

Angler effort index for the Alagnak River, Alaska, 2000.

Abstract: An angler effort survey was conducted on the Alagnak River from 10 June – 10 August 2000. This was a collaborative effort between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) – Division of Sport Fish, the National Park Service (NPS), and the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA). ADFG provided detailed data collection instructions and technical review of the project design. Several problems were encountered during the project and it was not completed as scheduled. However, the data collected indicated that there is heavier use of the lower river than the upper river and peak use occurs during July. Rafts were most common in the upper river and decreased in frequency with each downstream segment. Overall use was dominated by the salmon fishery in the tidal section. These data were subsequently used by ADFG to help design a more comprehensive Alagnak River Chinook and Coho salmon creel survey conducted during 2001 and 2002.

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