Movement of radio tagged steelhead in the Morice River determined by helicopter and fixed station tracking, 1994/95.

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ABSTRACT

In order to accurately and precisely estimate the Morice River steelhead population, an alternative mark and recapture method was attempted between August 1994 and June 1995 and evaluated. The alternative to the standard angler based mark and recapture enumeration technique was to use a combination of steelhead radio tagged during the ocean based Skeena Radio Tagging Program (BC Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, via LGL Consultants Ltd.), steelhead radio-tagged at the Moricetown fishway (Bulkley River), and steelhead radio tagged by regional fisheries staff using angling methods as the marking portion of a single census mark and recapture estimate. Rather than use a traditional angling or tangle netting recapture method to sample the population prior to spawning, a hydro-acoustic method was to be used in conjunction with a stationary radio telemetry receivers to monitor the post-spawning emigration of marked and unmarked steelhead from the Bulkley River. The hydro-acoustic portion of this study was to be undertaken through a collaborative effort between staff of the BC Environment (Skeena Region) and staff from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Stock Assessment Division. It was anticipated that this method might improve both the accuracy and precision of the population estimate. The hydro-acoustic portion of this study was not completed as DFO after assessing the objectives of the program and viewing the river conditions felt that estimating the Bulkley River steelhead population would be impossible with this technology.

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reduce the incidental interception of steelhead bound for the Skeena River by 50%. Monitoring of key Skeena steelhead stocks will be important if this goal is to be achieved. Additionally, the development of alternative, cost-effective escapement estimation techniques that improve both the accuracy and precision of these estimates will have continuing long-term benefits to the program. This radio telemetry study would add to the knowledge of the life history and migration patterns of Bulkley River steelhead. Ministry of Environment personnel angled steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mylins*)

Mykiss) between November 7-9, 1994. Radio tags were applied to steelhead in the Morice-Bulkley systems to monitor winter movements and downstream migration of kelts. The primary purpose of tagging steelhead on the Morice River was to increase the sample size of tagged fish for proposed hydro-acoustic studies of downstream movements of kelts (spawned out steelhead). The project did not proceed because the hydro-acoustic technology was deemed inappropriate for this application since radio-tags were at large in the Morice River.

This project is part of the joint Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and BC Ministry of Environment program to

METHODS

2.1 Study Area The Morice River is the largest tributary of the Bulkley River system and joins the Bulkley River approximately 6.5 km west of Houston, BC. The Morice watershed drains an area of 1911 km². A detailed description of the Morice River can be found in Whately et al., 1978. The study area on the Morice River included the 75 km of river from the outlet of Morice Lake downstream to the confluence with the Bulkley River (near Houston) and the Bulkley River downstream to its confluence with Toboggan Creek (85 km). The river was segregated into 43 five kilometer sections starting at the confluence of the Bulkley River and the Skeena River (0 km) upstream to Morice lake (218 km). Once spawning was completed, the mending kelts were monitored during their emigration by fixed receiver stations at the Bulkley/Skeena confluence, Zymoetz/Skeena confluence and at the Exchamsiks/Skeena confluence.

Both marked and unmarked steelhead were to be enumerated during their emigration as kelts at a site which was to have a stationary receiver and a hydro acoustic enumeration device monitoring the downstream migration. The combination of these two technologies was to give both the marked and unmarked steelhead counts from which a simple Peterson population estimate could be derived.

2.1 Fish Capture and Tagging

Forty wild adult summer run steelhead were captured using conventional angling gear and bait. Twenty females and twenty males were radio tagged. The forty radio tags were applied to Morice steelhead from November 7, 1994 to November 9, 1994. The nearest landmark and the kilometer reading along the river described all tagging locations. Ministry of Environment personnel (Jeff Lough and Ron Tetreau) spent six rod days on the Morice River to tag the forty steelhead. All steelhead that were in good condition were radio tagged. Fish were held at the water's surface, while radio transmitters were inserted orally into the stomach with the assistance of a hollow, flexible plastic tube. Anaesthetic was not used, as the possible effect on migration was not known. Radio tagged fish were also tagged with an anchor tag at the base of the left side of the dorsal fin. Sex, fork length, anchor tag number and color, any scars and hook marks, fish condition and radio tag number was noted for each fish captured.

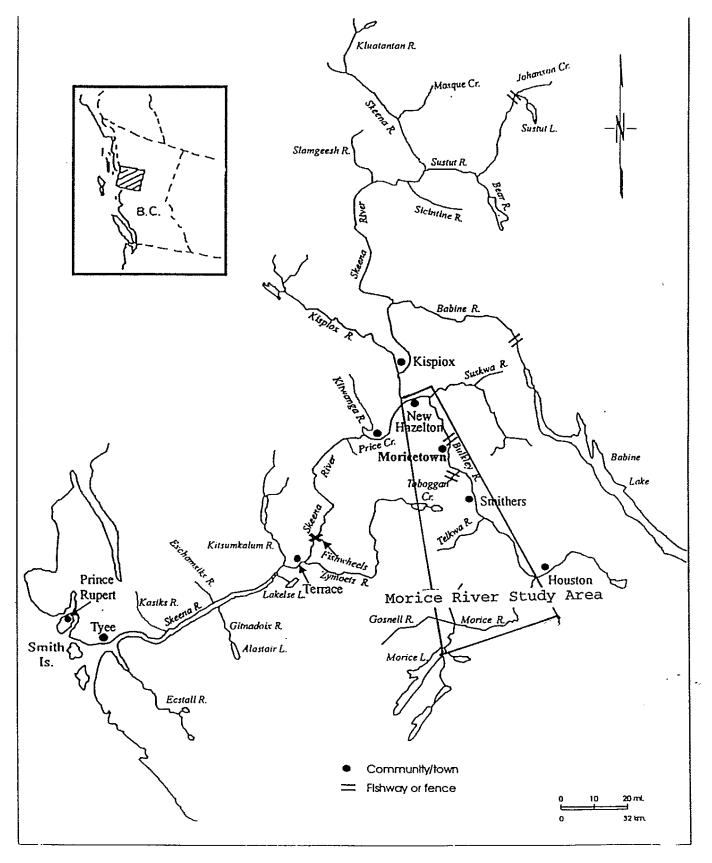
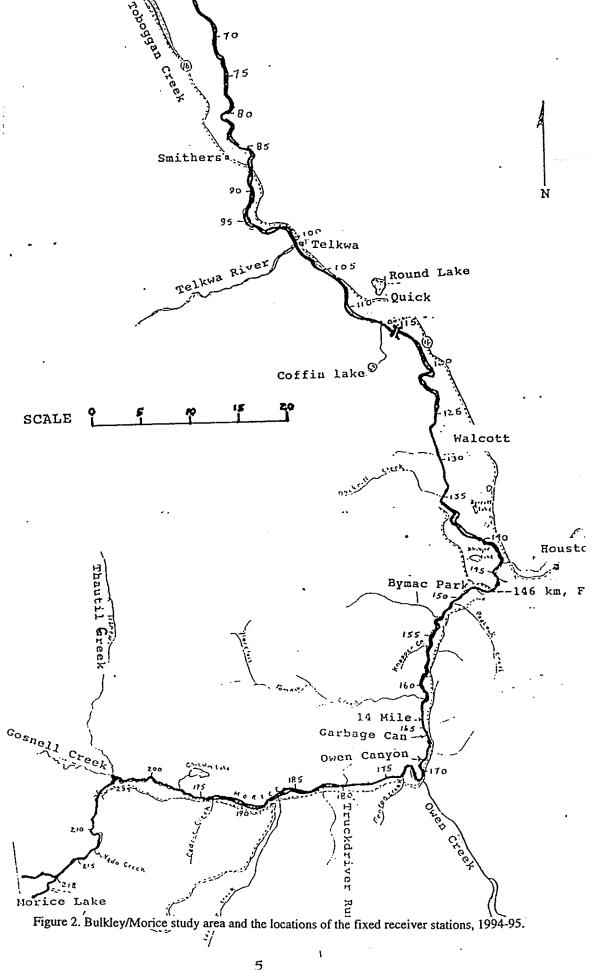


Figure 1a. Map of the Skeena River and tributaries.



2.2 Radio Telemetry

Radio telemetry equipment used in this study was obtained from Lotek Engineering Ltd. (Newmarket, Ontario).

Radio transmitters (model CFRT-3A) were cylindrical, 14.5 mm in diameter, 43 mm in length and had a 440 mm long antenna leading from the anterior end of the transmitter; the antenna protruded from the fishes mouth. The transmitter weighed 10.7 grams in air, 4.2 grams in water and was powered by a 3 volt Lithium battery that had a 260 day life.

All transmitters emitted a digitally encoded radio signal at a frequency of 151.101 MHz. Individual radio tag signals were detected and decoded by the telemetry receiver (model SRX-400). This receiver was used in combination with a six metre length of RG-58 A/U double shielded coaxial cable and a three element Yagi antenna for aerial tracking and fixed stations. Stationary receivers were set up upstream of the Bulkley/ Morice confluence (146 km) and upstream of the Toboggan Creek/Bulkley confluence (59 km).

The location of sites was selected to monitor fish moving along the mainstem or entering known spawning systems.

Each fixed station consisted of one or two antennas and the SRX-400 receiver, which was powered by a 12-Volt deep discharge (recreational vehicle) battery. The battery and receiver were enclosed in a weatherproof container and could operate for 10 days without servicing. The stations were visited every ten days to replace batteries and download data from the receiver.

Aerial tracking was conducted from a Bell 206B helicopter with one or two 3 or 4- element Yagi antennas attached to the cargo skids. The aircraft flew along the river and its tributaries at 80-190 (usually 130-160) km/h and at 90-300 m above ground level. The location and identities of each fish were determined and stored in real time by a Global Positioning System (GPS) with a built-in data logger and the SRX 400 receiver. The approximate position and the identity of each fish were also recorded manually on data sheets as a backup to the electronic systems. The position of the fish was later confirmed by comparing signal strengths and the GPS positions that were machine recorded. During most surveys, two receivers were operated on different channels, or all channels offset, so that the probability of passing a fish without recording it was reduced. A list of all telemetry surveys conducted during this study is found in Appendix 1 and 3. During the project there were four helicopter flights between January 6, 1995 and May 12, 1996. The fixed station receivers operated from the tagging date (November 7, 1994) to June 30, 1996. The fixed station receiver at Houston (F19) was not operational from January 4, 1996 to January 11, 1996 and from May 4, 1996 to May 17, 1996 due to battery failure. The fixed station receivers located at the Bulkley/Skeena confluence

(F12, km 0), Zymoetz/Skeena confluence (F10, km 131) and the Exchamsiks/Skeena confluence (F5, km -202) were used to record the migration of kelts leaving the Skeena River.

Radio tagging

Radio tags were placed in 40 Morice River steelhead during 1994. Steelhead were tagged over a three day period from November 7 to November 9 (Table 1). The fish were tagged at twelve locations on the Morice river from 149 km (2 km upstream of Bymac Park) to 180 km (Truckdriver Run). The movements of these fish were monitored over the winter and spring by four helicopter flights and continuous monitoring of the two fixed receiver stations at (F19) 146 km (Morice/Houston) and (F15) 59 km (Toboggan Creek).

Tracking Methods

During the study most tracking was done by fixed-station receivers, however, final destinations for most fish were confirmed during helicopter surveys. These data were condensed to records of fish departures from the fixed station receivers and to unique locations for each day that each fish was tracked using mobile tracking methods. Appendix 1 and 3 indicate the number of different fish tracked on each day during each weekly period.

3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Only one (male, fish #9) of forty radio tagged steelhead moved upstream; the majority dropped downstream of the original tagging location (Table 2) The distance of downstream movement ranged from 0 km to 202 km (Exchamsiks stationary receiver). One fish (fish #19) was not tracked after tagging, which is probably a result of tag malfunction, removal.or regurgitation. The mean downstream movement by males and females varied from 24 km to 29.8 km. As the tags were applied from November 7- 9, 1994, they were expected to fail around the 25th of July 1995. It is possible that some of the tags may have failed prior to that date and downstream Kelt migration was not monitored to the lower Skeena River. Ten (6 females: 4 males) of the radio tagged fish were monitored emigrating from the Skeena system between May 24 and June 29, 1995 (Table 3).

In 1995, the Morice River steelhead Kelt emigration varied from May 24th to June 29th, with the mean emigration date of June 5th. Commercial gillnet fishery openings for Chinook in June could have a detrimental effect on the emigrating Kelt

populations. A more selective fishery would enable the release of these kelts and increase the numbers of repeat spawners.

It was difficult to ascertain if the behavior of radio-tagged steelhead was similar to that of untagged fish. If angling steelhead during low water temperatures may have contributed to the high proportion of dropback among the tagged fish.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Discontinue radio-tagging steelhead on the Morice River until the hydro-acoustic technology is capable of enumerating emigrating kelts during the high, turbid flows of spring runoff.
- 2. Inform Department of Fisheries and Oceans of the detrimental effects of commercial Chinook openings on the emigrating steelhead stocks during June and recommend more selective fisheries.

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Table 1. Information regarding Morice River steelhead that were radio-tagged as part of the 1994-95 telemetry program.

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| Tag Loc. <u>(km)</u> | 158(11 mile) | 157.5(Aspen Tank) | 157.5(Aspen Tank) | 157.5(Aspen Tank | 157.5(Aspen Tank) | 157.5(Aspen Tank) | 157.5(Aspen Tank) | 166(Garbage can) | 168(Owen Canyon) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 180(38.5km Morice rd.) | 164(14 mile) | 164(14 mile) | 149(2km U/S Bymac) | 149(2km U/S Bymac) | 149(2km U/S Bymac) | 150(3km U/S Bymac) | 150(3km U/S Bymac) | 150(3km U/S Bymac) | | | S | 152(5km U/S Bymac) | 153(6km U/S Bymac) | 153(6km U/S Bymac) | 153(6km U/S Bymac) | 153(6km U/S Bymac) | 155(8km U/S Bymac) | O. | |
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| Length | 57 | 58.4 | 68.6 | 67.3 | 61 | 61 | 6.69 | 71.1 | 58.4 | 67.3 | 54.6 | 78.7 | 62.3 | 67.3 | 9'89 | 57.2 | 59.7 | 6.69 | 58.4 | 72.4 | 58.4 | 58.4 | 72.4 | 71.1 | 58.4 | 73.7 | 55.9 | 52.1 | 52.1 | 99 | 61 | 55.9 | 71.1 | 73.7 | 78.7 | 73.7 | 57.2 | 53.3 | 76.2 | | |
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<u>Table 2, . Summary of upstream and downstream movements and summary of mean distance</u>
<u>travelled by males and females in the Morice River, 1994-1995.</u>

| Sex | Number Upstream | Number Downstream | KM d/s | Total |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------|
| Male | 1 38 km | 18 (1 no movem | ent)29.8 km | 20 |
| Female | 0 | 19 (1 tag loss | s) 24.1 km | 20 |

Table 3. Dates and number of days for Morice river steelhead kelts to emigrate from the Skeena River, 1994-95.

| | # days emigration Bulkley / Skeena confluence | | - | - (| က | 2 | - | 4 | - | က | - |
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| | Exchamsiks R.(-202km) | 18 Jun | nıl. 60 | 5 . | 12 Jun | 30 May | 31 May | 02 Jun | 28 May | 08 Jun | |
| | Zymoetz R.(131 km) | <u> </u> | nil. 99 | 500 | | | 31 May | 02 Jun | 27 May | 06 Jun | 24 May |
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| | Toboggan Cr(59 | | SO IVIAY | 100 13 | 07 Jun | | 29 May | | 25 May | 02 Jun | 22 May |
| | Morice(146 km) | 07 Jun | 96 Jun | 500 | 17 May | 20 May | 28 May | 27 May | 19 May | 12 May | 18 May |
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Appendix 1. Tagging Information and subsequent locations (river kilometres) from fixed station receivers(Morice and Toboggan) of radio tagged Morice River summer steelhead, 1994 - 1995.

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Appendix 2. Summary of upstream and downstream movement (Kelt emigration) of steelhead in the Morice River, 1994-95.

| Morice River, 1994-95. | | |
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| | | Kelt migration Bulkley-May 28th, Exchamsiks-May 30th |
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| | | Kelt migration May 8th |
| | | Kelt migration May 12th |
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| | | Kelt migration Bulkley-May30th, Exchamsiks-May31st |
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| | | Kelt migration Bulkley-May30th, Exchamsiks-June 2nd |
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| -3 | | |
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| | | kelt migration-May 12th |
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| -8 | | |
| -46 | | |
| -11 | | |
| -44 | | |
| -8 | | |
| -6 | | Kelt migration Bulkley-May 27th, Exchamsiks-May 28th |
| -16 | М | |
| -8 | F | Kelt migration Bulkley-June 5th, Exchamsiks-June 8th |
| -16 | М | Kelt migration May 12th |
| 0 | М | very little movement |
| -9 | M | Kelt migration Bulkley-May 23rd, Zymoetz-May 24th |
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Appendix 3. Summary of tagging information and subsequent locations (River kms) from helicopter flights on the Morice and Bulkley Rivers, 1994-1995.

| <u>No.</u> | Chan. | <u>Code</u> | <u>Sex</u> | Length | <u>Date</u> | Tagging Location | | Helicopter 22 Mar, 95 | - | Helicopter 12 May, 95 |
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| 1 | ch. 3 | 34 | M | 570 | 94/11/07 | 158 km | 110 km | 104 km | | 106 km |
| 2 | ch. 3 | 62 | F | 686 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | 4551 | 4 E E O 1 | | 134 km |
| 3 | ch. 3 | 42 | F | 673 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | 155 km | 1556 km | | 162 km |
| 4 | ch. 3 | 61 | F | 787 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | 163 km | | | |
| 5 | ch. 3 | 77 | F | 699 | 94/11/08 | 180 km | 470 | 464 1 | | |
| 6 | ch. 3 | 69 | F | 584 | 94/11/08 | 180 km | 176 km | 151 km | | 50.1 |
| 7 | ch. 3 | 67 | М | 559 | 94/11/09 | 149 km | 134 km | 66 km | | 58 km |
| 8 | ch. 3 | 72 | M | 521 | 94/11/09 | 150 km | 130 km | 123 km | | 123 km |
| 9 | ch. 3 | 78 | M | 737 | 94/11/09 | 152 km | 143 km | 140 km | | 173 km |
| 10 | ch. 3 | 59 | M | 572 | 94/11/09 | 153 km | 145 km | 137 km | | 137 km |
| 11 | ch. 8 | 46 | F | 584 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | 120 km | 119 km | | 126 km |
| 12 | ch. 8 | 48 | М | 610 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | 160 km | 156 km | | |
| 13 | ch. 8 | 56 | F | 546 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | 94 km | 95 km | | 92 km |
| 14 | ch. 8 | 67 | М | 686 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | 170 km | 165 km | | 65 km |
| 15 | ch. 8 | 54 | M | 724 | 94/11/08 | 180 km | 180 km | 178 km | | 174 km |
| 16 | ch. 8 | 36 | F | 584 | 94/11/08 | 180 km | 182 km | 134 km | | 134 km |
| 17 | ch. 8 | 53 | F | 521 | 94/11/09 | 150 km | 143 km | 143 km | | 142 km |
| 18 | ch. 8 | 57 | М | 660 | 94/11/09 | 150 km | 120 km | 116 km | | 104 km |
| 19 | ch. 8 | 79 | М | 787 | 94/11/09 | 153 km | 148 km | 141 km | | 137 km |
| 20 | ch. 8 | 47 | М | 762 | 94/11/09 | 155 km | 134 km | | | |
| 21 | ch. 9 | 68 | F | 724 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | | | | |
| 22 | ch. 9 | 28 | M | 610 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | 104 km | 104 km | | 107 km |
| 23 | ch. 9 | 59 | F | 584 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | 165 km | 154 km | | 155 km |
| 24 | ch. 9 | 76 | F | 623 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | 90 km | 92 km | 92 km | 90 km |
| 25 | ch. 9 | 43 | М | 584 | 94/11/08 | 180 km | 143 km | 143 km | | |
| 26 | ch. 9 | 49 | F | 724 | 94/11/08 | 164 km | 172 km | 170 km | | 174 km |
| 27 | ch. 9 | 51 | F | 737 | 94/11/09 | 149 km | 150 km | | 146 km | 80 km |
| 28 | ch. 9 | 72 | F | 559 | 94/11/09 | 150 km | 134 km | | | 106 km |
| 29 | ch. 9 | 78 | F | 711 | 94/11/09 | 151 km | 154 km | | | |
| 30 | ch. 9 | 73 | F | 737 | 94/11/09 | 153 km | 115 km | 130 km | | 145 km |
| 31 | ch. 10 | 37 | М | 673 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | 162 km | 157 km | | 165 km |
| 32 | ch. 10 | 35 | F | 699 | 94/11/07 | 157.5 km | | 133 km | | 134 km |
| 33 | | | М | 711 | 94/11/07 | 166 km | 164 km | 157 km | | 204 km |
| 34 | ch. 10 | 23 | F | 673 | 94/11/07 | 168 km | | | | |
| | ch. 10 | | M | 572 | 94/11/08 | | 175 km | 156 km | | 36 km |
| | ch. 10 | | М | 597 | 94/11/08 | | 178 km | 174 km | | 7 |
| 37 | | | F | 711 | 94/11/08 | | 137 km | 156 km | | 154 km |
| 38 | | | M | 584 | 94/11/09 | | 135 km | 136 km | | 154 km |
| 39 | | | М | 610 | 94/11/09 | | 143 km | 136 km | | 139 km |
| 40 | | | М | 533 | 94/11/09 | | 154 km | 156 km | | 153 km |

Appendix 4. Movements of individual radio tagged steelhead in the Morice River, 1994-1995.

