Eulachon: State of the Science and Science to Policy Forum

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Eulachon Research on the Klamath River 2010 - 2014

Endangered Species Act Section 6 Protected Species Conservation and Recovery Grant Program to Tribes

Yurok Tribe

Research – Adult and Juvenile Eulachon Sampling on the Klamath River



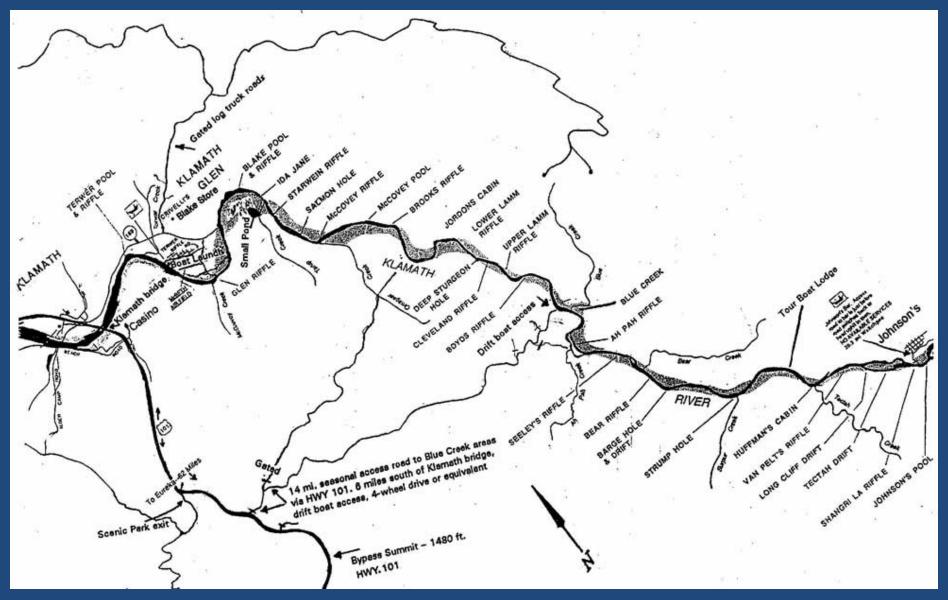
Candlefish, caught near the Klamath Glen circa 1950, drip from an a-frame dip net.

Yurok Tribe 2010

Map of the Klamath River Basin



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Klamath River Location	Run Timing	Peak Run Duration or Fished	Maximum Number of Eulachon Caught before Decline	Maximum Number of Eulachon Caught after Decline	Year of Decline
Terwer Riffles	March-May	3 Weeks	Unlimited		1950's
Glen and Brooks	January-April	3-4 Weeks	Unlimited	1985 - Few	1970's
Mouth	February-April	8 Weeks	Unlimited	None	1980's
Mouth to Starwein	January-March	N/A	Unlimited		1970's
Mouth and Requa to Starwein	February- May	2 Weeks	Unlimited	1995, 1-2	1960's
Mouth to Glen	January-April	1 Week	Unlimited		1970's
Glen	March-April		Unlimited		1970's
Glen	February-March	3 Days	Unlimited	1996, 2	1978
Terwer Creek and Old Bridge	March-May	8-12 Weeks	Unlimited		1950's
Bridge	December-January	6 Weeks	Unlimited	1995, 1-2	1970's
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Mouth and Blakes Riffle	March		Unlimited	1996, 2-3	1970's
Mouth	February-March		Unlimited		1989
Glen and Mouth	January-March	3 Weeks	Unlimited	1994, 1	1980's
Mouth and Glen	February-May	4 Weeks	Unlimited		1970's

Results of Yurok Tribal fisher interviews concerning eulachon in the Klamath River (Larson and Belchik 1998)

Yurok Tribe Presence/Absence Surveys (seine/dip nets/observations) in the Klamath River over a Four-Year Period.

2011 (7 adult eulachon)

2012 (40 adult eulachon)

2013 (112 adult eulachon; 140 larvae - all larvae collected via plankton net tows in the Klamath River during this period were determined to be sculpin).

2014 (1,000 adult eulachon – estimated; larvae collected were positively identified as eulachon).

Spawning Stock Biomass estimations and final report in-progress.