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COMPARISON OF SALMON CATCHES IN MONOFILAMENT AND MULTIFILAMENT GILL NETS--Part II

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ABSTRACT

The second phase of a monofilament-multifilament gill-net study was completed by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries during the 1963 summer field season. Salmon catches in standard multifilament nets were compared with those in an <u>all</u>monofilament net unit. Results of a 1962 study, in which multifilament nets were compared with <u>alternate</u> monofilament-multifilament nets, are also examined in an analysis of efficiency and cost of three gill-net combinations.

Sockeye catches in all-monofilament nets were greater than in all-multifilament, but chum and pink catches were the same in both gear types, as were the lengths of all species. In terms of cost and efficiency, the alternated combination appeared superior for the capture of high-seas salmon followed by all-multifilament and all-monofilament.

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INTRODUCTION

In the salmon research program in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea by the U.S. Hau of Commercial Fisheries, one facet of the work has been an investigation into more evelent sampling gear. Much of the Bureau's research, in support of the United States Secthiof the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, has required relatively large movers of salmon specimens for racial analysis and relative abundance and distribution set es.

The capture of pelagic salmon on the high seas has been accomplished with surface gill To provide adequate samples of each species and age group, the length of the net string radually been increased to over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Increasing the length of the string has reside in an increase in manpower as well as gear damage and loss from sudden changes in weathhales, and shipping. In addition, inshore fishing stations in the Aleutian Island chain, an of considerable interest, are difficult to sample with a long gill-net string because of its ptibility to tangling in the severe tidal currents near the islands.

The apparent success reported by the Japanese high-seas commercial salmon fishery monofilament gill nets stimulated Bureau scientists to investigate the relative efficiency onofilament netting and its potential as a research-sampling tool.

In the first phase of the study, conducted during the 1962 summer field season (reported May 1963 <u>Commercial Fisheries Review</u>), the catches in standard multifilament nets <u>compared with those in the monofilament nets of an experimental unit of alternate mono-</u> We Biologist (Research), U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Biological Laboratory, Seattle, Wash. 98102.

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filament-multifilament nets of like mesh size and construction. The results of that phase i dicated a significantly larger catch in the monofilament nets and, in general, provided same



directly comparable to those of the multifilament nets in terms of age a length of the fish (Larkins 1963).

The results of the second phase the study, in which the standard mulfilament nets were tested against an perimental unit of <u>all</u>-monofilament nets, are reported here. This experment, completed during the 1963 surmer cruise of the Bureau's research vessel <u>George B. Kelez</u> (fig. 1), was so designed to permit a three-way of parison between all-multifilament, a ternate multifilament-monofilament, all-monofilament net combinations.

Fig. 1 - The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries research vessel George B. Kelez.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

The multifilament nets, each 50 fathoms long and 4 fathoms deep, were made of type 3 nylon. The mesh sizes used were the same as in past years: $5\frac{1}{4}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{4}$, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches (stretched measure). The webbing, dyed dark green, was "hung in" 50 percent on the cork a lead lines.

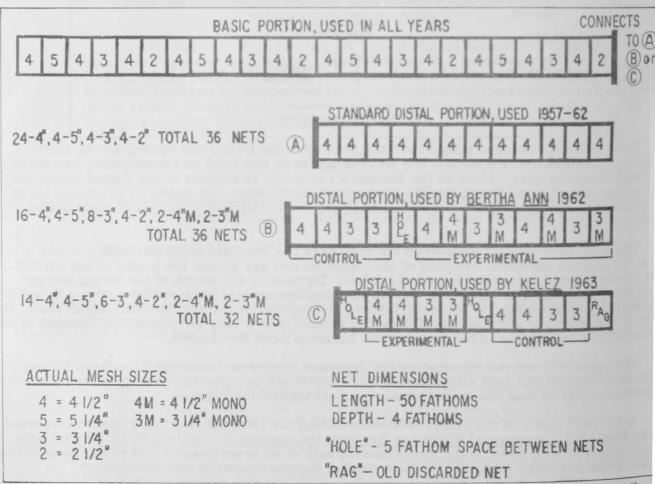


Fig. 2 - Composition of high-seas salmon gill nets used by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries from 1957 through 1963.

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The experimental monofilament nets, dyed light grey, were constructed identically with the multifilament nets; only the $4\frac{1}{2}$ - and $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh sizes were used. The webbing, of Jap nese manufacture, was very similar to the German Perlon used in 1962.

The vessel's net string (fig. 2) was composed of a standard 24 net portion of all-multifi ment webbing with varying mesh sizes, an experimental portion consisting of two $3\frac{1}{4}$ - and tw $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch monofilament nets, and a control portion of two $3\frac{1}{4}$ - and two $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch multifilament nets. All nets within each portion were laced together to form a continuous unit and a fivefathom opening was left between each portion so fish could not lead from one unit to another An old, discarded net "rag" was attached to the end of the string to prevent bunching of the last net.

The 32 net string, equipped with two lighted flag poles and radio buoys, was set shortly after dark, allowed to drift freely through the night, and hauled after dawn. Setting took about 45 minutes, the nets fished for an average of 12 hours, and hauling time varied from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours.

The nets were repaired daily and replaced when necessary. Through the season, as the nets became worn, their efficiency was probably somewhat reduced, but the state of repair the two types of webbing is believed to have been equal at any one time.

Both the basic and control portions of the net strings in 1962 and 1963 were identical, e cept for the position of the control portion, and from the basis for comparison between the alternated monofilament-multifilament unit in 1962 and the all-monofilament unit in 1963.

RESULTS

The 1963 salmon catches by net type for the $3\frac{1}{4}$ - and $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch nets are shown in table 1. Preliminary tests between the total salmon catch per net of the multifilament nets in the bas and control portions of the string over the entire season show no significant differences 1/. Therefore, all of the $3\frac{1}{4}$ - and $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch multifilament nets have been used in the comparison **w** monofilament catches.

In 73 percent of the $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and 57 percent of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch comparisons, the total catch is unit of effort of the monofilament exceeded that of the multifilament nets; over the season, the $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch monofilament caught 1.5 and the $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch monofilament 1.3 times as many salmon per net as the multifilament.

In the comparison of individual species taken in the two net types, a very interesting difference is apparent. While the relative efficiency of the monofilament nets (table 2) for soch eye and pink salmon was considerably higher than that of the multifilament, the catch per net of chum salmon in the two net types was almost identical. Statistically, only the difference e catch of sockeye salmon between the two net types was significant. This difference in relative efficiency of monofilament netting for three species indicates that the species composition of catches in the monofilament and multifilament nets was also different.

			C	atch Per N	et (Number)				Relat	ive Efficie	ency of	
Mesh Size	1	Multifilan	nent		M	onofilame	Monofilament (Number)					
	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Total	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Total	Sockeye	Chum	Pink	Tota
$\frac{\text{Inches}}{3\frac{1}{4}}$	7.5	1.4	-	8.96	12.2	1.4	-	13.65	1.6	1.0	-	1.52
$4\frac{1}{2}$	3.2	1.9	0.4	5.43	4.6	1.7	0.6	6.95	1.4	0.9	1.8	1.28

1/Paired "t" tests: $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh nets: t = 1.04 with 29 d.f.

 $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh nets: t = 0.48 with 29 d.f.

2/Paired "t" tests: $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh nets: sockeye, t = -2.3 with 29 d.f.; chum, t = -0.02 with 29 d.f.

 $4\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh nets: sockeye, t = -2.1 with 28 d.f.; chum, t = 0.8 with 28 d.f.; pink, t = -1.6 with 14 d.f.

4

The relationship between the individual sockeye catches in the two net types was linear<u>3</u>/, and st over the range of abundance encountered in 1963.

Species

Sockeye

Chum

Mesh Size

Inches

31/4

N=

43

N=

31

N=

Table 3 - Mean Lengths of Salmon Captured in Monofilament and Multifilament Gill Nets, 1963

Monofilament

733

269

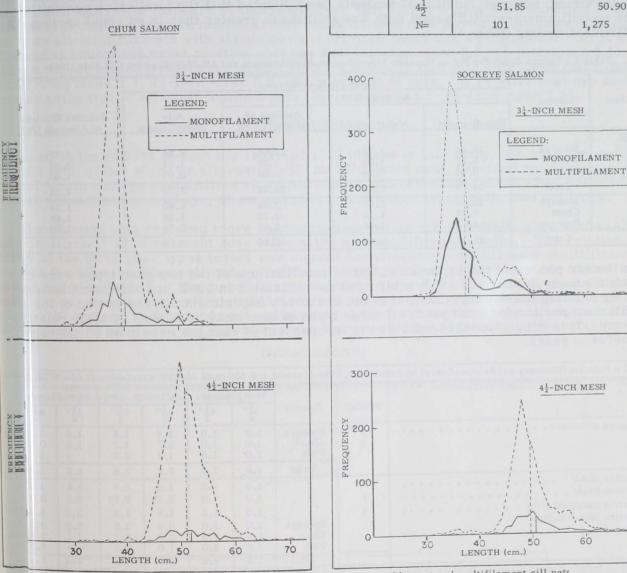
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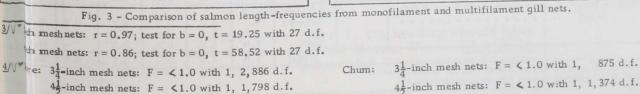
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50.30

40.09

Length frequency curves of sockeye and cliff salmon taken in the two net types are similar (fig. 3) and their mean lengths (table 3)) and their mean lengths (table a)) and table (table) a





Multifilament

2,155

1,531

591

37.59

49.40

39.43

70

. . . (Centimeters)

DISCUSSION

To summarize the preceding section, it was shown that the sockeye catches in an allmonofilament gill-net section were significantly greater than in an all-multifilament string, although the catches of chum and pink salmon were, apparently, the same in both net types. The length and age compositions of monofilament catches were the same as those of multifilament catches.

Results of the 1962 study (Larkins 1963), in which alternate monofilament-multifilament nets were used, also showed no difference in age and length comparisons between the net types; however, the catches of all three species were considerably larger in the monofilament nets than in the multifilament. It was also shown that the salmon catches in the multifilament nets adjacent to the monofilament were significantly lower than in the other multifilament net of the net string; however, additional analysis has indicated that the total catch per unit of al ternate monofilament-multifilament nets was still much greater than in an equal section of a multifilament netting (table 4).

Relative Efficienc of Alternate Unit 1.87
of Alternate Unit
2.69 1.80
2,00
1.53
1.68
1.61

In the two phases of the experiment, three combinations of the two gear types were tried all-multifilament in 1962 and 1963, alternated monofilament in 1962, and all-monofilament in 1963. By relating the catch per unit of effort of the two experimental types to that of the allmultifilament portion for each year, all three types of gear may be ranked by their relative efficiency. This proportional comparison is independent of changes in salmon abundance with in or between years.

	Symbol	Species	Multifi	ilament	Alterna	te Nets	Monofilament	
			31/1	41"	31"	4 <u>1</u> "	3 <u>1</u> "	41/2"
a) Relative efficiency	w	Sockeye Chum Pink	1.0 1.0 1.0	1.0 1.0 1.8	1.9 2.7 1.8	1.5 1.7 2.0	1.6 1.0 -	1.5 0.9 1.8
		Total	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.3
<pre>(b) Relative cost1/ (c) Relative life2/ (d) Relative cost/year (x/y) (e) Relative cost year/fish (2/w)</pre>	x y z	Sockeye Chum Pink Total	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	1.3 0.75 1.8 0.9 0.7 1.0 0.9	1.3 0.75 1.8 1.2 1.1 0.9 1.1	1.6 0.5 3.2 2.0 3.2 - 2.1	1.6 0.5 3.2 2.1 3.6 1.8 2.5
(f) Relative length of string necessary to catch N fish (1/w)		Sockeye Chum Pink	1.0 1.0 1.0	1.0 1.0 1.0	0.5 0.4 0.6	0.7 0.6 0.5	0.6 1.0	0.7 1.1 0.6
		Total	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8

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lable 5 (a) portrays the relative efficiency of the three gear units and it is apparent that, recidless of species or mesh size, the alternate monofilament-multifilament string had the hill st catch per unit of effort, the all-monofilament moderate, and the all-multifilament the loo vt.

bur limited experience with monofilament netting has shown that the initial cost of a finited net is about 55 percent greater than multifilament and, because of the difficulty in regring monofilament webbing, its life is approximately 50 percent that of multifilament. By rabining those factors (table 5 (b), (c)) with the relative efficiency of the three net types, and lex of the cost per year per fish has been determined (table 5 (e)). The reciprocal of the three ficiency (table 5 (f)) is a measure of the relative amount of gear necessary to can be an equivalent number of fish in the three types of gill-net strings.

comparison of the relative cost per year per fish with the length of a net string necesscalo catch equivalent numbers of fish (table 5(e), (f)), allows a final determination of efficider versus cost. Alternate multifilament-monofilament nets provided the same number of scalin as all-multifilament with about one-half $(3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh 0.5, $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh 0.6) of the effif and at almost the same relative cost per fish $(3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh 0.9, $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh 1.1). All tigh the all-monofilament gear caught equal numbers of fish with only about three quarteen $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh 0.7, $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh 0.8) of the amount of gear, the relative cost per sample weaver twice that of all-multifilament nets $(3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh 2.1, $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh 2.5).

CONCLUSIONS

ased on the results of both the 1962 and 1963 phases of this study, the use of monofilamucgill nets, either alone or alternated with multifilament nets, provided salmon samples of idlectal length and age composition as multifilament nets of the same mesh size; however, differnt proportions of sockeye, chum and pink salmon were taken in the two net types.

lonofilament nets captured more salmon than multifilament, especially when used as altername the name to no filament - multifilament gear (alternated with multifilament nets). The relative efficery of the three gear types tested was highest for alternate monofilament-multifilament, muce ate for all-monofilament, and lowest for all-multifilament. Because of the higher initiament and shorter life of the monofilament webbing, the cost per fish was highest for allmuce ilament, moderate for all-multifilament, and lowest for alternate monofilament-multifill ent. Therefore, in terms of cost and numbers of salmon captured, the alternate combiname t appears to have been the superior of the three tested for high-seas salmon fishing.

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CORRECTION

In the August 1964 issue, page 7, the heading should have read: "CHANGES in Abundance of the Marine Worm, <u>GLYCERA</u> <u>DIBRANCHIATA</u>, Associated with Seawater Temperature Fluctuations." 7