

**2013 Legislature - Operating Budget  
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Agency: Department of Fish and Game

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**Ap: Commercial Fisheries**

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Fish & Game shall provide reports to the Finance Committees that includes a detailed accounting of funds spent in the Cook Inlet area on escapement monitoring, Genetics baseline data, mixed stock sampling, smolt out migration, migratory studies, and habitat improvements for Chinook, Coho, and sockeye salmon. The report shall also include detailed information and data that the funding produced. Additionally, the department shall indicate problems, potential solutions, and existing funding for all projects in the region associated with managing the salmon population.

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1) Report prior to January 1, 2014:

- a. Conclusions reached in Phase I regarding use of existing samples to determine the sufficiency of genetic diversity;
- b. Findings reached in Phase II regarding baseline data from coho sampling at spawning locations;
- c. Results of laboratory analysis in Phase III of samples for estimating stock composition.
- d. Results of the Mixed Stock Sampling in the two Offshore Test Fishery (OTF) projects, drift gillnets and set gillnet commercial fisheries as well as from the weirs located throughout the district.
- e. Results of retrospective genetic stock identification (GSI) analysis of archived sockeye scales which are focused on reconstructing historical Susitna sockeye production.

2) Report prior to January 1, 2015:

- a. Findings reached in the second year of Phase II of baseline data from coho sampling from spawning locations;
- b. Results of laboratory analysis in second year of Phase III of samples regarding estimation of stock composition.
- c. Results of the Mixed Stock Sampling in the two OTF projects, drift gillnets and set gillnet commercial fisheries as well as from the weirs located throughout the district.

3) Report prior to January 1, 2016:

- a. The laboratory analysis in the third year, together with a summary of all three years, of Phase III of the project for estimating stock composition.
- b. Results of the Mixed Stock Sampling in the two OTF projects, drift gillnets and set gillnet commercial fisheries as well as from the weirs located throughout the district.