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## Klamath River Carcass and Redd Surveys Update

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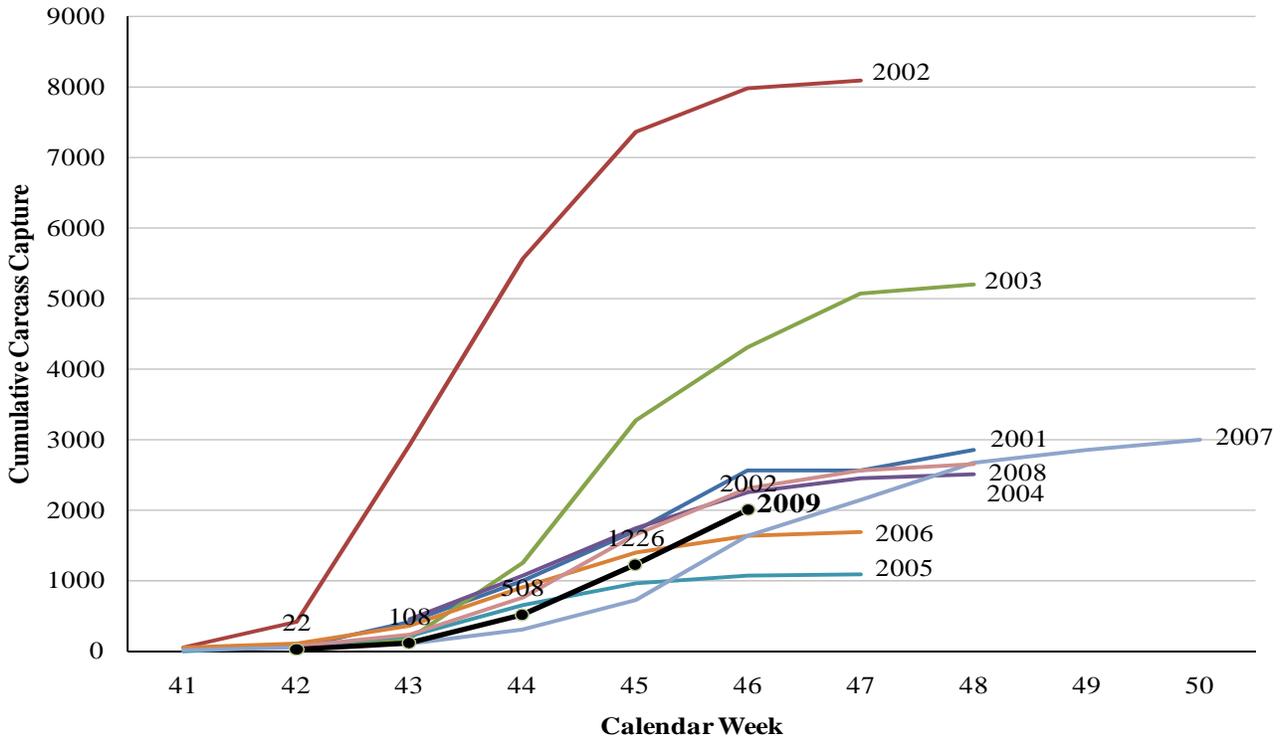
Synopsis: The 2009 fall-run Chinook salmon carcass and redd surveys on the mainstem Klamath River are conducted jointly by the USFWS Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office (AFWO), Karuk Tribe of California (KTOC), Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program (YTFP), and USGS Fort Collins Science Center. Both surveys began the week of October 12, 2009 and are expected to continue until Thanksgiving week. Weekly carcass surveys are being conducted by AFWO and YTFP crews from Iron Gate Dam to the Shasta River confluence. Weekly redd surveys are being conducted by AFWO and KTOC crews from the Ash Creek confluence to the Indian Creek confluence at Happy Camp.

After five weeks of surveys we are still capturing relatively low numbers of carcasses. There were still some 'zombie' salmon (the swimming dead) observed this past week but numbers are expected to drop over the next couple weeks. Redd counts on the other hand have risen to the third highest we've seen in the 17-year history of this project.

Ongoing carcass captures and redd counts are compared to previous years' surveys in the following charts. Note that the numbers presented in the figures are actual cumulative counts that have not yet been expanded into escapement estimates.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, please contact Steve Gough at (707) 825-5197.

**Cumulative Fall Chinook Salmon Carcass Counts on the Mainstem Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to the Shasta River Confluence**



**Cumulative Fall Chinook Salmon Redd Counts on the Mainstem Klamath River from Ash Creek to Indian Creek**

