 |
| 77-78 | 74 | 30 | 2.5 | 48 | 92 | . 64 | 1.86 | . 48 |
| 78-79 | 177 | 42 | 4.2 | 35 | 26 | . 21 | . 38 | . 41 |
| 79-80 | 236 | 50 | 4.7 | 36 | 86 | . 16 | . 53 | . 48 |
| 80-81 | 382 | 53 | 7.2 | 59 | 709 | . 16 | 1.96 | . 79 |
| 81-82 | 227 | 66 | 3.4 | 41 | 190 | . 22 | 1.05 | . 93 |
| 82-83 | 293 | 50 | 5.9 | 17 | 511 | . 06 | 1.80 | 1.23 |
| 83-84 | 235 | 37 | 6.4 | 39 | 330 | . 17 | 1.57 | . 57 |
| 84-85 | 359 | 58 | 6.2 | 66 | 620 | . 18 | 1.92 | 1.32 |
| 85-86 | 137 | 41 | 3.3 | 14 | 185 | . 10 | 1.44 | 1.65 |
| 86-87 | 221 | 72 | 3.1 | 18 | 348 | . 11 | 1.65 | 1.52 |
| 87-88 | 510 | 66 | 7.7 | 38 | 1026 | . 07 | 2.07 | 1.28 |
| 88-89 | 351 | 72 | 4.9 | $\underline{14}$ | 534 | . 04 | 1.56 | 1.41 |
| Mean: | 186 | 39 | 4.9 | 32 | 255 | . 41 | 1.67 | . 74 |

[^0]The river was partitioned into seven zones (Fig. 1). Adult steelhead were angled on conventional gear and tagged with coloured, numbered anchor ( 7.62 cm spaghetti) tags. Weights where recorded were generally estimated while fork lengths were measured. Sex, date of capture, tag number and colour as well as zone of capture were also recorded. After the removal of a few scales between the dorsal fin and lateral line, fish were released at the capture site. Migration distance of recaptured fish was estimated by calculating the stream length between mid points of original and recapture zones.

Scales were first viewed using a dissecting microscope. The two best examples from the sample were cleaned, mounted on gummed cards and impressions made on acetate cards by applying heat (85 to 95 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) and pressure (100 ft lbs) for 60 seconds. A Leitz Prado projector was then used to examine each scale for freshwater and ocean age (Narver and Withler, 1984).

Population size was determined using the Schnabel, Schumacher and Schnabel-Chapman adjusted multiple census techniques (Picker, 1975). The formulae were:
Schnabel: $\quad N=\frac{\text { sum (Ct Mt) }}{\text { R }}$
Schumacher: $\quad \frac{1}{\bar{N}}=\frac{\operatorname{sum}(\text { Mt Rt ) }}{\text { sum (Ct Mt) }}$

Schnabel, Chapman revised: $N=\frac{\operatorname{sum}(C t M t)}{R-1}$

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Where: \(\quad t=5\)-day time period
            Ct = total catch during time \(t\)
            Mt = total fish tagged and released during time t
    \(\mathrm{M}=\) sum of Mt
Rt = total recapture during time \(t\)
    \(R=\) sum of Rt
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Fig. 1 Pallant Creek Angling Zones During The 1988-89 Steelhead Tagging Study

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Eighty-seven adult steelhead were tagged from Nov. 2/88 to Apr. 19/89. Among these 20 were recaptured once, 4 twice and one fish was recaptured 3 times. Eight additional fish were recaptured from previous study seasons one of which was taken twice, for a total catch of 121. The last fish was recaptured July 10, 1989. The 1988-89 catch, excluding all recaptures, was only $58 \%$ of the average of four previous study seasons.

SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION OF TAGGED STEELHEAD

Fifty one and 25 per cent of all steelhead were tagged in zones 2 and 3 respectively (Table 2). Zone 2 catch was the highest seasonal percentage for any zone during all study years. Over $50 \%$ of the cumulative total of all fish tagged in all study years (683) were captured in zones 1 and 2. These two zones are closest to the hatchery (Fig. 1) where access is readily available.

Steelhead were tagged from late November to mid April, with

Table 2. Steelhead tagged in Pallant Creek during the 1984-85 to 88-89 winter season, grouped by zone.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zone |  | Steelhead | Tagged | $(\%$ Annual Total) |  |  |
|  | $1984-85$ | $1985-86$ | $1986-87$ | $1987-88$ | $1988-89$ | total |
| 1 | $0(0)$ | $1(1)$ | $3(2)$ | $9(6)$ | $0(0)$ | $13(2)$ |
| 2 | $27(22)$ | $16(11)$ | $40(24)$ | $46(34)$ | $44(51)$ | $173(26)$ |
| 3 | $13(11)$ | $29(20)$ | $50(26)$ | $49(25)$ | $22(25)$ | $163(25)$ |
| 4 | $34(28)$ | $13(9)$ | $32(19)$ | $18(11)$ | $1(1)$ | $98(14)$ |
| 5 | $2(1)$ | $14(10)$ | $26(15)$ | $19(12)$ | $11(13)$ | $72(11)$ |
| 6 | $17(14)$ | $60(42)$ | $18(11)$ | $18(11)$ | $9(10)$ | $122(17)$ |
| 7 | $11(9)$ | $10(7)$ | $1(1)$ | $1(1)$ | $0(0)$ | $23(3)$ |
| Not recorded | $\underline{19(15)}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Total | $123(100)$ | $143(100)$ | $170(100)$ | $160(100)$ | $87(100)$ | $683(100)$ |

the majority of the catch occurring after late February. This was similar to other study years (Table 3). Although the larger component of the Pallant Creek steelhead run enters in the latter part of the season, peaks in run timing have been variable from year to year depending on stream discharge, temperature.

Twenty (23\%) of the 87 fish tagged were recaptured once. Of these 4 (5\%) and 1 (1\%) were recaptured a second and third time respectively (Table 4). Eight fish were recaptured from previous years. One of these was recaptured twice.

Table 3. Number of steelhead tagged during the 1984-85 to 1988-89 winter seasons grouped in 10 day periods.

| Date | $1984-85$ | $1985-86$ | $1986-87$ | $1987-88$ | $1988-89$ | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 10/01-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11-20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 21-30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/01-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-20 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 21-30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 12/01-10 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 17 |
| 11-20 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 15 | 6 | 50 |
| 21-30 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 33 |
| 01/01-10 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 40 |
| 11-20 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 28 |
| 21-30 | 7 | 4 | 24 | 16 | 4 | 55 |
| 02/01-10 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 31 |
| 11-20 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 21 | 4 | 43 |
| 21-30 | 17 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 49 |
| 03/01-10 | 4 | 18 | 9 | 16 | 11 | 58 |
| 11-20 | 20 | 23 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 70 |
| 21-30 | 18 | 26 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 72 |
| 04/01-10 | 41 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 68 |
| 11-20 | 0 | 7 | 22 | 10 | 2 | 41 |
| 21-30 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 |

Table 3. (cont'd)

| Date | $1984-85$ | $1985-86$ | $1986-87$ | $1987-88$ | $1988-89$ | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $05 / 01-10$ | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| $11-20$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
| Total | 123 | 143 | 170 | 160 | 87 | 683 |



1, $C=$ colour: $B$ blue, $0=$ orange, $y=y e l l o w, ~ g ~=~ g r e e n . ~$
*, this fish was originally tagged Jan. 6, 1987, but treated here as an
original capture in 1988.

Table 5. Pallant Creek steelhead tagging and first recapture dates grouped by month within the 88-89 winter season.

Number and Percent ( ) of Tagged
Month of Tagged Population Recaptured in Successive Months
Total
Capture population Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr.

| Nov. | 4 |  | 1(25) |  | 1 (25) |  | 2 (50) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dec.* | 14 | 3 (21) | 1(7) | 1(7) | 1(7) | 1 (7) | 7(50) |
| Jan. | 10 |  | 4(40) | 1(10) |  |  | 5 (50) |
| Feb. | 16 |  |  | 1(7) |  | 1(7) | 2 (13) |
| Mar. | 32 |  |  |  | $4(13)$ | 1(3) | 5 (16) |
| Apr. | 12 |  |  |  |  |  | (0) |
| Total | 88* | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 21 |

* Includes one fish treated as this years' first capture but tagged in the year previous.

AGE AND SIZE
Thirty three fish were scale sampled with only 7 age groups represented. Freshwater age was not readable in 9 sets (27\%) due to resorbtion of the central area (Table 6). The most common age group was $3.3(30 \%)$ followed by $3.2(27 \%)$. The remaining 5 age groups were determined from only one fish each. Three fish were repeat spawners (9\%) and one was on its third spawning migration.

Three years of juvenile stream growth dominated the small sample (92\%, $N=24$ ) while 3 and 2 years of ocean residency comprised 50 and 41\% respectively of all saltwater ages. Although the degree of age class dominance has fluctuated markedly from year to year, age 3.3 fish have consistently been the most abundant.

Two and 3 year ocean males averaged 66.8 and 84.4 cm respectively while females of similar ages averaged 75 and 78.1 cm (Table 7). This difference in length between .2 and .3 males (17.6 cm) and similar aged females (3.1 cm) was also documented in the earlier studies. Two . 4 females were 82.6 and 83.0 cm . Average growth of both sexes during the year prior to spawning (ie. the difference in length from . 2 to . 3 fish) was about 10 cm. Repeat spawners tagged 1 and 2 years earlier were only 4.7 and 8.1 cm larger respectively (Table 8).

Table 6. Steelhead trout age groups from Pallant Creek, 1988-89, $\mathrm{N}=33$.

| Age Groups |  | Number of Males | Number of Females | Total (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3.2 |  | 4 | 5 | 9 | (27) |
| 3.3 |  | 3 | 7 | 10 | (30) |
| 4.3 |  |  | 1 | 1 | (3) |
| 2.SS1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | (3) |
| 3.1 s 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 | (3) |
| 3.2 s 1 |  | 1 | $\underline{\square}$ | 1 | (3) |
|  |  | 9 | 14 | 23 |  |
| R* |  |  | 1 | 1 | (3) |
| R. 2 |  | 2 | 1 | 3 | (9) |
| R. 3 |  | 2 | 3 | 5 | (15) |
|  | Total | 13 | 20 | 32 | 9 |
| 3.4 |  | 4 | $83.2 / 5$ | 32 |  |

[^1]Table 7. Fork lengths (cm) of male and female Pallant Creek Steelhead of different ocean ages 1988-89, $\mathrm{N}=27$.

| Ocean | Males |  |  | Females |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | N | X | Range | N | X | Range |
| . 2 | 5 | 66.8 | 66.0-71.1 | 5 | 75.0 | 65.0-80.0 |
| . 3 | 5 | 84.4 | 83.8-86.4 | 10 | 78.1 | 71.1-83.8 |
| . 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 8. Pallant Creek steelhead originally tagged in 1986-87 and 1987-88, recaptured in 1988-89.

| Tag \# | Sex | Original | Capture |  | Recapture |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Date | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fork } \\ \text { Length (cm) } \end{gathered}$ | Date | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fork } \\ \text { Length (cm) } \end{gathered}$ | Years | Growth <br> (cm) |
| 01872 | M | Jan 6/87 | 61.0 | Dec 18/89 | 79.4 | 2 | 18.4 |
| 1286 | F | Jan 28/88 | 68.6 | Jan 9/89 | 71.4 | 1 | 2.5 |
| 1377 | F | Feb 29/88 | 47.6 | Feb 20/89 | 53.3 | 1 | 5.7 |
| 1877 | M | Feb 01/87 | 76.2 | Feb 27/89 | 80.0 | 2 | 3.8 |
| 1808 | F | Jan 14/87 | 76.2 | Mar 28/89 | 81.3 | 2 | 5.1 |
| 1825 | F | Jan 21/87 | 76.2 | Mar 31/89 | 81.3 | 2 | 5.1 |
| 1220 | M | Apr 1/88 | 67.3 | Apr 20/89 | 74.3 | 1 | 7.0 |
| 1376 | F | Feb 26/88 | 47.0 | Jul 10/89 | 50.8 | 1 | 3.8 |
|  | Average |  | 65.0 |  | 71.4 |  | $1 \mathrm{yr}=4.7$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $2 \mathrm{yr}=8.1$ |

## POPULATION ESTIMATION

The average of 3 multiple capture population estimates calculated 266 steelhead in Pallant Creek during the 1988-89 study period (Table 9) . Narrow confidence limits resulted from high numbers of recaptures (27 or $31 \%$ ). The estimate therefore likely approximated actual population abundance. Post tagging mortality, tag loss, emigration, non-reporting of tag recaptures, and catchability influences were not accounted for. Despite these factors, however, the estimate was still considered reasonable. Even if the no recruitment and mortality conditions required by the method are only approximately satisfied the multiple census technique employed in this study was still useful (Picker, 1975). Both tag loss and post tagging mortalities would decrease recaptures resulting in a positive bias. Since the estimated steelhead catch (kill, Table 1) was only 14 fish, the fishery was not considered a conservation concern.

Table 9. Pallant Creek steelhead population estimates during the 198889 winter season.

| Method | Estimate | 95\% confidence limits |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Poison | distribution | Normal Distribution |
| Schnabel | 245 |  | 166-378 | 173-415 |
| Schumacher | 318 |  | 106-688 |  |
| Chapman | 235 |  | 161-359 | 170-384 |
| Mean | 266 |  |  |  |

## SUMMARY

1. Eighty seven steelhead were angled and tagged on Pallant Creek, Queen Charlotte Islands between Nov. 2 and Apr 19 of the 1988-89 winter season. Twenty were recaptured once, while 4 and 1 were recaptured 2 and 3 times respectively. Eight fish were recaptured from the 1986-87 (4) and 1987-88 (4) Pallant Creek studies, one of which was taken twice.
2. The majority of fish (75\%) were taken from the upper river during late February through mid April. Of the 21 recaptures (one tagged the year previous) $71 \%$ were taken in their original tagging zone. Average time to recapture was 36 days and ranged from 2 to 121 days. Fourty three percent of the recaptures were taken 1 to 4 months after original tagging.
3. Like the previous Pallant Creek Studies, probability of recapture was influenced by original tagging date. Fish tagged early in the season (Nov-Dec) were more likely to be recaptured than those tagged late (March + April).
4. Four of the 8 steelhead which were tagged 1 and 2 seasons earlier were recaptured during this study close to their original tagging dates. Like the previous studies these recaptures suggest that repeat spawning steelhead return to their natal stream at similar times within the season from year to year.
5. The dominant total age group was 3.3 (30\%) followed by 3.2 (27\%). Three years of freshwater residency accounted for $92 \%$ of the total sample ( $\mathrm{N}=24$ ). Ocean ages . 2 and . 3 accounted for 41 and 50\% respectively of the population sampled.
6. The Pallant Creek steelhead population during the 1988-89 study was estimated at 266 fish. Since 31\% of the tagged sample
were recaptured, confidence limits were fairly narrow and ranged from 161 to 688 fish.
7. The recreational fishery was not considered to impact significantly on the 1988-89 Pallant Creek steelhead population.

Like the previous Pallant Creek steelhead studies, this project was largely the result of volunteer work by the Queen Charlotte Islands Chapter of the B.C. Steelhead Society with the enthusiastic participation of the Pallant Creek Hatchery staff. Their assistance was invaluable and greatly appreciated. Organization of field-collected data was supervised by Tom Rutherford, Community Advisor, Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Scale interpretations were provided by R. Tetreau. Mark Beere calculated the population estimates. Editorial comments were provided by $B$. Hooton and the report was typed by Pat. Neeve. The study was funded as a Public Involvement project by the Salmonid Enhancement Program.

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## APPENDICES

1. Original steelhead captures from Pallant Creek, 1988-89 winter season.
2. Steelhead recaptures from Pallant Creek, 1988-89 winter season.

APPENDIX 1. original steelhead captures from Pallant Creek, 1988-89 winter season.

| Fish Date Sex Length | Tag no. and Zone Remarks | Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| no. |  | $(\mathrm{cm})$ | Color |  |  |



APPENDIX 1. (cont'd)

| Fish No. | Date | Sex | Length <br> (cm) | Tag no. and color | Zone | Remarks | Age |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Jan08/89 | F | 79.1 | 01506 yellow | 2 | getting coloured | 3.3 |
| 22 | Janl2/89 | M | 83.8 | 01509 yellow | 4 | slight colour | R. 3 |
| 23 | Jan18/89 | F | 71.1 | 01511 yellow | 2 | red stripe | 3.3 |
| 24 | Jan25/89 | M | 68.6 | 01502 yellow | 2 | getting coloured | R. 2 |
| 25 | Jan29/89 | M | 71.1 | 01244 blue | 3 | bright | R. 2 |
| 26 | Jan29/89 | F | 78.7 | 01247 blue | 3 | bright | 3.3 |
| 27 | Jan30/89 | ? | 40.6 | 01503 yellow | 3 | rainbow?? |  |
| 28 | Feb07/89 | F | 73.7 | 01507 yellow | 2 | semi-bright | 3.151 |
| 29 | Feb07/89 | M | 84.5 | 01508 yellow | 2 | coloured | 3.3 |
| 30 | Febl9/89 | F | 68.6 | 01502 yellow | 3 | coloured |  |
| 31 | Febl9/89 | F | 73.7 | 01523 yellow | 3 | bright |  |
| 32 | Febl9/89 | M | 72.4 | 01524 yellow | 3 | coloured |  |
| 33 | Febl9/89 | M | 68.6 | 01525 yellow | 3 | bright |  |
| 34 | Feb21/89 | M | 73.7 | 01515 yellow | 5 | bright |  |
| 35 | Feb21/89 | F | 72.4 | 01516 yellow | 5 | bright |  |
| 36 | Feb21/89 | F | 74.9 | 01517 yellow | 5 | bright |  |
| 37 | Feb21/89 | F | 71.1 | 01518 yellow | 6 | Kelt, good shape |  |
| 38 | Feb22/89 | F | 73.7 | 01519 yellow | 5 | bright, scarred |  |
| 39 | Feb22/89 | M | 71.1 | 01520 yellow | 5 | bright |  |
| 40 | Feb22/89 | F | 77.5 | 01521 yellow | 3 | bright |  |

APPENDIX 1. (Cont'd)

| Fish no. | Date | Sex | Length <br> (cm) | Tag no. and colour | Zone | Remarks | Age |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | Feb22/89 | M | 82.6 | 01522 yellow | 6 | coloured |  |
| 42 | Feb22/89 | M | 84.5 | 01532 yellow | 3 | coloured |  |
| 43 | Feb27/89 | F | 78.7 | 00320 green | 2 | coloured |  |
| 44 | MarOl/89 | M | 81.3 | 00281 green | 2 | coloured |  |
| 45 | MarOl/89 | M | 86.4 | 00365 green | 2 | coloured |  |
| 46 | Mar01/89 | F | 69.9 | O1533 yellow | 2 | semi-coloured |  |
| 47 | Mar03/89 | M | 50.8 | 01534 yellow | 2 | coloured | 2.SS1 |
| 48 | Mar03/89 | F | 80.0 | 01535 yellow | 2 | coloured | $3+.3$ |
| 49 | Mar04/89 | F | 65.4 | 01536 yellow | 2 | coloured | R. 2 |
| 50 | Mar08/89 | F | 80.0 | 01537 yellow | 2 | coloured, soft | R. 2 |
| 51 | Mar08/89 | F | 81.3 | 01538 yellow | 2 | coloured, soft |  |
| 52 | Marlo/89 | F | 81.3 | 01539 yellow | 2 | semi-coloured | 3.3 |
| 53 | Marlo/89 | M | 63.5 | 01540 yellow | 2 | coloured |  |
| 54 | Marlo/89 | M | 86.3 | 01541 yellow | 2 | coloured, strong | R. 3 |
| 55 | Marl7/89 | M | 78.7 | 01527 yellow | 6 | bright |  |
| 56 | Mar17/89 | F | 66.0 | 01528 yellow | 6 | bright, fresh |  |
| 57 | Mar17/89 | M | 77.5 | 01529 yellow | 6 | bright |  |
| 58 | Marl7/89 | M | 68.6 | 01530 yellow | 6 | bright, scratches |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | tail to stomach |  |


| Fish no. | Date | Sex | Length <br> (cm) | Tag no. and colour | Zone | Remarks | Age |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59 | Mar17/89 | F | 81.3 | 01531 yellow | 6 | coloured, soft |  |
| 60 | Mar18/89 | F | 0 | 01526 yellow | 6 | coloured, soft |  |
| 61 | Mar26/89 | F | 80.0 | 01542 yellow | 2 | kelt, good shape | 3.2S |
| 62 | Mar26/89 | M | 80.0 | 01233 blue | 2 | bright, super strong |  |
| 63 | Mar26/89 | M | 71.1 | 01231 blue | 3 | bright |  |
| 64 | Mar27/89 | M | 73.0 | 01544 yellow | 3 | coloured, strong |  |
| 65 | Mar28/89 | M | 71.1 | 01545 yellow | 6 | bright |  |
| 66 | Mar28/89 | F | 81.3 | 01546 yellow | 5 | bright |  |
| 67 | Mar28/89 | M | 88.9 | 01547 yellow | 5 | red stripe,fresh |  |
| 68 | Mar28/89 | M | 71.1 | 01548 yellow | 5 | bright, fresh |  |
| 69 | Mar28/89 | F | 86.4 | 01549 yellow | 5 | bright, fresh |  |
| 70 | Mar28/89 | F | 76.2 | 01550 yellow | 5 | kelt, good shape |  |
| 71 | Mar29/89 | F | 76.2 | 01551 yellow | 2 | kelt, good shape | 3.2S |
| 72 | Mar29/89 | F | 76.2 | 01560 yellow | 2 | kelt, fair shape | 3.2S |
| 73 | Mar29/89 | M | 63.5 | 01559 yellow | 3 | coloured |  |
| 74 | Mar31/89 | M | 71.8 | 01232 blue | 2 | bright | 3.2 |
| 75 | Mar31/89 | M | 76.2 | 01556 yellow | 2 | bright |  |
| 76 | Apr02/89 | M | 81.3 | 01235 blue | 2 | dark,strong |  |


| Fish <br> No. | Date | Sex | $\begin{gathered} \text { Length } \\ (\mathrm{cm}) \end{gathered}$ | Tag n | no. and olor | Zone | Remarks | Age |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 77 | Apr02/89 | F | 73.7 | 01386 | blue | 2 | bright |  |
| 78 | Apro4/89 | M | 73.7 | 01543 | yellow | 2 | bright, fresh |  |
| 79 | Apr04/89 | F | 86.4 | 01557 | yellow | 2 | bright, fresh |  |
| 80 | Apr05/89 | M | 83.8 | 01567 | yellow | 3 | strong, coloured |  |
| 81 | Apr06/89 | M | 71.1 | 01554 | yellow | 2 | semi-bright |  |
| 82 | Apr07/89 | M | 66.0 | 01571 | yellow | 2 | coloured | 3.2 |
| 83 | Apr09/89 | M | 66.7 | 01562 | yellow | 2 | coloured | 3.2 |
| 84 | Apr09/89 | M | 84.5 | 01563 | yellow | 2 | semi-bright, strong |  |
| 85 | Apr09/89 | M | 76.2 | 01553 | yellow | 3 | red stripe,fresh |  |
| 86 | Apr11/89 | M | 81.3 | 01564 | yellow | 3 | dark |  |
| 87 | Apr19/89 | F | 78.7 | 01565 | yellow | 1 | kelt,good shape | 3.2 s |

APPENDIX 11 Steelhead recaptures from Pallant Creek, 1988-89

| Fish No. | Date | Sex | $\begin{gathered} \text { Length } \\ \text { ( cm) } \end{gathered}$ | Tag no. and Color | Zone | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Decl5/88 | M | 95.3 | 01241 | 3 | red stripe |
| 3 | Decl8/88 | F | 82.6 | 01384 | 2 | slight colour |
| ***4 | Decl8/89 | M | 79.4 | 01872 | 2 | slight colour |
| 5 | Jan01/89 | M | 86.4 | 01242 | 2 | coloured |
| *** 6 | Jan09/89 | F | 71.1 | 01286 | 3 |  |
| 7 | Janl1/89 | F | 82.6 | 01396 | 5 |  |
| 8 | Janl7/89 | F | 78.1 | 01506 | 2 | red stripe |
| 9 | Jan29/89 | M | 83.8 | 01391 | 2 |  |
| 10 | Jan29/89 | F | 76.2 | 01504 | 2 |  |
| 11 | Jan29/89 | F | 83.2 | 01505 | 2 |  |
| * 12 | Jan29/89 | F | 79.1 | 01506 | 2 |  |
| 13 | Febl6/89 | M | 83.8 | 01509 | 2 |  |
| ***14 | Feb20/89 | F | 53.3 | 01377 | 3 | coloured |
| *15 | Feb26/89 | M | 83.8 | 01391 | 2 | killed |
| ***16 | Feb27/89 | M | 80.0 | 01877 | 2 | coloured |
| 17 | Feb27/89 | F | 68.6 | 01502 | 2 | coloured |
| 18 | Feb27/89 | M | 71.1 | 01239 | 2 | coloured |
| *19 | MarO2/89 | F | 68.6 | 01502 | 2 | coloured |

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| Fish No. | Date | Sex | Length (cm) | Tag no. and Color | Zone | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| **20 | Mar11/89 | F | 68.6 | 01502 yellow | 2 | coloured |
| 21 | Marl7/89 | M | 81.3 | 00281 green | 2 | coloured |
| 22 | Mar21/89 | M | 83.8 | 01226 blue | 2 | coloured |
| 23 | Mar2l/89 | F | 81.3 | 05138 yellow | 2 | coloured |
| 24 | Mar28/89 | F | 68.6 | 01330 yellow | 5 | bright |
| 25 | Mar28/89 | F | 77.5 | 01394 blue | 4 | kelt, rough shape |
| ***26 | Mar28/89 | F | 81.3 | 01808 orange | S | kelt, good shape |
| 27 | Mar29/89 | M | 73.0 | 01544 yellow | 2 | spawning, good shape |
| ***28 | Mar31/89 | F | 81.3 | 01825 orange | 4 | semi-bright |
| 29 | Apr02/89 | M | 80.0 | 01233 blue | 2 | bright |
| 30 | Apr07/89 | F | 72.4 | 01516 yellow | 3 | kelt |
| *31 | Apr06/89 | M | 80.0 | 01233 blue | 2 | bright |
| * ***32 | Aprl9/89 | M | 79.4 | 01872 orange | 2 |  |
| ***33 | Apr20/89 | M | 74.3 | 01220 blue | 2 | coloured |
| ***34 | Jul10/89 | F | 50.8 | 01376 blue | 3 | killed,bright |

[^2]** third tine recaptured
*** recapture from another tag year


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Steelhead Harvest Analysis. B.C. Fish \& Wildlife Branch annual reports.

[^1]:    *, $R=$ central area of scale is resorbed and freshwater age is not readable.

[^2]:    * second tine recaptured

