This SMU historically consisted of a single population in the Klamath basin upstream of the Oregon/California border. A series of dams has extirpated spring Chinook and other anadromous salmonids in the upper Klamath, 190 miles upstream from the river mouth. Access was originally blocked in 1918 with the installation of Copco 1 Dam. In 1925, Copco 2 Dam was built just a quarter mile downstream of the original dam. Iron Gate Dam, built in 1962, eliminated another seven miles of habitat downstream of the previous two dams.