

## CHILKOOT INLET

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North of 59th Parallel, East of 136th Meridian and  
North of Lynn Canal.

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I began observing the fishing condition at this inlet July 14, at which time there were only a few salmon in bay, but a fairly good number were going up stream on night tide.

From July 20 to 26th there was such a strong southeast wind, the salmon run increased to a large extent and as no fishing was being done during these storms 90 percent of the fish entering this inlet found their way up to the lake.

I have recorded the number of fish caught in this inlet, from which will be noted that very little fishing was done this season, owing to the storms and better fishing conditions at Chilkat, which attracted most of the fishermen in this locality.

July 28	4 Hauls	199 Sockeyes	1 Humpback
" 29	1 "	82 "	"
	(3 other boats fished at entrance to inlet.)		
Aug. 1	5 Hauls	244 Sockeyes	
2	2 "	127 "	
	1 "	No estimate made.	

During the week ending August 2 most of the fish were caught at Mud Bay, 7 miles south of Haines, where some boats caught as many as 300 per day, which decreased the percentage of escapement to Chilkoot Lake to 40 percent.

August 5 several boats fished at the dead line, making a total of five hauls and approximately 535 sockeyes, the only species of salmon in evidence up to August 17; however the boats left August 6 as they found the fishing better elsewhere.

August 7 the run of salmon increased and on August 8 the fish commenced going up river on flood tide. These conditions remained the same

until August 15, when a strong wind occurred, increasing the number of salmon going up stream.

August 17, the first of the humpbacks appeared. They did not enter the lake but remained in the river to spawn. The run of humpbacks about August 27 was noted to be larger than former years.

The dog salmon, or chums, spawn in two little creeks near the mouth of the lake.

September 7 the Cohoes commenced running.

September 11, there was an exceedingly fine run, consisting of a number of Cohoes but the majority were Sockeyes.

I am unable to estimate the percentage of escapement to Chilkoot Lake, as the fish which are caught at Mud Bay, (seven miles below Haines) are enroute to the spawning beds in Chilkoot Lake, which is the spawning ground for Sockeyes, Chums and Cohoes.

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