

CENTRAL VALLEY ANGLER SURVEY: 2014 Recreational Harvest of Chinook Salmon



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2014 Central Valley Salmon Season

Open July 16th-December 16th

Exceptions:

Lower American River

July 16th –December 31

Upper Sacramento River

August 1st to December 16th

RBDD to Dechutes Road Bridge

Feather River

July 16th to October 15th

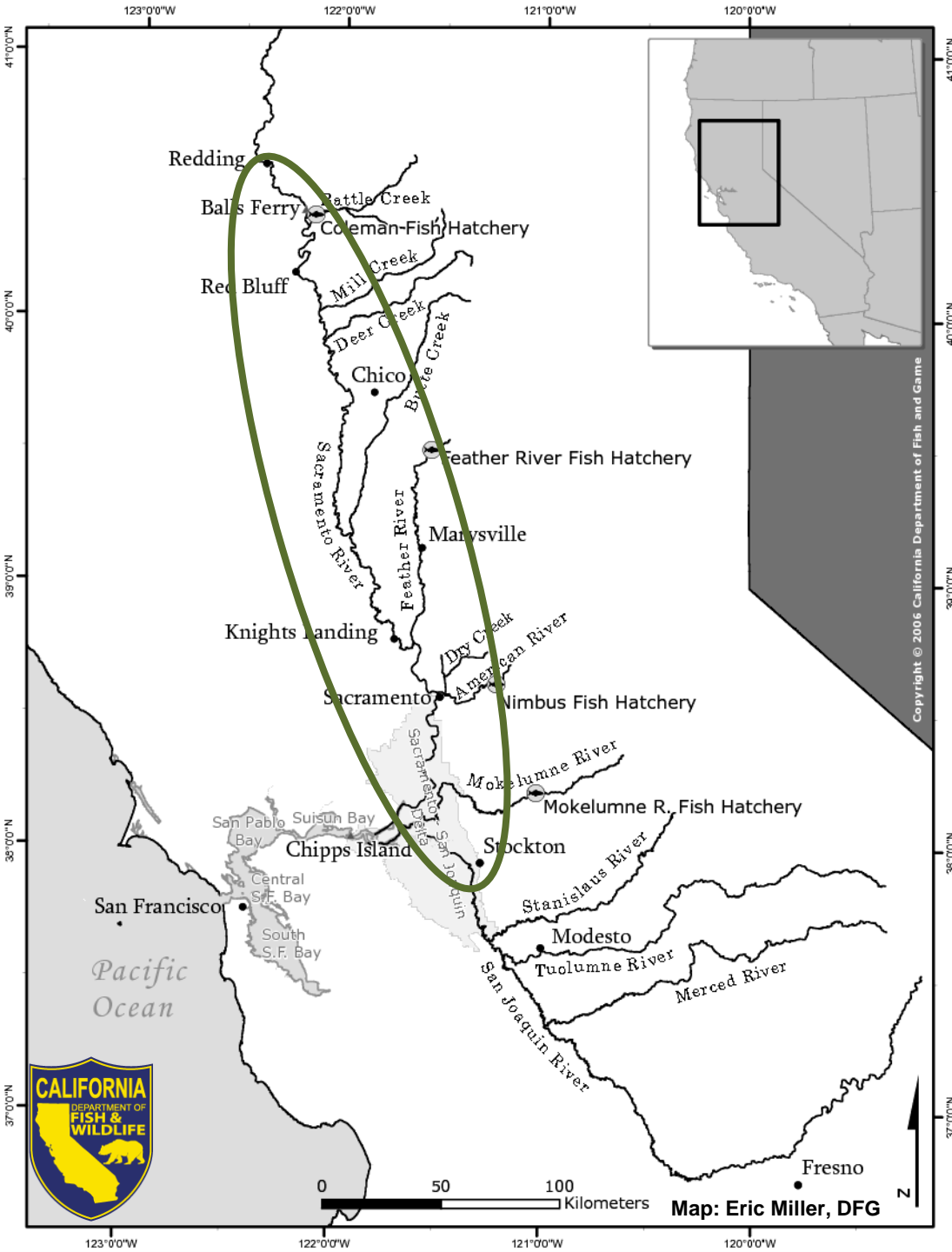
Low flow channel



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:

- 25 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, Catch, and Harvest



Data collection via:

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

Overview of 2014 Central Valley Sport Fishery for Chinook Salmon*

<i>Effort:</i>	969,496 angler hours
<i>Trips:</i>	187,887 angling days
<i>Total catch:</i>	70,469 salmon
<i>Harvest:</i>	42,449 salmon
<i>Release:</i>	28,020 salmon
<i>Pct retention:</i>	60 %
<i>Harvest rate:</i>	4 salmon per 100 angler hours



* Based on fishery statistics for the American, Feather, Mokelumne and Sacramento rivers, July – December 2014.

Raw Statistics

Contacted over 7,900 fishing parties

2,478 salmon reported kept

2,319 Salmon observed

- or 5.5% of the Estimated Harvest

507 adipose fin-clipped salmon, or 22%

496 heads taken for CWT recovery, or 98%



Coded Wire Tag Recoveries

493 CWTs successfully recovered and read

- 32.0% Feather River Hatchery fall-run
- 31.0% Coleman National Fish Hatchery fall-run
- 14.0% Nimbus Hatchery fall-run
- 12.0% Mokelumne River Hatchery fall-run
- 7.0% Feather River spring-run
- 3.0% Coleman National Fish Hatchery late-fall-run
- 0.6% Merced River Fish Facility fall-run
- 0.0% Winter-run

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 coded wire tags

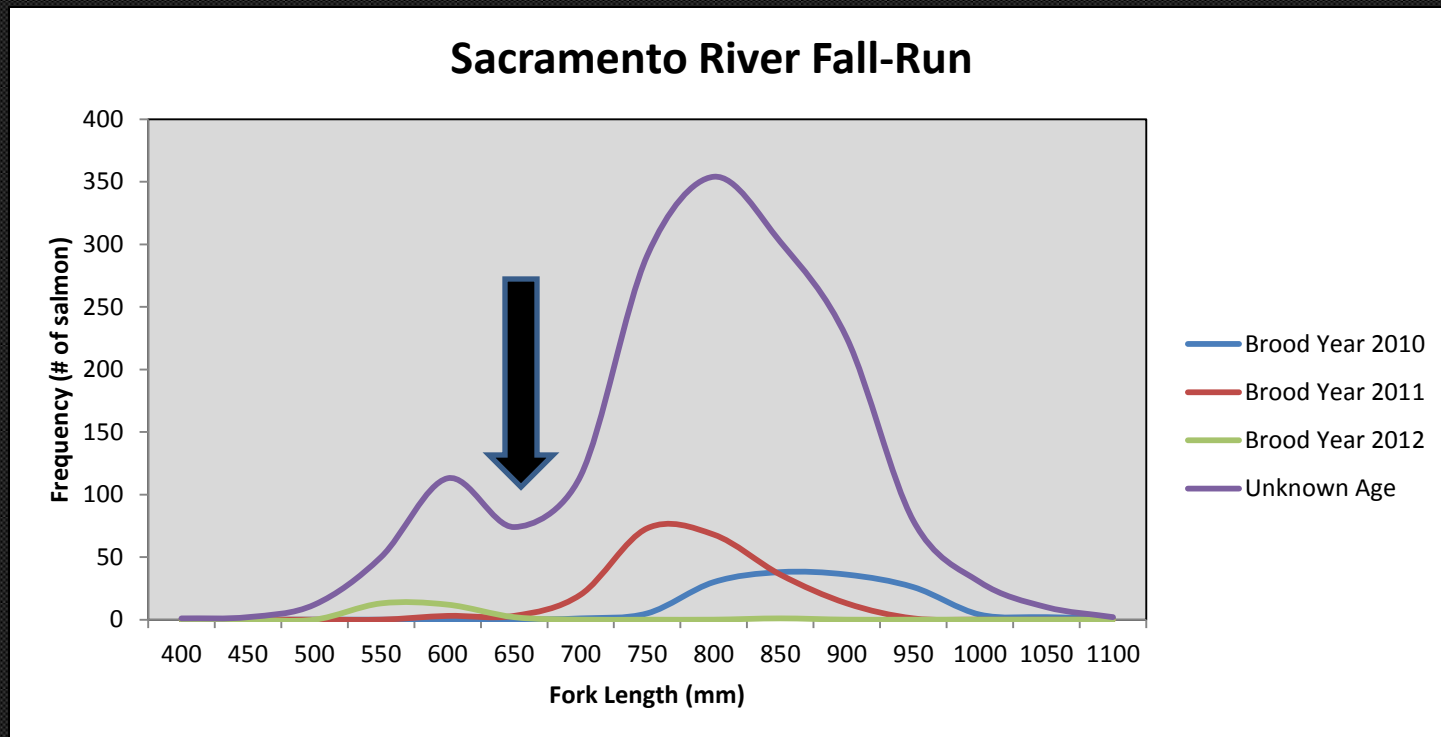
SRFC Inland Harvest

40,752 SRFC in 2014, or 96% 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

20%	Lower Sacramento
17%	American River
16%	Feather River
6%	Upper Sacramento



Final SRFC Harvest Estimate

Overall 11% of the harvest were grilse

36,176 adult SRFC

4,576 grilse SRFC



2014 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



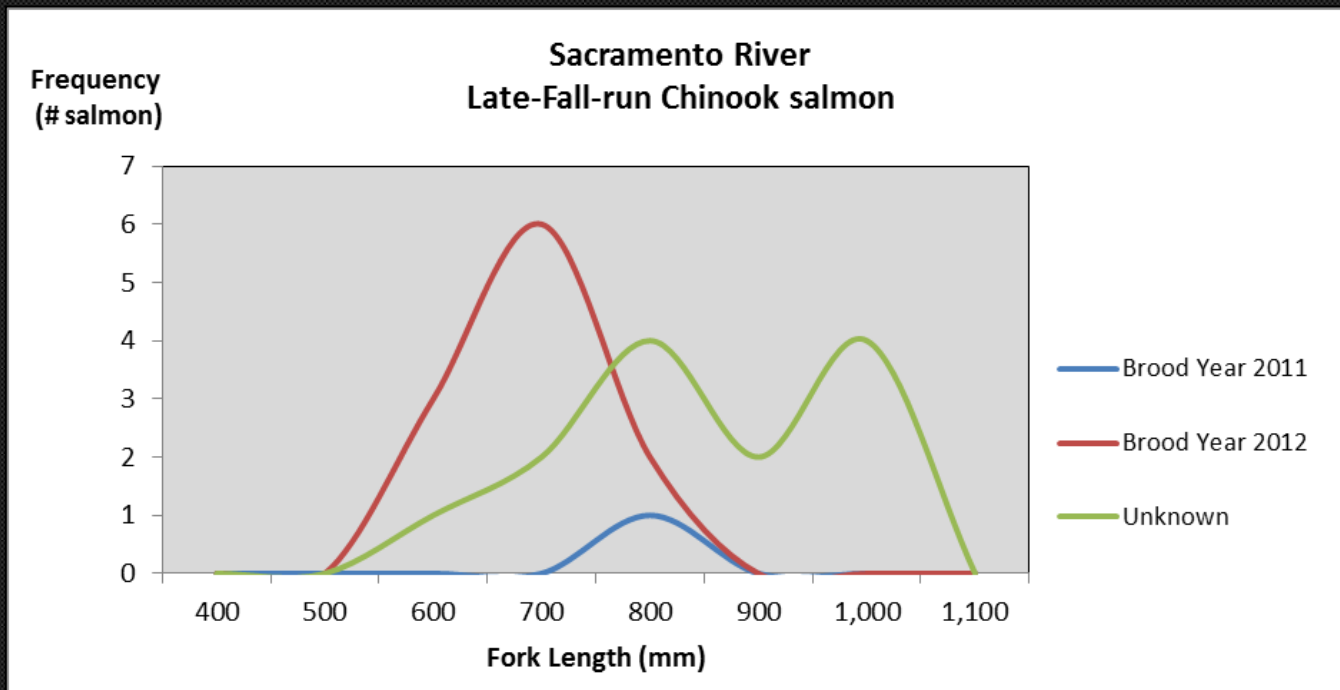
Sacramento River Late-Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Fishery



- **Effort:** 10,207 angler hours
- **Trips:** 1,826 angler trips
- **Harvest:** 281 salmon
- **Harvest rate:** 3 salmon per 100 angler hours

SRLFC Summary Statistics

- **38% Catch was of known hatchery origin**
 - 100% SRLFC
- **Fork Length Frequency Analysis**
 - Grilse cutoff difficult to determine (n=21 fish)



2014 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

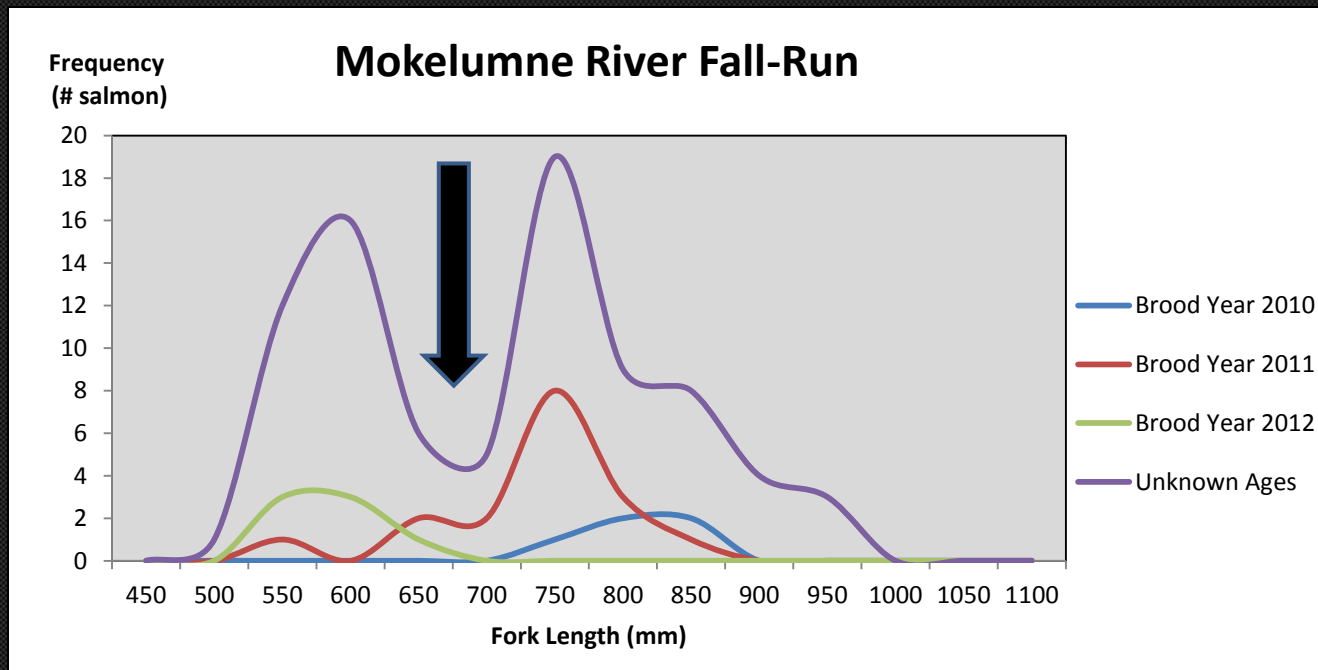
San Joaquin Fall-Run Chinook Salmon (SJRFC)



- **Effort:** 29,915 angler hours
- **Trips:** 5,105 angler trips
- **Harvest:** 1,416 salmon
- **Harvest rate:** 5 salmon per 100 angler hours

Mokelumne River Summary Statistics

- **35% Catch was of known hatchery origin**
 - 86% San Joaquin River Fall-run Chinook Salmon
 - 14% SRFC
- **Fork Length Frequency Analysis**
 - Grilse cutoff at 675 mm or 37% grilse



- **Final SJRFC Estimate: 892 adult, 524 grilse**

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