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Introduction

During August-September 1972 the Canadian Fisheries Research vessel
A. T. Cameron participated in an International Salmon Tagging Experiment at West Greenland. Other research vessels participating were the Adolf Jensen (Denmark), Scotia (Scotland) and the Cryos (France). Additionally, 10 observers were placed on 8 commercial drift net vessels with the aim to tag as many salmon as possible from the catches and to look for tags. It was hoped that during the August-October period a grand total of 3000 salmon in suitable condition would be tagged. The data collected from research and commercial vessel catches and the tag recapture data would provide estimates of:
(1) Return rate of salmon from Greenland to home-waters.
(2) Exploitation rate and fishing mortality rate at Greenland.
(3) Distribution and (relative) density of salmon inside and outside the fishing area at Greenland.
(4) Migration rate of salmon into and out of the Greeniand area.

## Gear and Fishing

Twenty-seven drift net sets were made in the West Greenland-Labrador Sea area during August 9-September 22. Gilinets used were of 130 mm ( 5 inch) and 150 mm ( 6 inch) monofilament. The 130 mm nets were 35 meshes ( 13.0 feet) deep while the 150 mm nets were 25 meshes ( 10.7 feet) deep. Each net was 25 fathoms in length. These were arranged in basic units of 20 nets as follows: 10 monofilament, $130 \mathrm{~mm} ; 10$ monofilament, 150 mm . A total of 6 units (120 nets or 3 nautical miles) was usually fished, but shorter amounts
were set when weather conditions were unfavourable. The nets were usually set at dawn and patrolled using 2 rubber boats when weather conditions permitted, until noon when they were hauled onboard the A. T. Cameron.

## Catches and Sampling

The total catch from 27 sets was 464 salmon of which 219 were tagged and released. Catches ranged from 0 to 70 salmon (Fig. 1). Catches have been converted to numbers per mile of gear per hour fished (Tables 1 and 2). Largest catches of salmon were obtained in the Labrador Sea and near the southern Greenland coast (Table 2). In general, fish were relatively abundant in southern Greenland and Labrador Sea, but extremely scarce in northern Greenland as evidenced by the catches per mile-hour.

Catches were usually largest during the early morning hours during and after daybreak (Table 3). Catches decreased sharply when the wind force decreased below 2 and the sea surface became calm.

Two hundred and forty-six dead fish were sampled for morphometric and meristic data; viscera were collected for parasite investigations and stomach contents analysis; scales, blood and tissue samples were also collected.

Only small numbers of sea birds were taken in the nets. The total catch of thick-billed murres was 123. Other sea birds taken in the nets were: 5 common murres, 5 black guillemots, 10 dovekies, 1 kittiwake and 1 king eider duck. Three common porpoises, 1 young harp seal and 10 common lumpfish were also taken in the nets. Two of the common porpoises were taken as specimens, the other was released alive.

Large quantities of seaweed (Laminaria) were also taken in the nets and sometimes posed as a nuisance in the areas near the coast, especially after storms which tore the seaweed from its holdfasts and washed it out to sea.

## Comparative Fishing

On August 21 the A. T. Cameron and Scotia conducted a comparative fishing experiment near Station $12\left(65^{\circ} 10^{\prime} N, 54^{\circ} 00^{\prime} \mathrm{W}\right)$ with the intention of comparing the catch per unit effort of the two vessels. A similar experiment was conducted with the A. T. Cameron and Adolf Jensen on September 5 near Station 5 ( $68^{\circ} 00^{\prime} N, 54^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ ).

The catches per mile-hour of the A. T. Cameron and Scotia were almost
identical for the 5 and 6 inch mesh nets and for the overall catch (Table 4). The catch per mile-hour of the A. T. Cameron was higher than that of the Adolf Jensen for the 5 inch mesh, but lower than the Adolf Jensen for the 6 inch mesh nets. However, the overall catch was very similar ( 0.90 for A. T. Cameron as compared to 0.85 for Adolf Jensen). These results indicate that the catch per unit effort does not vary between the research vessels thus permitting the results to be combined without introducing any correction factors.

## Tagging

The nets were patrolled by 2 rubber boats when weather conditions were favourable. Salmon in suitable condition caught while the nets were being patrolled by the small boats were tagged and released from the patrol boat after having been measured and a small scale sample taken. Condition of the fish during tagging and percentage scale loss were recorded. Salmon caught while taking the nets back onboard the A. T. Cameron were also measured, tagged and released, if they were in suitable condition.

Numbers tagged in relation to fishing area and mesh size are summarized in Table 2. Overall $47.2 \%$ of the fish caught were tagged. It was possible to patrol the nets on 24 of the 27 fishing days (sets 185, 186, 188-193, 196-211). During these days when the nets were patrolled, $49.6 \%$ of the fish caught in 5 inch mesh nets were tagged and $62.3 \%$ of those caught in the 6 inch mesh nets were tagged. In all, during days when the nets were patrolled, $54.7 \%$ of the fish caught were tagged.

A list of the tag numbers applied at each position is given in Table 5.

A salmon bearing the Tag Number 95548 from Pitlochry, Scotland, was captured and released bearing the same tag number at $63^{\circ} 24^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 51^{\circ} 41^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ on August 13.

Five tagged fish - X10,030 (recaptured and released twice), $\times 10,033, \times 10,137, \times 10,139$ and $\times 10,154$ - were recaptured alive on the same day of tagging and were released. Two tagged fish - X10,136 and X10,163 - were released and recaptured dead in the same day they were tagged.

Tag $\times 10,171$ was applied to a fish which appeared lively when tagged, but failed to recover after tagging.

Tag $\times 10,192$ was applied to a fish which was to be placed in a tank
on the deck of the A. T. Cameron during a tagging mortality experiment, but was crushed between the small boat and the side of the ship while it was being transferred to the A. T. Cameron.

Two fish - X10,204 and X10,206 - were part of a group of 31 fish held in recovery tanks on deck to determine the immediate tagging mortality, if any. These two fish died after being held for $101 / 2$ and $73 / 4$ hour intervals respectively.

## Selectivity of Gear

Hets of 130 mm ( 5 inch ) mesh produced the best catches overall (Table 2). The relative efficiencies of the 5 and 6 inch mesh in the areas fished by the A. T. Cameron vary from north to south (Table 6). The higher relative efficiency of the 5 inch mesh nets as opposed to the 6 inch mesh nets in the Labrador Sea and in Areas III and IV in southern Greenland may be attributed to the larger proportions of smaller salmon in these areas than in Areas I and II in northern Greenland (Fig. 2) where the 6 inch mesh nets were equally efficient. In Area I the 6 inch mesh nets were more efficient than the 5 inch possibly because of a relatively greater proportion of larger salmon than smaller salmon as compared to the southern areas, but the numbers are too small to be truly reliable.

## Hydrography

At each drift net station a surface temperature, shallow bathythermograph and temperature at 50 metres were taken. Results are tabulated in Table 7. Surface temperatures during August-September 1972 were similar to those obtained during the A. T. Cameron cruises to the West Greenland area during September 1970 and September 1971.

## Tagging Mortality Experiment

In an attempt to obtain an estimate of the immediate tagging mortality 31 tagged salmon were kept in 2 large fibreglass tanks on the deck of the A. T. Cameron for periods of 6 to 55 hours. Water was circulated continuously while the fish were in the tanks. Only $2(6.5 \%)$ of the fish held in the tanks died. Generally the condition of the fish improved in the tanks. Most of the fish classed as fair when tagged and put in the tank were classed as good when released.

Other Vessels
On 12 August 4 salmon driftnetters were observed fishing in the area of $62^{\circ} 45^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 50^{\circ} 48^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. One drifter Sandvit was taking salmon as we passed by. On the same day 2 driftnetters were observed fishing off Fiskenaesset. During this time the conmercial driftnetters were experiencing good catches of salmon off the southern Greenland coast.

On 18 August we observed 1 drifter 14 miles off Sukkertoppen. On 19 August we observed 2 drifters at position $65^{\circ} 48^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 53^{\circ} 40^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$. At this time the best commercial catches were being obtained about 12 miles offshore in an area from Kangamiut to Syd Bay.

On 26 August we observed 5 salmon drifters about 2 miles west of Kangamiut.

On 28 August we observed 7 drifters in vicinity of $67^{\circ} 35^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 55^{\circ} 00^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ setting their nets.

These drifters obtained very poor catches on Store Hellefiske Banke. On 30 August they left and headed north towards Disko. Later on we learned that they fished in Disko Bay, Disko Fjord and in the Umanak area where they obtained very poor catches of salmon.

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Table 1. Salmon catches, effort and C/E, A.T. Cameron 202, 1972.

Table 1 (Cont'd.)

| Set <br> No. | Date | Lat. N Long. W | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Surf } \\ & \text { Temp } \end{aligned}$ | Time (NST) Began | Duration <br> (hr. 10ths.) | Gear |  | Effort (milehrs.) | No. Caught | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No.l } \\ & \text { mile- } \\ & \text { hr. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { Tagged } \end{aligned}$ | Tag or Handling Mortality | Other Species | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mesh | Amount |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 192 | Aug. 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 65-47 \\ & 53-50 \end{aligned}$ | 4.3 | 0215 | 8.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ \frac{1500}{3000} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,200 \\ & \frac{13,200}{26,400} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \frac{3}{12} \end{array}$ | 0.45 | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & \frac{2}{8} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} * \\ \hline \frac{1}{5} \\ \end{array}$ | 3 common lumpfish | *Salmon bearing Tag X10,136 was recaptured. Nets full of seaweed. |
| 193 | Aug. 21 | $\begin{aligned} & 65-05 \\ & 53-58 \end{aligned}$ | 4.2 | 0330 | 6.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 3000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9,300 \\ 9,300 \\ \hline 18,600 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ \frac{6}{21} \end{array}$ | 1.13 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & \frac{4}{9} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * 11 \\ & \frac{2}{13} \end{aligned}$ |  | *Salmon bearing Tag X10,163 recaptured. |
| 194 | Aug. 26 | $\begin{aligned} & 65-10 \\ & 54-00 \end{aligned}$ | 3.1 | 0550 | 4.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 750 \\ 750 \\ \hline 7500 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,525 \\ 3,525 \\ \hline 7,050 \end{array}$ | 2 5 7 | 0.99 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$ |  | Wind increased. Nets not run. |
| 195 | Aug. 27 | $\begin{aligned} & 66-10 \\ & 55-33 \end{aligned}$ | 2.9 | 0326 | 5.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 750 \\ \frac{750}{} \\ \hline 1500 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,425 \\ & 4,425 \\ & \hline 8,850 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$ | 0.34 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{3} \\ & \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$ | 2 thickbilled murre | Nets not run. |
| 196 | Aug. 28 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-10 \\ & 55-41 \end{aligned}$ | 3.1 | 0350 | 8.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 750 \\ \begin{array}{r} 750 \\ \hline 1500 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,225 \\ \frac{6,225}{12,450} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & \frac{0}{3} \end{aligned}$ | 0.24 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & \frac{0}{3} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 197 | Aug. 29 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-30 \\ & 55-08 \end{aligned}$ | 3.1 | 0322 | 9.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 1500 \\ 3000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,650 \\ & \frac{13,650}{27,300} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ \frac{7}{13} \end{array}$ | 0.48 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & \frac{5}{8} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$ | 1 porpoise |  |
| 198 | Aug. 30 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-50 \\ & 54-26 \end{aligned}$ | 3.3 | 0232 | 9.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 3000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,850 \\ & 14,850 \\ & 29,700 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \frac{2}{4} \end{aligned}$ | 0.13 | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ |  | Net run 0600-0800 only. |
| 199 | Aug. 31 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-26 \\ & 54-06 \end{aligned}$ | 2.8 | 0230 | 8.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1500 \\ & 1500 \\ & \hline 3000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,300 \\ & \frac{12,300}{24,600} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 1 harp seal <br> 2 black guillemot |  |

Table 1 (Cont'd.)

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Set. } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Date | Lat. N Long. W | Surf <br> Temp | Time (NST) Began | Duration (hr. 10ths.) | Gear |  | Effort (milehrs.) | No. Caught | No. 1 <br> mile- <br> hr . | No. Tagged | Tag or Handling Mortality | Other Species | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mesh | Amount |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200 | Sept. 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 68-49 \\ & 53-18 \end{aligned}$ | 3.7 | 0230 | 8.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 3000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,450 \\ & 12,450 \\ & 24,900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 201 | Sept. 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 69-09 \\ & 52-34 \end{aligned}$ | 4.0 | 0230 | 8.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 3000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,450 \\ & \frac{12,450}{24,900} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{array}$ | 0.20 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 common Iumpfish <br> 1 black guillemot <br> l kittiwake <br> 1 thick-billed murre |  |
| 202 | Sept. 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-11 \\ & 54-31 \end{aligned}$ | 3.3 | 0230 | 10.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ \frac{1500}{3000} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15,000 \\ 15,000 \\ \hline 30,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 10 \\ & \hline 27 \end{aligned}$ | 0.90 | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \frac{7}{16} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 3 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$ | 30 thick-billed murre <br> 1 common murre | Approx. half the nets were full of seaweed. Joint fishing with Adolf Jensen. |
| 203 | Sept. 10 | $\begin{aligned} & 69-30 \\ & 54-54 \end{aligned}$ | 3.4 | 0325 | 7.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1500 \\ & 1500 \\ & 3000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,950 \\ 10,950 \\ \hline 21,900 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \frac{0}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 0.09 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \frac{0}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 2 thick-billed murre 1 dovekie |  |
| 204 | Sept 11 | $\begin{aligned} & 70-02 \\ & 57-29 \end{aligned}$ | 2.3 | 0230 | 8.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1500 \\ & 1500 \\ & \hline 3000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,000 \\ & 12,000 \\ & \hline 24,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 1 thick-billed murre 6 dovekie |  |
| 205 | Sept. 12 | $\begin{aligned} & 69-02 \\ & 56-00 \end{aligned}$ | 3.0 | 0350 | 7.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1500 \\ & 1500 \\ & \hline 3000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,800 \\ 10,800 \\ \hline 21,600 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$ | 0.28 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & \frac{2}{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$ | 1 thick-billed murre |  |
| 206 | Sept. 13 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-59 \\ & 54-13 \end{aligned}$ | 3.1 | 0320 | 7.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1500 \\ & 1500 \\ & \hline 3000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,550 \\ & 11,550 \\ & \hline 23,100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \frac{6}{10} \end{array}$ | 0.43 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \frac{4}{6} \end{aligned}$ | 2 $\frac{2}{4}$ |  |  |

Table 1 (Cont'd.)


Table 2. Salmon catch/effort by mesh size and area, A.T. Cameron 202

| Area | Mesh | Effort Mi le - hr. | Number Caught | No. $/$ <br> Mile <br> - hr. | Number Tagged | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tagged/ } \\ & \text { Mile } \\ & \text { - hr. } \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{\text { \& }}{\text { Tagged }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area I. $68^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ (Sets 200,201; 203-206)* | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 70,200 \\ & 70,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 14 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.13 \\ & 0.20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.04 \\ & 0.11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33.3 \\ & 57.1 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area II. $66^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ to $68^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ (Sets 195-199; 202; 207211) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 120,675 \\ & 120,675 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 52 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.41 \\ & 0.43 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.17 \\ & 0.25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42.0 \\ & 57.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area III. $64^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ to $66^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ (Sets 189-194) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 5 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67,725 \\ & 67,725 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 88 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.30 \\ & 0.61 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57 \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.84 \\ & 0.43 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64.8 \\ & 70.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area IV. $61^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ to $64^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ (Sets 186-188) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31,800 \\ & 31,350 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 94 \\ & 51 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.96 \\ & 1.63 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.69 \\ & 1.02 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23.4 \\ & 62.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| Labrador Sea (Set 185) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,550 \\ & 14,550 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | 3.37 1.10 | 13 4 | 0.89 0.27 | 26.5 25.0 |
| All Areas (Sets 185-211) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 304,950 \\ & 304,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 290 \\ & 174 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.95 \\ & 0.57 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 116 \\ & 103 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.38 \\ & 0.34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40.0 \\ & 59.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Area I | Al1 | 140,400 | 23 | 0.16 | 11 | 0.08 | 47.8 |
| Area II | A11 | 241,350 | 102 | 0.42 | 51 | 0.21 | 50.0 |
| Area III | All | 135,450 | 129 | 0.95 | 86 | 0.63 | 66.7 |
| Area IV | All | 63,150 | 145 | 2.30 | 54 | 0.86 | 37.2 |
| Labrador Sea | All | 29,100 | 65 | 2.23 | 17 | 0.58 | 26.2 |
| All Areas | All | 209,450 | 464 | 0.76 | 219 | 0.36 | 47.2 |
| Nets Patrolled (Sets 185, 186; 188-193; 196-211) | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{MF} \\ & 6 \mathrm{MF} \\ & \text { AII } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 292,050 \\ & 292,050 \\ & 584,100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 230 \\ & 154 \\ & 384 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.79 \\ & 0.53 \\ & 0.66 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 114 \\ 96 \\ 210 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.39 \\ & 0.33 \\ & 0.36 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49.6 \\ & 62.3 \\ & 54.7 \end{aligned}$ |

[^0]Table 3. Salmon catches in 2-hour intervals during sets when tagging boats were operating.

| Date | Set | 4-6 | 6-8 | 8-10 | 10-12 | 12-2 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug. 11 | 186 | - | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| " 13 | 188 | - | 23 | 13 | 20 | 6 | 62 |
| " 17 | 189 | - | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| " 18 | 190 | - | 17 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 41 |
| " 19 | 191 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 33 |
| " 20 | 192 | 7 | 1 | ( 8-12 caught 8) |  |  | 12 |
| " 21 | 193 | - | 13 |  |  |  | 21 |
| " 28 | 196 | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| " 29 | 197 | - | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| " 30 | 198 | - | 2 | ( 8-2 caught 2) |  |  | 4 |
| " 31 | 199 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |
| Sept. 1 | 200 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |
| " 2 | 201 | - | 5 | 0 | 0 | - | 5 |
| " 5 | 202 | - | 22 | 2 | 2 |  | 27 |
| 10 | 203 | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Table 4. Results of comparative fishing experiments with Scotia and Adolf Jensen.

| Ship | Date | Position <br> Lat. N <br> Long. W | $\frac{\text { Catch/Mi le-Hr }}{5^{\prime \prime} \text { mesh }}$ | $\frac{\text { Catch/Mi le-Hr }}{6^{\text {T }} \text { mesh }}$ | $\frac{\text { Catch } / \mathrm{Mi} \text { le } / \mathrm{Hr}}{\text { Total }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A.T. Cameron | Aug. 21 | $\begin{aligned} & 65-04-30 \\ & 53-57-30 \end{aligned}$ | 1.61 | 0.65 | 1.13 |
| Scotia | " " | $\begin{aligned} & 65-09-30 \\ & 53-55-30 \end{aligned}$ | 1.67 | 0.70 | 1.18 |
| A. T. Cameron | Sept. 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 67-10-30 \\ & 54-31-00 \end{aligned}$ | 1.13 | 0.67 | 0.90 |
| Adolf Jensen | " " | $\begin{aligned} & 67-09-48 \\ & 54-23-42 \end{aligned}$ | 0.77 | 0.92 | 0.85 |

Table 5. Salmon tags applied by A.T. Cameron 202, 1972.

| Date | Lat. N | Long. W | Tag Nos. | Total <br> Tagged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug. 9 | 56-49 | 50-25 | X10,000-X10,012; X $10,026-\times 10,029$ | 17 |
| " 11 | 61-04 | 51-18 | X10,013; $\times 10,030 ; \times 10,033$ | 3 |
| " 12 | 62-11 | 50-17 | $\times 10,014 \times 10,018$ | 5 |
| 1113 | 63-24 | 51-41 | $\begin{aligned} & \times 10,019-\times 10,025 ; \times 10,031 ; \times 10,032 ; \\ & \times 10,034-\times 10,070 \end{aligned}$ | 46 |
| 1 17 | 65-10 | 54-58 | $\begin{aligned} & \times 10,071-\times 10,075 ; \times 10,091 ; \times 10,092 ; \\ & \times 10,093 ; \times 10,076 \end{aligned}$ | 9 |
| 18 | 65-11 | 53-55 | X10,077-X10,090; X10,094-×10,106 | 27 |
| " 19 | 65-12 | 53-05 | X10,107-X10,135 | 29 |
| " 20 | 65-47 | 53-50 | X $10,136-\times 10,139$; $\times 10,158-\times 10,161$ | 8 |
| " 21 | 65-05 | 53-58 | X10,140-×10,146; $\times 10,162 ; \times 10,163$ | 9 |
| " 26 | 66-03 | 53-50 | X10,147-X10,150 | 4 |
| " 28 | 67-10 | 55-41 | $\times 10,151-\times 10,153$ | 3 |
| " 29 | 67-30 | 55-08 | $\begin{aligned} & \times 10,154-\times 10,157 ; \times 10,164 ; \times 10,165 ; \\ & \times 10,181 ; \times 10,182 \end{aligned}$ | 8 |
| 11 30 | 67-50 | 54-26 | X10,166 | 1 |
| " 31 | 67-47 | 54-04 | $\times 10,167$ | 1 |

Table 5. continued

| Date | Lat. N | Long. W | Tag Nos. | Total Tagged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 2 | 69-09 | 52-34 | X10,168-X10,170 | 3 |
| " 5 | 67-11 | 54-31 | $\times 10,172-\times 10,180 ; \times 10,183-\times 10,189$ | 16 |
| " 13 | 67-57 | 54-12 | X10,190; $\times 10,191$ | 2 |
| " 14 | 67-11 | 54-26 | X10,193-X10,197; $\times 10,201$ | 6 |
| " 14 | 67-10 | 54-28 | $\times 10,198 ; \times 10,209-\times 10,211$ | 4 |
| " 18 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Faeringe } \\ & 67-40-30 \end{aligned}$ | Nordhavn) $53-34-30$ | $\begin{aligned} & \times 10,199 ; \times 10,200 ; \times 10,202 ; \\ & \times 10,203 ; \times 10,212 \end{aligned}$ | 5 |
| " 20 | 67-35 | 54-11 | $\begin{aligned} & \times 10,205 ; \times 10,207 ; \times 10,208 ; \\ & \times 10,213-\times 10,218 \end{aligned}$ | 9 |
| " 20 | 67-36 | 54-08 | $\times 10,219$ | 1 |
| " 21 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Syd Bay) } \\ & 67-13-10 \end{aligned}$ | 53-53-30 | X10,220; $\times 10,221$ | 2 |
| " 22 | 67-18 | 54-25 | X10,222 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Total Tagged | 219 |

Salmon tags $\times 10,171 ; \times 10,192 ; \times 10,204$ and $\times 10,206$ were not released.

Table 6. Salmon catch/effort by mesn size and relative efficiencies of 5 and 6 inch mesh nets for different areas.

Area \begin{tabular}{c}
$5^{\prime \prime}$ Mesh <br>
Catch/Mile-Hr.

 

$6^{4 \prime}$ Mesh <br>
Catch/Mile-Hr.

 

Relative <br>
Efficiency

 

5 inct. <br>
6 inch
\end{tabular}

| I | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.65 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| II | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.95 |
| III | 1.30 | 0.61 | 2.13 |
| IV | 2.96 | 1.63 | 1.82 |
| Labrador Sea | 3.37 | 1.10 | 3.06 |
| All Areas | 0.95 | 0.57 | 1.67 |

Table 7. Temperatures (Surface to 50 Metres), A.T. Cameron 202, 1972
Temperatures read from Trace on B.T. slides, using surface temperatures for alignment. Temperatures in brackets
are corrected temperatures from thermometer readings.

| Set | Date |  | Position |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Time } \\ & (\mathrm{NST}) \end{aligned}$ | Surf. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 10 m | 20 m | 30 m | 40 m | 50 m |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Lat. N. | Long. W. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 185 | Aug. | 9 | 56-48-30 | 50-26 | 1115 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 4.1 (4.11) |
| 186 | " | 11 | 61-00 | 51-20 | 0807 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.3 | - (4.05) |
| 187 | " | 12 | 62-10-50 | 50-18-45 | 0835 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | - (0.10) |
| 188 | " | 13 | 63-26-30 | 51-39 | 1025 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 (1.03) |
| 189 | " | 17 | 65-10 | 54-55 | 1115 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 (1.18) |
| 190 | " | 18 | 65-09 | 53-50 | 0940 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 (1.16) |
| 191 | " | 19 | 65-16 | 53-05 | 0945 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.4 (2.22) |
| 192 | " | 20 | 65-44-30 | 53-49-30 | 0940 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 2.2 | 1.7 (1.53) |
| 193 | " | 21 | 64-59 | 53-52 | 0835 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.3 (1.13) |
| 194 | ${ }^{1}$ | 26 | 65-10 | 53-56-30 | 0955 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 1.9 (1.89) |
| 195 | " | 27 | 65-10 | 55-35 | 0840 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 (2.40) |
| 196 | " | 28 | 67-10 | 55-35 | 1045 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.4 (2.13) |
| 197 | " | 29 | 67-31 | 55-08 | 1045 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | $(2.92)$ | - |

Table 7 (Cont'd)

| Set | Date |  | Position |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Time } \\ & \text { (NST) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Surf } \\ & { }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | 10 m | 20 m | 30 m | 40 m | 50 m |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Lat. N. | Long. W. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 198 | " | 30 | 67-48-30 | 54-30 | 1130 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 3.3 \\ & (3.14) \end{aligned}$ | - | - |
| 199 | " | 31 | 67-23-30 | 54-12 | 0943 | 2.8 | 2.7 | $(2.66)$ | - | - | - |
| 200 | Sept. | . 1 | 68-50-15 | 53-17-30 | 0940 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 (2.44) |
| 201 | " | 2 | 69-07-20 | 52-34 | 0940 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 (0.85) |
| 202 | " | 5 | 67-11-30 | 54-28 | 0947 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 (2.82) |
| 203 |  | 10 | 69-31-30 | 54-54 | 0945 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 0.9 (0.64) |
| 204 |  | 11 | 70-01-30 | 57-30 | 0925 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 1.2 | -0.5 | -0.8(-0.98) |
| 205 |  | 12 | 69-00 | 56-02 | 1000 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0.2 | -0.6 (-0.75) |
| 206 |  | 13 | 67-57 | 54-09-45 | 1010 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 (2.76) |
| 207 |  | 14 | 67-11-30 | 54-26 | 0935 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 (3.09) |
| 208 |  | 16 | 67-12 | 55-52 | 0955 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 (2.34) |
| 209 |  | 19 | 67-36-30 | 54-14 | 0955 | 3.3 | 3.3 | $\begin{gathered} 3.3 \\ (3.06) \end{gathered}$ | - | - | - |
| 210 | " | 20 | 67-36 | 54-10 | 0930 | 3.3 | 3.3 | $\begin{gathered} 3.3 \\ (3.05) \end{gathered}$ | - | - | - |
| 211 |  |  | 67-16 | 54-31 | 0925 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 (3.10) |



Fig. 1. Area map showing positions of sets, numbers of salmon caught and tagged, and surface temperatures.


Fig. 2. Fork length distributions of Atlantic salmon caught by the A.T. Cameron in 5 - and 6 -inch mesh nets at West Greenland and Labrador Sea during August-September 1972. N = number of fish, $\bar{X}=$ average fork length $(\mathrm{cm})$.


[^0]:    * Set 206 was supposed to be on Station 5 in Area I. Actually, the midpoint of the set was at $67^{\circ} 59^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 54^{\circ} 13^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ in Area II, but it has been included here as being in Area I.

