

CENTRAL VALLEY ANGLER SURVEY: 2013 Recreational Harvest of Chinook Salmon

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2013 Central Valley Salmon Season

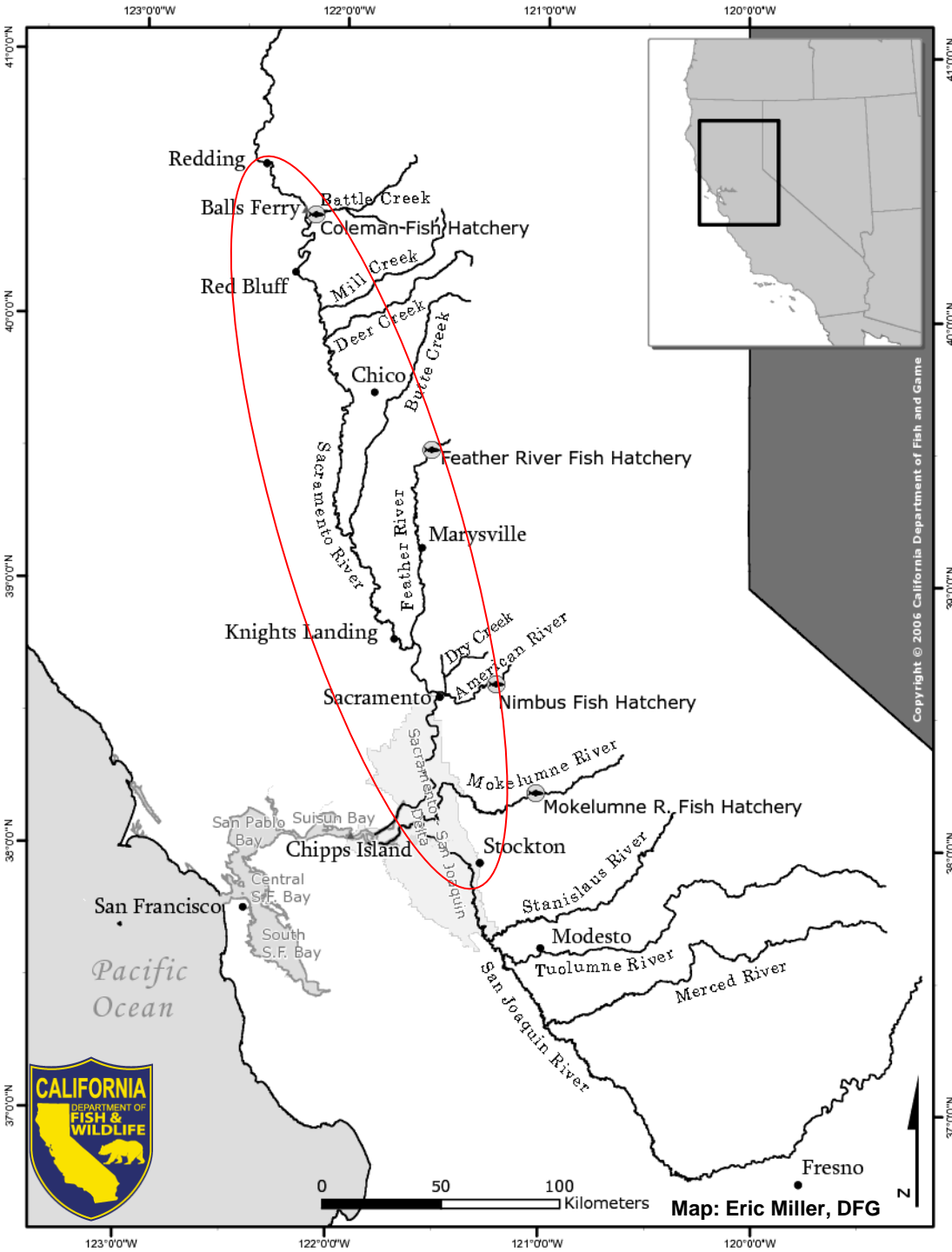


- **Lower American River: Open July 16th- December 31th**
- **Lower Feather River: Open July 16th- December 16th**
Excluding the low flow channel
- **Sacramento River – Open July 16th- December 16th**
Carquinez Bridge to Deschutes Road Bridge
- **Mokelumne River: Open July 16th- December 16th**

Central Valley Angler Survey



- Estimate angler effort targeting Chinook salmon
- Estimate harvest of Chinook salmon
- Estimate catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE)
- Collect biological information on the catch
- Recover coded-wire tags



Sampling Design:

- 19 survey sections:
 - *Sacramento River: Carquinez Bridge to Deschutes Rd Bridge*
 - *Feather River*
 - *American River*
 - *Mokelumne River*
- Eight randomly selected sampling days per month:
 - *four weekdays*
 - *four weekend days*

Estimates of Chinook salmon effort, harvest and stock identification



Data collection via:

- *Roving angler counts*
- *Roving angler interviews*
- *Access point interviews*
- *Coded Wire Tag (CWT)*

Recovery



Overview of 2013 Central Valley Sport Fishery for Chinook Salmon*

- ***Effort:*** 1,488,192 angler hours
- ***Trips:*** 293,228 angling days
- ***Total catch:*** 95,976 salmon
- ***Harvest:*** 66,555 salmon
- ***Release:*** 29,421 salmon
- ***Pct retention:*** 69%
- ***Harvest rate:*** 4 salmon per 100 angler hours



* Based on fishery statistics for the American, Feather, Mokelumne and Sacramento rivers, July – December 2013.

Raw Statistics

- Contacted over 11,300 fishing parties
- 4,388 salmon reported kept
- 3,846 Salmon observed
 - or 5.8% of the Estimated Harvest
- 797 adipose fin-clipped Salmon, or 20.7%
- 790 heads taken for CWT recovery, or 99%



Coded Wire Tag Recoveries

781 CWTs successfully recovered and read

- 39.0% Coleman National Fish Hatchery fall-run
- 27.2% Feather River Hatchery fall-run
- 12.2% Coleman National Fish Hatchery late-fall-run
- 9.4% Nimbus Hatchery fall-run
- 7.7% Mokelumne River Hatchery fall-run*
- 4.1% Feather River spring-run
- 0.5% Merced River Fish Facility fall-run
- 0% Winter-run

* 2009 Mokelumne River Hatchery production was 100% marked and coded wire tagged.

Sacramento River fall-run Chinook Salmon (SRFC) Harvest

*Defined as any harvest of Chinook salmon in the
American, Feather and Sacramento rivers.*

Excludes

- Harvest in the Mokelumne River.
- Harvest in the Late-fall-run Chinook salmon fishery
- Known non-SRFC from the recovery of cwts

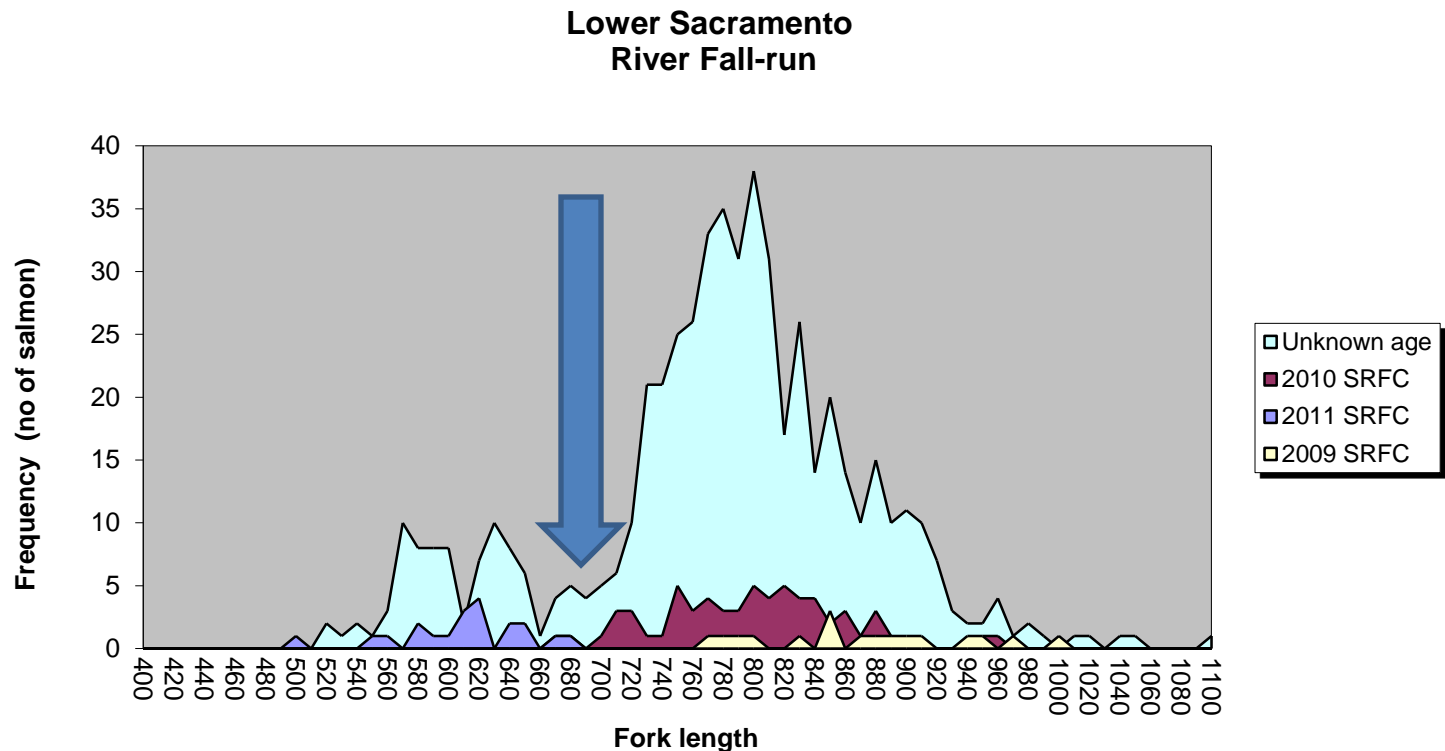
SRFC Inland harvest

- 61,672 SRFC in 2013, or 93% of all Chinook salmon harvest in the Central Valley.



Fork Length Frequency Analysis

- Conducted for each management zone to determine the delineation between two year old (grilse) and older SRFC Chinook salmon.



Grilse composition varied between management zones

- 17% Lower Sacramento
- 10% American River
- 9% Feather River
- 4% Upper Sacramento



Final SRFC Harvest Estimate

Overall 10% of the harvest were grilse

- 55,477 adult SRFC
- 6,195 grilse SRFC

2013 Sacramento River Late-fall-run Chinook Salmon Season

- Restricted to the Upper Sacramento River;
Knights Landing to Deschutes Road Bridge
- Open November 1st —
December 16th
- Daily bag and possession limit
of 2 Chinook salmon



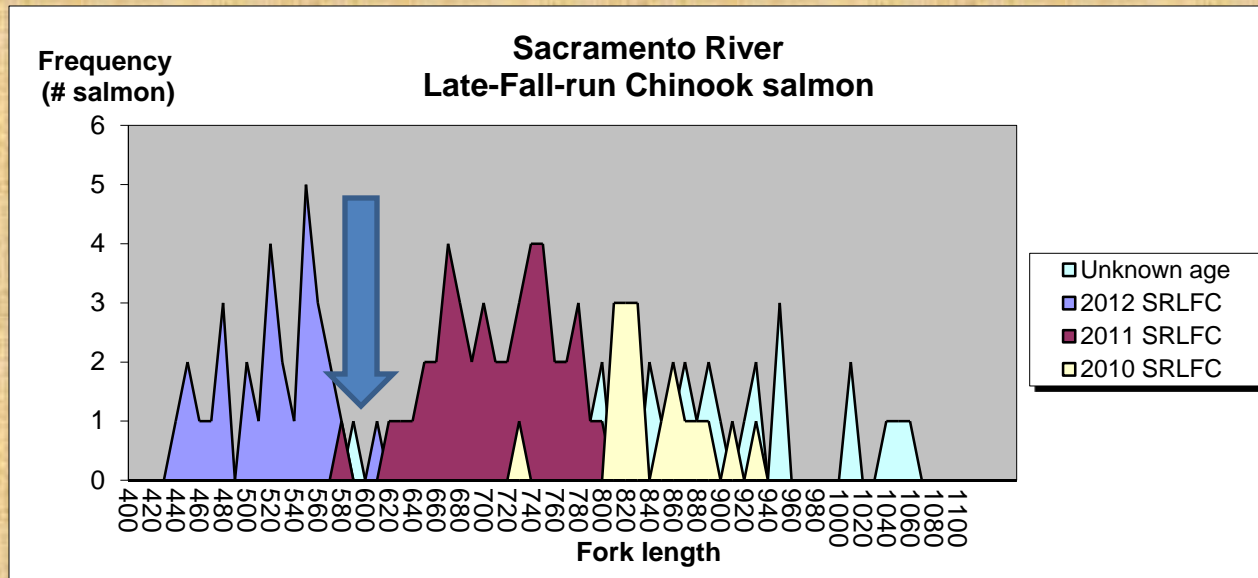
Sacramento River Late-Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Fishery



- ***Effort:*** 21,137 angler hours
- ***Trips:*** 3,702 angler trips
- ***Harvest:*** 1,265 salmon
- ***Harvest rate:*** 6 salmon per 100 angler hours

SRLFC Summary Statistics

- **58% Catch was of Hatchery Origin**
 - 99% SRLFC
 - 1% SJRFC-Mokelumne River Hatchery
- **Fork Length Frequency Analysis**
 - Grilse cutoff at 600mm resulting in 23% grilse



- **Final SRLFC Estimate: 958 age 3 and older SRLFC**

2013 Mokelumne River Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Season

- **Camanche Dam to Highway 12 overcrossing;**
 - Survey excluded Lake Lodi and a middle reach.
- **Open July 16st – December 16th**
- **Daily bag and possession limit of 2 Chinook salmon**



Mokelumne River Fishery

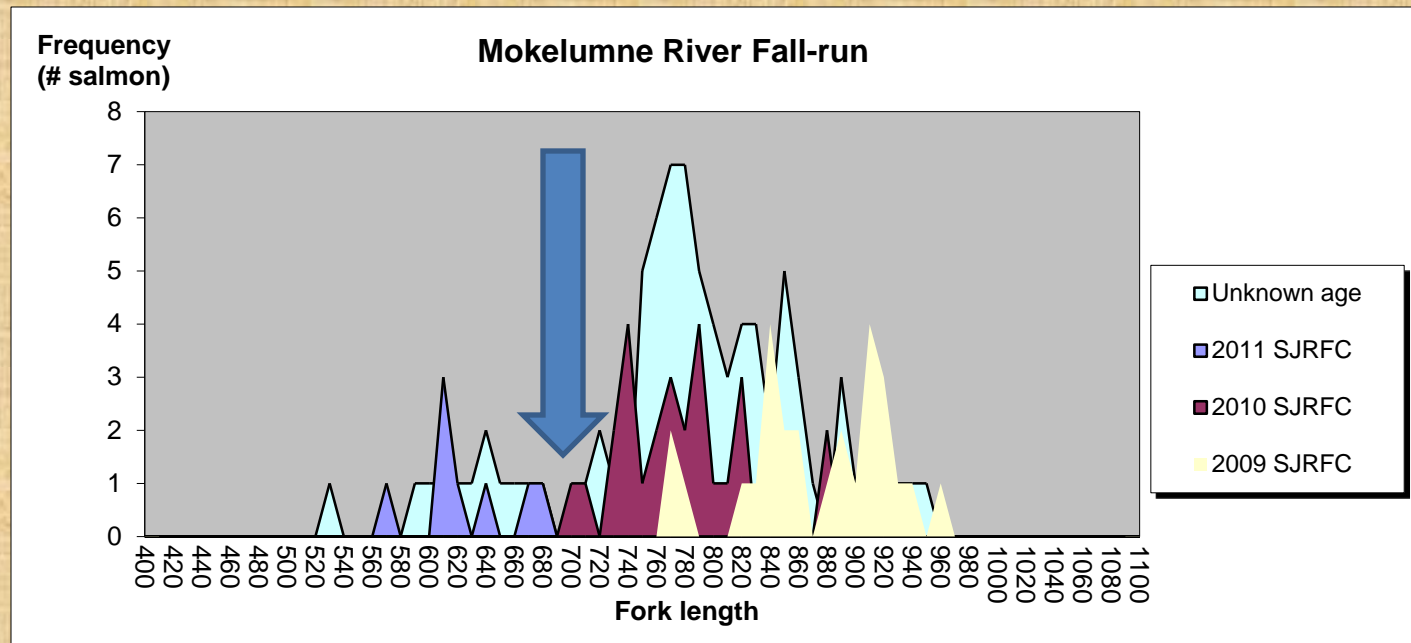
San Joaquin Fall-run Chinook Salmon (SJRFC)



- **Effort:** 31,892 angler hours
- **Trips:** 5,695 angler trips
- **Harvest:** 1,239 salmon
- **Harvest rate:** 4 salmon per 100 angler hours

Mokelumne River Summary Statistics

- **30% Catch was of Hatchery Origin**
 - 99% San Joaquin River Fall-run Chinook Salmon
 - 1% SRFC
- **Fork Length Frequency Analysis**
 - Grilse cutoff at 690mm or 23% grilse



- **Final SJRFC Estimate: 958 adult, 247 grilse**

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