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Subject: Wells Reservoir - salmon fishing data
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Tony,
During the Wells Initial Study Report Meeting, you asked a question regarding the percentage of fishermen who come to Wells targeting salmon. Below is Table 5.2-2 from the page 29 of the Wells Recreation Use Assessment. These results are based on 2005 surveys. Note that these are based on fishermen who were interviewed, and this does not include spot-counts of total use. You can find the report at the following link.
http://relicensing.douglaspud.org/documents/pud_relicensing_documents/downloads/SR/RecreationVisitorUseAssessment.pdf

I also looked back at the raw data for total use by fishing/ski boats. For the "Okanogan/Bridgeport Resource Area", which would include Cassimer Bar, we observed the following:

July 12, 2005 (weekday) – 3 boats
July 16, 2005 (weekend) – 238 boats
July 28, 2005 (weekday) – 3 boats
Aug. 1, 2005 (weekday) – 5 boats
Aug. 7, 2005 (weekend) – 5 boats
Aug. 20, 2005 (weekend) – 48 boats
Aug. 24, 2005 (weekday) – 14 boats
Aug. 30, 2005 (weekday) – 1 boat
Sept. 9, 2005 (weekday) – 5 boats
Sept. 18, 2005 (weekend) – 6 boats
Sept. 24, 2005 (weekend) – 9 boats
Sept. 28, 2005 (weekday) – 3 boats

The total number of boats (fishing/skiing) for the Okanogan/Bridgeport Resource Area, for the months of June – November, was 389. Keep in mind that the surveyors did not approach fishermen by boat, because the fishermen didn't appreciate their fishing being interrupted. So in reality, the percentage of fishermen targeting salmon was probably much higher than calculated in Table 5.2-2, which was based mostly on surveys conducted on land. Especially when you consider that 238 boats were observed in that area on a single day.

Table 5.2-2 Respondent fishing behavior and perceptions of access to Wells Project Survey Area.

Characteristic	%	n
River/Steam Access		
Do not have difficulty	47.6	39
Have difficulty	29.3	24
Do not fish	23.2	19
Total	**100.0**	**82**
Reservoir Access		
Do not have difficulty	55.4	46
Have difficulty	28.9	24
Do not fish	15.7	13
Total	**100.0**	**83**
Type of Angler		
General Angler	35.0	28
Fish for Target Species	65.0	52
Target Species (Top Five)		
Salmon	**35.1**	**26**
Walleye	21.6	16

Bass	17.6	13
Trout	10.8	8
Steelhead	10.8	8
Time Start Fish		
Modal Time (6am)	27.2	22

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