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North Shore of Moira Sound.

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The narrows in this cove are 750 feet long, from rapids to the mouth or half way to the dead line. The stream has four medium sized lakes, but apparently the spawning is done only in the first one.

From July 24 to August 20 there were several seine boats operating in Kegan Cove and during this time there were approximately 6091 humpbacks. 686 Sockeyes and 102 Chums caught. August 4 marked the first big run when nearly 1000 salmon were seen at foot of rapids waiting for tide to come in to go up stream. August 17 about 5000 fish were seen in lagoon, which undoubtedly made their way up stream as this was Sunday and no fishing was being done.

August 26 heavy rainfalls commenced which brought the large run of fish at entrance up to the streams on night tide. On September 5 the creek was approximately one foot higher than usual and it having twelve tributaries, fish were seen going up all streams.

September 10 another run of salmon appeared but the water was too high to make an accurate estimate, however, on September 13 one haul was made netting 1400 chums and 3000 were at the mouth ready to go up stream. From this date until September 20 there was a fairly good run. On September 18, 3000 to 5000 salmon were in lagoon and ten seine boats were operating in the sound.

From July 24 to September 24 there were approximately 40,000 to 50,000 fish escaped, majority of them being humpbacks and the remainder were chums.

The sockeye run commenced in June or early in July and was practically over by July 24. The peak of the humpback run was during the latter part of July. Several years ago Kegan Cove could have been depended upon for 40,000 Sockeyes and sometimes two or three times that many, but this year marked a very small run.