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Hello all,

I have been asked to present the results of the 2004-2005 coho surveys to the Task Force on February 10th.(Tommorow) See below for a summary of the survey results. If you would like to receive a copy of my presentation, please respond to this email, and I will get it to you. A draft final report will be available by February 28th, 2005.

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Adult Coho Spawning Ground Surveys 2004-2005

Training for Adult Coho Spawning Surveys was held on November 17th, 2004. The RCD and CDFG co-organized the training. Cooperators included CDFG, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the United States Forest Service (USFS), NOAA Fisheries, and the RCD. Funding for this effort was provided by CDFG and the USFWS.

Live coho were first seen in the Scott River Canyon in early November by the Fall Chinook Survey crews. Initial coho spawning surveys were completed by the RCD and CDFG during the last two weeks of November. During that period, the only spawning observed was in the Scott River Tailing and French Creek.

However, the heavy rains of December 6th – 8th opened up most tributaries and many fish were observed after that date. Surveys were completed weekly on index reaches and other high activity reaches. Surveys in other locations were completed one to three times, depending on crew availability and access (landowner permission and snow conditions). During these surveys tissue and scale samples were collected off a subset of all carcass, and turned over to CDFG for analysis. In addition, Redds were measured for size and substrate composition. Finally, Mark and Recapture methods were utilized in French-Miners Creek, and Shackleford-Mill Creek to produce a population estimate for those tributaries.

During the Spawning period, every effort was made to survey as far upstream as access would allow in each tributary, to determine the upper extent and distribution of coho spawning for this season. The active spawning period lasted until the last week of December, surveys during the first half of January found only an occasional new Redd, and few remaining live fish. A total of 47 miles of stream were surveyed during this effort.

Preliminary numbers for 2004-2005 are: 959 Redds, 578 Carcasses, and 1565

live fish counts (although some of this fish were likely counted twice during weekly surveys) A draft final report will be available by February 28th, 2005. Please contact the RCD at 467-3975, or respond to this email if you would like a copy of the draft report.