



Trinity River mainstem redd survey update

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The [Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office](#) along with the [California Department of Fish and Game](#), [Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program](#), [Hoopa Valley Tribal Fisheries Department](#), and [Shasta-Trinity National Forest](#) survey the mainstem Trinity River to recover salmonid carcasses and count and map Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) redds. The distribution of Chinook salmon redds is expected to change in response to rehabilitation efforts of the [Trinity River Restoration Program](#), and the relative run size of natural vs. [Trinity River Hatchery](#) origin fish. Redd and carcass surveys are conducted weekly on the River between [Lewiston Dam](#) and the North Fork Trinity River (Reaches 1 through 7), and are conducted every other week on the Reaches downstream of the North Fork Trinity River ([link to map](#)).

This update provides preliminary data on 2011 redd counts encountered and entered into our database as of 10/21/2011 (Table 1). Figure 1 compares preliminary 2011 cumulative redd counts for Reaches 1-10 with the previous 9 years (2002-2010). Redds constructed by Chinook and coho salmon are not differentiated. Numbers are later adjusted for Chinook salmon of hatchery and natural origin using data provided by California Department of Fish and Game.

Table 1. Preliminary count of redds by logistic reach for the fall 2011 mainstem Trinity River redd survey. “NS” = not surveyed. Reach 11 not surveyed due to extreme whitewater (Burnt Ranch Gorge). These data are preliminary and subject to revision.

Week start	Reach														Total
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	
09/12/10	8	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0					19
09/19/10	23	27	39	30	30	1	0								150
09/26/10	68	33	48	52	91	8	10	2	3	2					317
10/03/10	167	36	67	92	57	27	28	4	5	15		NS	NS	NS	498
10/10/10	70	101	40	44	53	87	51	NS	120	84					650
10/17/10	158	64	56	28	151	105	113					14	0	0	689
10/24/10															0
10/31/10															0
11/07/10															0
11/14/10															0
11/21/10															0
11/28/10															0
12/05/10															0
12/12/10															0
12/19/10															0
Total	494	261	250	249	390	228	202	6	128	101		14	0	0	2,323



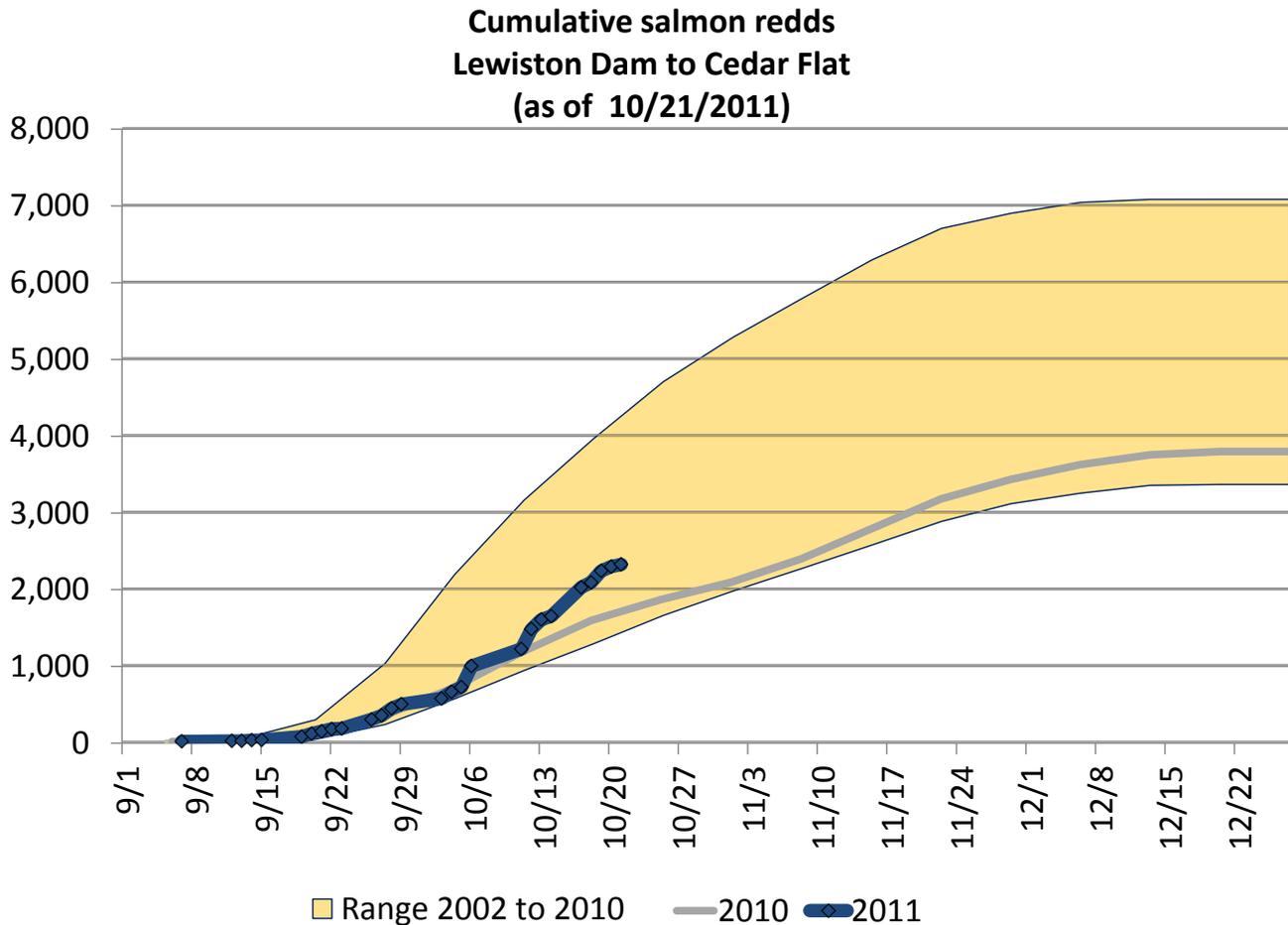


Figure 1. Comparison of fall 2011 cumulative Trinity River mainstem redd counts (Chinook and coho salmon) from Lewiston Dam to Cedar Flat as of 10/14/2011 to counts in 2010 and the range of years 2002-2010.

A [Keyhole Markup Language](#) file has been created to view redd distribution data with Google Earth.

[Redds_up_to_2011_10_21.kml](#)
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If Google Earth fails to launch automatically, the file can be used by first saving it to your computer then launching the Google Earth application. Select the menu option **File, Open**, locate the downloaded file (Redds_up_to_2011_10_21.kml); and click the **Open** button.

Note: Background imagery in Google Earth is sometimes not projected with perfect accuracy. Redd locations may appear to be mapped on dry ground in those cases when viewed with Google Earth, but they are indeed in the water! Likewise, the river has changed since the most recently available Google Earth imagery.

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