

Changes to Part 4(C) ODFW (3) Habitat Report

Additions:

-We have added another chapter to this report entitled “Spatial Distribution and Relative Seasonal Capacity of Instream Habitat for Juvenile Coho Salmon in the Oregon Coastal coho ESU”.

Response to Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer: NOAA Fisheries Northwest Fisheries Science Center

- Suggestion of adding the reference “Wing M. G, A. Skaugset. 2002” has been incorporated into the report.
- Suggestion of an additional analysis that specifically looks at beaver pools was not incorporated because over 95% of the slack water pool habitat variable analyzed in the report is beaver pool habitat. Conducting a separate analysis will not change any of the conclusions of the report.

Reviewer: Wayne Hoffman – Mid-Coast Watershed Council

- We agree with comment that failure to detect a downward trend is not proof of absence of a trend. The sensitivity of our ability to detect changes in our data is clearly presented in the report.
- The suggestion that we conduct an analysis of spawning gravel data from our Coastal Salmonid Inventory project because it may yield more sensitive trend information was not incorporated due to time constraints. We would like to point out that the sensitivity of the gravel trend data presented in the report is among the best of any of the variables that we measure. After 15 years of sampling (7 years from now) we will be able to detect a 5% or more change in five out of the eight spatial scales/land use categories and a 7% or more change in the remaining three spatial scales/land use categories.